

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
February 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM, by President Fred Strong. Present were Board members Pat Hallock, Bill Woodson, Bud Zeuschner, Bill Ringbom, Doris Dunn and Charles Davis. Absent were Board members Bob Karriker and Torre Houlgate-West. Former Board member Louise Abbott attended the meeting as a guest to discuss the Unit Member Directory changes in light of the ACBL policy changes on member privacy rights.

1. Call Meeting to Order. Fred Strong reviewed the agenda and noted we would be having a very full meeting.
2. Review and Approval of the January minutes. After a brief discussion, the January minutes were approved as written, and Charles thanked for the quality of the writing. Charles asked that the board review and give provisional approval, also, of the January Annual Meeting minutes, but noting that formal approval would have to wait until the Annual Meeting in 2016. The board gave their provisional approval and Bill Ringbom noted that the Unit Website would stipulate that the minutes were a draft copy.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock passed out copies of the January report, which reflected that the Unit had \$5480.72 in its checking account and \$3376.63 in its savings account, for a total balance of \$8857.35. After a brief discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved. Pat then asked for a discussion of the Unit Board's tax status, noting that the Unit filed Form 990n each year with the IRS. Given the dollar amount of donations given to the Unit, especially during our annual Sectional Tournament, she expressed concern that some donors, thinking we filed a 501.c3 report may mistakenly believe they were entitled to a tax deduction for those contributions. After a brief discussion, the board requested that Pat do further research on the requirements to file as a 501.c3 and report back to the board at our March meeting.
4. Old Business
 - A. Sectional Update. Doris briefed the board on her further discussion with the Elks Club, noting that the Elks would not only provide coffee, but also cups and that we could use the Club's kitchen to warm foods and clean up. She asked Fred and Bill to ensure that in the Paso Robles and Morro Bay games, novice players are encouraged to play in the Sectional so we could have novice sections on both Friday and Saturday. She further advised that we could bring card tables to the Club and do set-up as early as Thursday evening. The board agreed to meet at the Club at 8:45 AM on Friday, February 27 to ensure that everything was prepared for our 10 AM start time.
 - B. New Director for Morro Bay---Fred. Fred updated the board that John Fields, Jr. was going to direct in M.B. and had made arrangements with Barbara Harden to proctor his exam. Bill Woodson advised the board that John would begin directing as soon as his test results were received by us.

- C. ACBL Privacy Policy Changes---Charles and Louise. Charles handed out copies of the most recent ACBL email on this subject, dated January 21, 2015, and he and Louise led a discussion on how the Unit could best conform to these latest policy guidelines. After a lengthy discussion the board agreed that we would use the completed consent forms to in a revised directory, and that the new directory would provide instructions to all unit members, as required by the ACBL, on how to exclude their contact information, if desired. Louise would continue maintain and distribute the directory, as well as being the contact point for adding and removing names from the directory, and that no new fields would be added to the directory without member permission, as required by the ACBL. Charles advised he would contact the Club Managers and Directors to ask their assistance in ensuring consent forms be provided and sent to Louise for all new members playing in club games.
5. New Business
- A. Election of officers/committee members for Calendar Year 2015---Fred. Fred led a discussion regarding officer positions and committee heads for the new year. Each current officer agreed to continue in his/her position for another year. Each committee chair also agreed to continue. Charles advised the board that Torre had advised him, that while absent from the meeting, she would like to continue in her two committee chair positions. The board provisionally retained Bob Karriker as Unit Membership Chair, pending his notification to us of his intention. Charles advised that Bruce Johnson had surrendered his position as Unit Recorder, but that Bill Woodson had agreed to assume that position. The board voted unanimously to approve all in these new and/or continuing positions.
- B. Replacement of Resigning Member Doris Dunn---Fred. Fred Strong led a discussion on a replacement for Doris on the board. After a lengthy discussion a half-dozen possible replacement candidates were agreed to, and Doris and Bill Woodson volunteered to sound out each on assuming this position, as well as Doris' duties as Unit Tournament Coordinator. They will report back to the board in March for a formal decision.
6. Club Activity Reports. This agenda item was postponed due to time constraints.
7. Fred Strong advised the board that one of the Ace of Clubs award categories for 2014 had resulted in a tie, and that he had procured an additional coffee mug to recognize the second winner. He adjourned the meeting at 12:27 PM, advising the members that our next meeting would be on March 13, 2015 at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Davis, Unit 540 Secretary