

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 AM, by President Fred Strong. Present were Board members Pat Hallock, Bill Woodson, Bud Zeuschner, Bob Karriker, Doris Dunn and Charles Davis. Absent were Board members Bill Ringbom and Torre Houlgate-West.

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 February minutes. After a brief discussion, the February minutes were approved as written.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock passed out copies of the February report, which reflected that the Unit had \$6469.45 in its checking account and \$3376.63 in its savings account, for a total balance of \$9846.08. After a brief discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved. Pat then advised the board that its liability insurance policy will be renewed shortly for 2015 and its \$100 premium paid. She reported further on her research into converting our tax filing status from 990-N to a 501.c3. After further discussion she recommended and the board approved continuing its past practice of maintaining its status as a 990-N.
4. Old Business
 - A. Sectional Update. Doris led a discussion regarding the three-day Sectional tournament held February 27-March 1. She said there were a few complaints about the overhead lighting and the seating, but that the vast majority of the feedback received was positive. She said the Elks agreed to remove the ceiling swales should we continue to use them as our venue next year. Overall she assessed their support for our event as outstanding and recommended a thank you letter be sent to them and that we continue to use them as our venue next year. Charles voiced his approval of their support for our beverages by providing free ice chests and ice. Bud gave a brief assessment of the food provided, indicating the attendees' wish for more hot products, which he agreed to provide next year. The board concurred with Doris' assessment to continue to use the Elks Club, and she agreed to provide Charles a list of key successes for him to draft into a thank you letter to the Elks management. Charles stated that \$34 of beverages remained left over from the Sectional and recommended that they be provided to the SLO club to hand out at the next Unit Game. Any beverages remaining after that could be sold by the club at future club games. After a short discussion the board concurred with that recommendation.
 - B. ACBL Privacy Policy Update---Charles. Charles advised the board that all member privacy releases received had been provided to Louise Abbott for use in updating our membership directory, and handed out the latest (February 27, 2015) update on privacy rules issued by the ACBL. He recommended Louise update the board monthly until the new directory was

issued. The board expressed a desire to review the formatting of the directory before it went to press.

- C. Proposed Unit Policy on Classes and Teacher Compensation---Bill Woodson. Bill presented to the board a draft copy of a revised policy written by he and Torre per the board's request. A lengthy discussion followed, with several revisions proposed and agreed to. The following final draft is presented for board consideration and approval at our next monthly meeting: "UNIT 540 BRIDGE LESSON PPOLICY: Unit 540 shall fund a maximum of six free beginner Contract Bridge lessons to the public at least once a year, at a maximum cost of \$300. The classes, taught by ACBL-certified instructor(s), will be publicized in local communication media in accordance with ACBL requirements for publicity reimbursement. The lesson plan must be approved by the Unit 540 Board before the lessons take place. If a Unit 540 Club chooses to be reimbursed for providing free Novice lessons, Unit 540 shall pay that Club \$50/lesson up to \$300/year. Teacher(s) shall be ACBL-certified. The lesson plan must be formally submitted to the Unit 540 Board and approved before the lessons take place."
5. New Business
 - A. Replacement of retiring member Doris Dunn. After a brief discussion the board unanimously agreed that Louise Abbott should replace Doris on the board and assume the remainder of her term. Louise will also assume Doris' additional duties as Tournament Chair. The effective date of this action will be March 13, 2015. Charles advised he would advise the ACBL of this change in board membership.
 - B. Other items brought up by board members. Bill Woodson drew the board's attention to the new partnership services offered by the ACBL as part of their latest software upgrades. Charles reminded the board that the partnership program was a key part of the Pianola software services the board had previously authorized the clubs to use. The board agreed to ask Bill Ringbom at our next meeting to address the viability of the Pianola program in light of these latest improvements.
 6. Club Activity Reports. Fred advised the board that the ACBL had received and processed the changes in Club Managers in Morro Bay and the 5 Cities Clubs, noting that John Fields, Jr. was now officially the Club Manager in Morro Bay and Jim Solomon the Club Manager in 5 Cities.
 7. Meeting adjournment at date/time of next meeting. Fred announced that the next board meeting would be at 11:30 AM on April 10 and adjourned the meeting at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Davis, Unit 540 Secretary