

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
August 12, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 11:33 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, Jan Zinner, Leda Fields and Bud Zeuschner.

1. Review and Approval of the June minutes. Bud Zeuschner, who compiled the minutes of the meeting, distributed copies to all present members; move for approval by Bob Karriker, seconded by Bill Woodson. The minutes were approved.
2. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock presented reports for June and July as follows: initial Balances on hand were as follows: Checking -- \$8,002.63, Savings -- \$3,370.90 (Total assets: \$11,380.53). After total expenditures in June of \$2,1103.82, including \$2,000.00 for acquisition of the Morro Bay dealing machine, and July expenses of \$205.08, and income totaling \$330.00, (plus \$0.25 interest!), balances on hand are: Checking--\$6,023.73 & Savings--\$3,378.15, a combined total of \$9,401.88. Move to approve the report by Jan Zinner, seconded by Bud Zeuschner; the report was approved.
3. Old Business
 - A. Education matters. Leda Fields noted that she is giving introductory lessons for a group ranging in size from 12-15 persons on Sunday evenings. She intends to award those completing the program with a certificate for 1 free play at all clubs agreeing to this gratuity. She noted that all of the clubs in Unit (with the exception of Paso Robles DBC, which has not met since the offer was made) have agreed to accept this 'chit.' She also suggested that the Board agree to extend the free play for a single unit game. This proposal was agreed to by acclamation.
 - B. Pre-planning for the 2017 Central Coast Sectional – The deposit of \$200 to reserve the Elks Club facilities for the tournament dates was presented and accepted.
4. New Business.
 - A. Easy Bridge program funding request. Gina Kirk proposed that the Unit request a sanction from ACBL for a new game to provide a base for new players who join a program of Easy Bridge instruction under the auspices of Jim Solomon, instructor and director. Kirk is requesting that the Unit cover 25% of the advertising costs of the program, with ACBL providing 50% under its CAP Program, and the Black Lake club (Nipomo) covering the remaining 25%.

The lessons will take place in the afternoons, and are to be held at the Pismo Beach Veterans Hall. The City of Pismo Beach is also supporting the proposal, and will actively promote the program through its official notice of scheduled events for the Fall, 2016.

eda fields submitted a written application for the Board to consider reimbursement of expenses associated with certification of Tom Snow as an ACBL Director.

After lengthy discussion, ~~during which it was noted that official Unit procedure for requesting reimbursement of costs to study and take the ACBL Directors Exam must be made to the Board in writing prior to the applicant sitting for the exam,~~ Louise Abbott moved that the Board vote to support the proposals for an amount up to ~~\$4500.00 and to provide \$12.50 toward Mr. Snow's costs to become Easy Bridge certified.~~

During discussion of the motion, the language was amended to request support for costs up to \$150.00, ~~and toward the \$12.50 Easy Bridge fees.~~ The motion was seconded and approved.

- B. New Director request. See note in A., above.
- C. Updating Unit web site. No information provided
- D. Club Activities.
 - 1) San Luis Obispo – reported on a successful game to honor member Richard Stacy.

- 2) Morro Bay – noted the termination of their Wednesday games after the game on 8/31/16.
- 3) Paso Robles – noted a donation in the amount of \$850.00 to Senior Services of San Luis Obispo County.

E. There was an *ad hoc* motion by Leda Fields that those persons who have advanced to a new status within the ACBL hierarchy during the past calendar year be acknowledged at the Unit's Annual Meeting in January, and that the awards for Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs winners be announced at the Unit Game on the second Saturday of February. The motion was seconded by Pat Hallock and approved by the Board.

F. The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 PM, to the meeting September 9, 2016 @ 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Karriker

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary