

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
May 13, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 11:37 AM by President Fred Strong, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. Also present were current Board members Bob Karriker, Bill Woodson, Pat Hallock, Louise Abbott, Judy Obermeier and Jan Zinner; Leda Fields arrived late, and Bud Zeuschner was not in attendance.

1. Review and Approval of the April minutes. Bob distributed copies to all present members, which were approved.
2. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock presented reports for April and separate report on the income and expenses from the 2016 Central Coast Sectional, reflecting balances on hand: Checking--\$8,880.39 & Savings--\$3,377.90, a combined total of \$12,258.29 on hand. The report on the 2016 Central Coast Sectional showed a net profit of \$1,438.00 to the Unit. After some clarifying comments from Pat and discussion, the report was approved.
3. Old Business
 - A. Report on the Larry Cohen Seminar – nothing presented.
 - B. Information regarding advance preparations for the 2017 Central Coast Sectional – Louise Abbott reported on her discussions with the Elks Club management. They are pleased to host our next Sectional, but are unwilling to write up a contract containing specific commitments at this time. By consensus, the Board agreed to pay a \$200 'down payment' to the Elks Club to hold the date.
4. New Business.
 - A. Continuing discussion of Unit 540 hosting a "Senior Regional" tournament. Comments on different aspects of our commitment were made by various members, and it was agreed that Jim Parks, our representative on the District 22 Board, should continue research into what specific requirements we would have to meet to host such an event.

It was noted that ACBL requires an approximate 4-year lead time to certify any regional tournament.
 - B. Brief discussion of a proposal (by Bill Ringbom) that the Unit offer to purchase the 2 dealing machines owned by clubs within Unit 540.

Leda Fields made a motion for the Board to extend an offer to the clubs to have the Unit purchase the units for \$2,000.00 per machine, with utilization to proceed under the same terms and conditions as are now in effect. The motion was seconded by Bill Woodson.

After discussion by Louise Abbott, who questioned the need to undertake this organizational change, and comment by Fred Strong that it would facilitate coordination of the scheduled machine maintenance, and would make available some of the cash on hand in the Unit accounts, the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Bob Karriker was charged with drafting the letter offer to be presented to the individual clubs.
5. For the Good of the Organization – nothing new presented
6. Club activity reports.
 - A. Morro Bay announced its annual Pro-Am game in honor of George Sheffield, to be held Wednesday, May 25, and the initiation of a new policy in support of its Wednesday games – anybody may come to play and be guaranteed a partner.
 - B. 5 Cities noted the resignation of Torre Houlgate-West as bridge instructor, with Leda Fields assuming this role for the club.

C. North County (Paso Robles) noted on-going beginning bridge lessons being held in private homes to encourage party bridge players to try their hand at duplicate bridge.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 PM, to the meeting June 10, 2016 @ 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Karriker

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