

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
December 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM, by President Fred Strong. Present were Board members Pat Hallock, Doris Dunn, Bill Woodson, Bud Zeuschner, Bob Karriker, Torre Houlgate-West, Bill Ringbom and Charles Davis.

1. Call Meeting to Order. Fred Strong reviewed the agenda and passed out copies of an email from the ACBL that we would be reviewing under New Business later in the meeting.
2. Review and Approval of the November minutes. After a brief discussion, the November minutes were approved as written.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock reviewed with the board her Treasurer's report for November. It shows that the Unit had \$5539.63 in its checking account and \$3376.38 in its savings account, for a total balance of \$8916.01, with supplies expenses being the bulk of the reduction from the previous month. After a brief discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved.
4. Old Business
 - A. Education Scholarships (Directors' Expenses)---Bill Ringbom. This was a carry-over item from last month's meeting. After a short discussion Bill Ringbom asked that further discussion be deferred until our January meeting, which was approved.
 - B. Request to Reconsider the Annual Meeting Date. Fred advised the Board that a request had been received from a Unit member to change the Annual Unit Meeting from January 10 to January 3, 2015. Bill Ringbom advised the Board that our agreement to use the Senior Center was for the second Saturday only, and even if the room were available on January 3, it would involve an additional \$350 expense. After a brief discussion the Board reaffirmed its previous decision; the Annual Unit Meeting will take place on January 10, 2015, in conjunction with the Unit Game.
 - C. Payment for Novice Lessons. Bill Woodson and Torre Houlgate-West presented to the Board their draft recommendations for a policy statement clarifying the Unit's position for compensating instructors. Their recommendations were divided into two sections: (1) A commitment by the Unit to advertise for and sponsor at least one Novice Class per year; and (2) Upon request from any of the four San Luis Obispo County bridge clubs, to evaluate extending the program for up to one additional class per club per year. Both sections of the proposal would include the Unit paying the ACBL-certified instructors \$50/session for up to six sessions. After a lengthy discussion and as a result of multiple questions, clarifications and suggested changes Bill and Torre agreed to revise their draft proposal and present the new one at the next Board meeting in January.
 - D. Request for Volunteer for Hospitality Chair. Fred Strong led a discussion on relieving Board member Doris Dunn, at her request, of these responsibilities as of March 1, 2015. The board knows of at least one interested party, and

- by copy of these minutes is asking any Unit 540 member to let Board President Fred Strong know of their interest (email address: fredstrong@me.com) by January 8, 2015.
5. New Business
ACBL Privacy Policy Changes. Fred asked Charles to review with the board the email message he received from Robert Hartman, addressed to all ACBL officials, of updates to this policy. Charles advised the Board that his principal concern was the statement that, effective January 1, 2015: "...Members must consent to have their name published in local membership directories." The Unit maintains a directory of players which includes telephone numbers and email addresses, and it is unclear if each and every name in that directory is a result of specific authorization being provided. Bill Ringbom agreed to draft a release form and provide it to each bridge club in the Unit to get releases from their members for inclusion in any future Unit Directory. Charles agreed to contact Louise Abbott and advise her no further work be done on nor any further release made of the current directory. Future directories will be limited to only those members specifically authorizing the Unit to include their names, telephone numbers and/or email addresses.
 6. Club Activity Reports. Morro Bay---Bill Woodson advised that as of February 2015 the MB club manager was resigning as were both the Monday and Tuesday game directors. The Unit will work to advertise new director position opportunities to all Unit 540 members and identify fill-in candidates until a more permanent solution is reach. The other local clubs had no updates.
 7. Fred Strong adjourned the meeting at 12:23 PM, advising the members that our next meeting would be on January 9, 2015 at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Davis, Unit 540 Secretary