

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
December 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by President Fred Strong. Present were Board members Bob Karriker, Bill Ringbom, Bud Zeuschner, Pat Hallock, Charles Davis, Torre Houlgate-West, Bill Woodson, and Education Chair Leda Fields. Former Unit 540 President Gary Yant joined the meeting as a guest. Absent was board member Louise Abbott.

1. Call the Meeting to Order. Fred Strong handed out copies of the agenda to the board members.
2. Review and Approval of the November minutes. Charles distributed copies to all board members. Several changes were made including the date of the SLO Christmas Party and the Unit's Annual Meeting in January, as well as to the list of board members attending and absent from the November meeting. Those corrections made, the amended minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat distributed copies of November treasurer's report. After November income of \$260 and expenses of \$757.14, the Unit ended the month with \$7539.12 in its checking account and \$3377.39 in its savings account, for a total balance of \$10,916.51. After a brief discussion her report was approved.
4. Old Business
 - A. Update on 2016 Sectional. Noting Louise Abbott's absence Fred postponed discussion on this topic. Charles added that we were getting inquiries on the status of the flyers for the tournament, and we needed to get a status report.
 - B. Discussion on lessons/reimbursements. Leda briefed the board that the new 6 week series of beginning classes would take place at the Vet's Hall in Pismo Beach beginning January 12, 2016, and two weekly classes would be offered, one on Tuesday and one on Thursday, from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Questions regarding the classes can be directed to Leda personally at 805-489-7032. Classes will cost \$50 for the entire series of 12 lessons, or single lessons for \$5 apiece. She also advised that the 5 Cities Bridge Club would offer two free plays for attendees. The series of Two over One classes, also taught by Leda and Torre would begin in March 2016.
 - C. 2016 Elections. Torre formally advised the board that she would not be seeking reelection to her position on the board and nominated Judy Obermeier to join the slate of candidates being fielded by the Unit at the January 20, 2016 Annual Meeting. Judy's inclusion on that slate was approved by the board. For the record, then, the Unit's slate of candidates will be incumbents Fred Strong and Bob Karriker, and newcomers Leda Fields (taking Charles Davis' slot), Jan Zinner (taking Bill Ringbom's slot) and Judy Obermeier. It was decided to formally invite the three new candidates to attend the Annual Meeting, so the entire slate of candidates could be presented to the attendees.

D. New member recruitment proposal. A discussion of Gail Lapin's recommendations to the board was postponed until next meeting in favor of discussing Gary Yant's discussion of Larry Cohen lessons.

5. New Business

A. Larry Cohen lessons, sometime during the week of May 16, 2016. Gary Yant gave the board an in depth presentation on the possibility of Larry Cohen coming to San Luis Obispo on those dates to provide Unit members and the public a course of lessons, from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM over a two day period. Attendance would be at a cost of between \$240-\$250, and we would need to attract approximately 40 attendees for the class to be held. Gary discussed the possibility of several venues and gave the Board a detailed description of the contracts needing to be signed and the advance planning needing to be done. He concluded by asking for the Board's support and financial backing for these classes. An extended discussion ensued until the time for the meeting expired. At the end of the discussion the board voted its full support of the proposed lessons, and authorized Gary to work with Fred Strong and Pat Hallock to set up the necessary accounting systems to support it.

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

7. Status of the election as an alternate to ACBL District 21's Board of Directors. Fred announced that Jim Parks had been elected to that position and recommended we provide him a courtesy invitation to all future board meetings. The board authorized it.

7. Adjourn to meeting of January 15, 2016. Fred adjourned the meeting, advising that our next meeting would be on that date at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Davis, Unit 540 Secretary