

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
San Luis Obispo Unit 540  
June 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM, by Vice President Bill Ringbom. Present were Board members Pat Hallock, Bill Woodson, Bud Zeuschner, Louise Abbott, Bob Karriker, Torre Houlgate-West, and Charles Davis. Absent was Board member Fred Strong. Leda Fields and later Jim Solomon joined the board meeting to present information and discuss issues.

1. Call Meeting to Order. Bill Ringbom handed out copies of the agenda to the board members.
2. Review and Approval of the May minutes. Charles distributed copies to all board members. Included in his distribution was the final approved Board policy on sponsoring bridge instruction. Bill Ringbom proposed a change in language in Paragraph 5B of the minutes, noting that the Disciplinary Board only makes recommendations to the Unit Board, which maintains approval authority. After a brief discussion the change was agreed to and the amended May minutes were approved. Charles advised that the policy on sponsoring lessons would be sent to Bill Ringbom for posting on the District's website as well as being sent to the Bridge Club managers.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock passed out copies of the May report, which reflected that the Unit had \$8209.68 in its checking account and \$3376.88 in its savings account, for a total balance of \$11,586.56. After a brief discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved.
4. Old Business
  - A. Possible move of the Morro Bay game to Wednesdays---Bill Woodson advised the Board that the club's members had approved the move to Wednesdays by a vote of 42-14, and that the club's board had unanimously approved the change, effective June 24, 2015. Club Manager John Fields has advised the ACBL in writing of the decision and secured its approval.
  - B. Unit Membership Directory---Louise Abbott had previously sent draft copies of the directory to Board members for comment and suggested revisions. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the directory would contain the names of the Unit's members as well as those players from outside the Unit who regularly played in club games. Email addresses will only be displayed with member approval. The board further decided that the directories would be provided only electronically to the Unit's directors and Club Managers. If they wished to provide hard copies to players they could produce them. Finally, the board specified that each page of the directory would contain the warning that use of the member list be limited to official ACBL business only.
5. New Business
  - A. Education---Leda Fields discussed with the board how her original mentoring assignment had expanded into providing workshops and that these expanded duties were not well communicated to the club managers. This lack of clarity was causing problems, which the board needed to address. She further

- asked the board to approve a new series of beginning bridge lessons to be provided by Jim Solomon and her beginning in August. Her comments led to an extensive discussion of the duties of the board's Education Liaison, and how that position duties might be better organized. Because of time constraints, a decision on Leda's August class proposal was deferred. Leda was asked to provide the board a formal proposal for the Education Liaison before our next meeting for discussion. The board agreed to review and decide on the August class proposal via email vote to avoid delaying the class.
- B. Review and vote on recommendation from disciplinary committee. Unit Disciplinary Board chair Bud Zeuschner had previously sent to the Executive Board his board's recommendations and now asked that they be approved. The board thanked Bud for the professionalism of his board's proceedings and quality of the overall process in this case. After discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve all recommendations. Board President Fred Strong will formally advise both the parties involved and the ACBL of the Unit Board's decision in this matter, within the required 30 days.
  - C. Other New Business. Jim Solomon joined the meeting to discuss his authority to impose temporary suspensions for player zero tolerance infractions. The board reaffirmed that he represents the Unit in the monthly unit games and as such is empowered to bar a player for reasons he "deems proper, consistent with ACBL Rules and Regulations and the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge." Furthermore, "Until the appeal is lodged and heard, the player remains barred unless reinstated..." (language cited is from the ACBL Rules and Regulations).
6. Club Activity Reports. Bill Ringbom advised that the SLO club is recognizing Joan Flaherty with a Joan Flaherty week, concluding with a lunch next Friday. Torre advised that the 5 Cities Bridge Club had decided to remain in the Pismo Beach Vets Hall permanently, and that card fees would increase to \$5, effective next week. There were no further updates.
  7. Meeting adjournment at date/time of next meeting. Bill Ringbom announced that the next board meeting would be at 11:30 AM on July 10 and adjourned the meeting at 12:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Davis, Unit 540 Secretary