

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Unit 540 Executive Board  
September 8, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by President Fred Strong, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. Also present were current Board members Leda Fields, Judy Obermeier, David Gillette, Jan Zinner and Bob Karriker,. Members Mike Carroll and Jim Parks were absent

1. Review and Approval of the August minutes. Bob Karriker distributed copies to all board members; approved on motion of David Gillette and second of Leda Fields.
2. Treasurer's Report. Judy Obermeier reported balances on hand as of 7/31/17: Checking--\$3,237.93 & Savings--\$3,379.16, a combined total of \$6,617.09. Treasurer Obermeier reported that she had merged the 2 accounts to cut back on bank service charges, and, after income of \$355.00 and monthly expenses of \$215.16 for net monthly income of **\$139.84**, the available balance in the unit account is \$6,756.93. The report was approved on motion of Jan Zinner and second of David Gillette.
3. Old Business
  - A. Planning for the 2018 Sectional. Leda Fields reported that Elks' Lodge quoted a price of \$1,797.78 for the 3-day rental period, as opposed to \$700.00 last year. Other venues are to be sought.
    1. The idea of setting up a '299-er' game instead of a '199-er' game was discussed. A proposal to allow participants with less than 5 MP to play for free in the Friday afternoon (299-er) game was approved.
    2. Ms. Fields suggested a budget of \$500.00 for the Sunday lunch during the Swiss Teams match, **with \$6/person** to be provided from the proposed card fee of \$120/team.
    3. Food/snacks for the Friday and Saturday games are to be funded by a proposed 'assessment' of \$25/game/club, or a budget of \$400.00. Clubs should also solicit homemade 'goodies' from members, the details to be determined.
    3. Breakfast/Morning snacks will be under supervision of Gina Kirk, and afternoon snacks will be overseen by Jan Zinner.
    4. Wine contributions from area wineries are to be made in the name of Morro Bay DBC since they are a qualified 501 C (3) organization, whereas the tax status of the Unit is uncertain. Donations will be formally acknowledged in some manner.
  - B. Advancement notifications and the In/Out reports are being overseen by David Gillette. Response of the membership has been very positive.
4. New Business.
  - A. SECTIONAL CARD FEES. It was moved to increase card fees at the 2018 Sectional to \$12/person (\$120/team for the Swiss Teams game on Sunday). After substantial discussion, the Board unanimously concurred.
  - B. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. A need for a nominating committee for election of officers at Annual Unit Meeting in January, 2018 was advanced. It was suggested to nominate 1 Board member and 2 non-members to identify 5 candidates for the positions to be filled. David Gillette volunteered to serve as Board member on the committee and to recruit the other members.
  - C. Gina Kirk reported that ACBL has dropped its organizational requirement that individuals grant permission for their personal information to be included on membership lists, and is requesting the compilation of a Unit 540 Telephone Roster. The sense of the Board that this information is not for publication. The matter may be discussed further.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM, until the next meeting – November 10, 2017 @ 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Karriker*

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary