

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
April 10, 2015

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

1. Call Meeting to Order. Vice President Bill Ringbom in the absence of President Fred Strong presided over this month's meeting.
2. Review and Approval of the March minutes. Charles noted he had amended his initial draft of the March minutes, noting that the Unit's liability insurance premiums had not been paid, but would soon be. With that change, the March minutes were approved as written.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock passed out copies of the March report, which reflected that the Unit had \$8275.65 in its checking account and \$3376.88 in its savings account, for a total balance of \$11,626.53. After a brief discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved.
4. Old Business
 - A. Sectional Update. Pat Hallock presented to the Board a final accounting of the revenue and expenses of the Unit's Sectional tournament, held February 27-March 1, 2015. She noted that the event brought in \$5390.85 in revenue, and generated \$3707.08 in expenses, resulting in a net income to the Unit of \$1683.77. She contrasted this year's results with those from 2014, which brought in \$5837 in income at a cost of \$4412.65, for a net profit of \$1704.35. Pat noted that while there were fewer tables, we maintained last year's approximate profitability by the reduced costs associating with holding the event at the Elks Club. She handed board member and Tournament Chairperson Louise Abbott the printouts, made available by Tournament Director Nancy Boyd, for our use in planning next year's event. Charles advised the board he had prepared a letter to the Elks Club for Fred's signature thanking them for their professionalism in handling our event and expressing our interest in returning to that venue for next year's tournament
 - B. Proposed Unit Policy on Classes and Teacher Compensation---Charles handed out to each board member another copy of Board member Bob Karriker's proposed language on this subject. After a lengthy discussion the Board voted to approve Bob's draft with the request that the final policy have added language clarifying that the teacher compensation spelled out in Section II would be added to Section I so there would be no doubt as to the Board's expectation that they would be identical. Bob is to present that final draft at our next meeting, and Charles will add it to the minutes so there is a documented record of the Board's decision in this matter.
 - C. Pianola Update. The board had requested that in light of the ACBL's decision to incorporate partnership features into its own software that board member Bill Ringbom update the board on whether those features would no longer

- necessitate the board's use of the Pianola software. Bill advised the board that after evaluating both programs there were still features he'd like to see further refined in the ACBL program but would recommend holding off on implementing the Pianola program at this time and see how the ACBL's program evolved over time. After a brief discussion the board adopted his recommendation.
- D. Update on the New Unit Membership Directory---Louise Abbott briefed the board on her efforts to input every release submitted by Unit members into her Excel-based membership directory. She advised that the vast majority of respondents authorized the use of their email addresses as well as telephone numbers and that the new directory would include that additional information field where authorized. She committed that she would have a draft of the new directory to present to the board at its next meeting.
5. New Business
- A. Possible move of Morro Bay's Monday game to Wednesday and Possible New Novice game in Paso Robles. After a brief discussion the board unanimously agreed that it would be premature to discuss these possible changes until and unless the local clubs make a decision to proceed. We will at that time act on any request submitted for our review.
- B. Longest Day Event on Sunday, June 21, 2015. The board reviewed last year's longest day event and expressed concern about holding it on a Sunday, particularly in the absence of any evident interest on the part of the Unit membership. It was agreed to table any action on this issue until and unless membership interest is demonstrated.
- C. Disciplinary Action Taken at the SLO Club. Charles distributed copies of the ACBL's Club Discipline Regulations and the board reviewed the sections spelling out Club and Unit responsibilities and authorities. After a short discussion the board determined that the action taken was within the ACBL's Regulations pertaining to Club authority and as such was not under the purview of the Unit.
6. Club Activity Reports. Bill Ringbom reminded everyone of the upcoming Swiss Teams game in the San Luis Club; no other club updates.
7. Meeting adjournment at date/time of next meeting. Bill announced that the next board meeting would be at 11:30 AM on May 8 and adjourned the meeting at 12:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Davis, Unit 540 Secretary