

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
January 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM, by President Fred Strong. Present – Jan Zinner, Judy Obermeier, Pat Hallock, Bob Karriker, Bill Woodson, Leda Fields and Bud Zeuschner. Absent -- Louise Abbott.

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 December, 2016 minutes. Copies of minutes, lacking data about Treasurer's report for November, 2016, were distributed. After brief discussion, during which time the missing dollar amounts, as well as the amount to be reimbursed to Black Lake DBC, were supplied, the minutes were approved as supplemented.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock provided printed copies of reports for October, November and December, 2016, to supplement the hand-written copies submitted during her absence from Board meetings. An error in the November report was discovered, and the report was then approved as corrected.
4. Old Business
 - A. Update on the status of the 2017 Sectional Tournament—Fred Strong reported a communication from Louise Abbott, noting that the preparations are on-going and on schedule.
 - B. Nominating Committee Report – Proposed Candidate Gina Kirk declined to serve, Pat Hallock agreed to remain on Board, David Gillette and Jim Parks accepted nomination to a position on the Board, and in the absence of a third candidate, Bud Zeuschner agreed to remain on as a member pro tempore until a third candidate is approved. Loueen Harsch was advanced as a possible Board member, but was not in attendance to accept immediately.
 - C. Payments to SLO Senior Center procedure. After discussion, it was agreed to make an annual contribution' to the Center in exchange for storage facilities they will be providing.
5. New Business
 - A. Unit 540 Annual Meeting. Due to irregularities in sending notice to the general membership, it was moved and seconded that at the organized meeting Saturday, January 14, 2017, prior to the January Unit Championship Game, the discrepancy would be noted and a vote taken to permit a suspension of the rules in order for the meeting and presentation of the slate of candidates to take place on that date. In the event that substantial opposition to this procedure is voiced by the membership, the meeting would be rescheduled by the Board. This resolution was approved.

- B. Payment for Equipment and Supplies, and category determination. After being presented with an invoice by Morro Bay DBC for reimbursement of costs to replace 5 bidding boxes and sets of plastic bidding cards, a discussion ensued as to whether bidding box cards should be considered as Equipment or Supplies for reimbursement. It was finally moved and seconded that both items, as well as card carrying cases which fit the sets of boards used with the dealing machines, be reimbursed as Equipment, and therefore eligible for 100% reimbursement. The motion was approved.
 - C. Unit Games and Unit Game at Clubs schedule for 2017. Unit 540 has been allocated sanctions by ACBL for 24 Unit Games. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to divide the games among the Unit (for Unit Championship Games) and the individual clubs as follows: Unit Championship Games – 9; Five Cities DBC – 3; Black Lake/Nipomo DBC – 1; Morro Bay DBC – 2; Paso Robles DBC – 4; San Luis Obispo DBC – 5 (possibly 6) if one game moved from another venue.
 - D. New item. Moved and seconded to authorize Fred Strong to purchase pins and coffee cups to award winners of the mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs races. Approved.
6. Club Activity Reports.
- A. Morro Bay DBC– Bill Woodson announced that he is relinquishing position of “Supplymeister.” Judy Obermeier agreed to serve after appropriate mentoring.
 - B. Black Lake/Nipomo DBC – starting a series of novice games at Zinner home to encourage new players from the area.
 - C. Paso Robles DBC – Fred announced a new ‘irregular’ series of lessons for novices to be held in Paso Robles.
7. Adjourn—Fred adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM. The next meeting will be Friday, February 10, 2017 at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary