

Minutes of Regular Meeting

San Luis Obispo Unit 540

September 11, 2015, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 AM, by President Fred Strong. Present were Board members Pat Hallock, Bob Karriker, Torre Houlgate-West, Bill Ringbom and Charles Davis. Absent were Board members Louise Abbott and Bill Woodson. Bud Zeuschner arrived at the meeting at 12:10 PM. Leda Fields joined the board meeting at 11:55 AM to present an education proposal and discuss education issues.

1. Call Meeting to Order. Fred Strong handed out copies of the agenda to the board members and reviewed the issues with those present.
2. Review and Approval of the July minutes. Charles distributed copies to all board members, noting one suggested revision from the draft sent out shortly after the July board meeting. After a brief discussion the revised minutes were approved as written.
3. Treasurer's Report. Since there was no Board meeting in August Pat Hallock passed out copies of July and August treasurer's reports. The July report reflected that the Unit ended the month with a checking account balance of \$8047.64 and had \$3376.88 in its savings account, for a total of \$11,424.77. The August report reflected that after \$338.63 in expenses and \$130 in income, the Unit ended the month with \$7839.01 in the checking account; after \$.23 in interest income the savings account had a balance of \$3377.13, for a total of \$11,216.14. After a brief discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved. Pat then informed the board that the Unit's tax exempt status was revoked in 2013 because the required yearly renewal was not processed with the California Franchise Tax Board. She further advised the Board that she had now completed California Tax Form 3500 to update our 199N status as a non-profit, at the cost of \$25. The board thanked Pat for her diligence and then authorized the purchase of an ink cartridge for her use in completing her required paperwork for the Board.
4. Old Business
 - A. Update on the status of the 2016 Sectional Tournament—Fred Strong. In the absence of Louise Abbott, Fred briefed the board on Louise's efforts to finalize

the February 2016 District 22 Sectional with the ACBL and secure Nancy Boyd as our director. Apparently, the ACBL has misplaced our prior submission and Louise is working to get the necessary approvals. We are confirmed for the Elks Club in San Luis Obispo, the site we moved to last year.

- B. Further discussion of the Unit's program for beginning bridge lessons—Leda Fields. Leda presented her proposal to the board for three series' of beginning lessons: October in Pismo Beach, January/February 2016 in San Luis Obispo, and the Spring of 2016 in North Country. A lengthy discussion ensued, wherein the Board amended its prior policy as follows: such lessons would be reimbursed by the Unit at the prior rate of \$50/class but rather than limiting the classes to six, Leda was authorized to increase the number of the classes up to 12, when and as deemed appropriate. The Unit would also front the costs of advertising of these classes, and receive at a later date the ACBL's reimbursement of 75% of those costs. Finally, the Board authorized the classes only when at least eight players were in attendance, with no more than two of those eight being existing duplicate players. The rest of the Board's prior policy remains unchanged.
- C. Disciplinary Matters. Fred Strong led a discussion on the possibility of Unit members being called to a recent District appeal. The board voted that should that happen, it would cover any required expenses.

5. New Business

- A. District 22 Alternate Election. Fred Strong reminded the Board that the ballots were due into the ACBL by no later than October 2. He advised those members who still had not received their ballots to contact the ACBL and ensure they were sent.
- B. Nominating Committee for 2016—Five Unit Board Members positions are expiring in January 2016: Fred Strong, Bill Ringbom, Charles Davis, Torre Houlgate-West and Bob Karriker. The remaining Board members have only served one year of their two year term: Bill Woodson, Pat Hallock, Bud Zeuschner and Louise Abbott (appointed to serve the remainder of Doris Dunn's term). Fred appointed Bill Ringbom and Charles Davis to serve on a Nominating Committee (and he will name a third person in the near future) to propose a slate of officers for the Annual Meeting membership approval in Morro Bay in January 2016.
- C. Shortage of Directors in Unit 540—Fred led a discussion for the urgent need for additional directors, particularly in Morro Bay, and asked the board

members to assist in actively recruiting new candidates. Jan Zinner will be approached in the near future.

6. Club Activity Reports—Postponed due to lack of time

7. Adjourn—Fred adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM. The next meeting will be Friday, October 9 at 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted

Charles Davis, Unit 540 Secretary