

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
January 17, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Bill Ringbom, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. Members David Gillette and Judy Obermeier were absent
2. Review and Approval of the November, 2019 minutes. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes for approval. Approval was moved by Bill Ringbom, seconded by Jack Phirman, and the minutes were approved without objection.
3. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Judy Obermeier was absent from the meeting but provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report for December which contained the following information: the Unit reported income of \$264.00, with expenses, including payments to SLODBC (\$50.75), luncheon at Unit Game (Heidi - \$79.56) and Director's fees for 3 months, of \$240.00), for total expenses of \$370.31, a net deficit of \$6.31 for the month.
Annual financial statistics are as follows: Balance 12/31/18 – \$9956.30; Balance 10/31/19 (last reported data due to cancellation of December, 2019 meeting) – \$11,193.48 and final balance as of 12/31/19 – \$11,087.17.
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. Jan Zinner announced that she had utilized an ACBL resource which was available at the time, at no cost to the Unit, to send out an e-mail notification of the 2020 Sectional schedule to a total of 3,540 members within approximately a 100-mile radius of San Luis Obispo.
Deb Cameron noted a possible conflict with ACBL rules regarding number of directors necessary. We have advised ACBL that we do not envision more than the 33 tables they will approve for a single director.
Jack Phirman noted many of the playing tables at the 5 Cities club venue are in poor shape. After discussion, a proposal for the Board to partially fund some level of repair and maintenance was tabled for further discussion.
 - B. REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.
 - 1) Jan Zinner also reported that non-member Rosemary Heath had Proposed scheduling a committee 'brainstorming session' to identify additional possibilities for moving SLODBC and Unit 540 games into our own facility.
 - 2) EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. It was noted that John Fields, Jr. was holding a series of lessons on "The Laws of Duplicate Bridge" which is open to all interested persons, and is required attendance for any person desiring to direct games at SLODBC.
 - 3) In a discussion of the "educational" goals espoused by the Unit as an object for fund-raising, Deb Cameron noted the availability of Marjorie Michelin, a noted speaker at ACBL events, to hold a 2-day workshop on any topic or topics the Unit might feel to be of benefit to the general membership. After extended discussion, Jan Zinner moved that the Board authorize an amount up to \$700.00 as 'seed money' to explore the possibility of having such an instructional tutorial some time this summer. Upon second by Deb Cameron, the motion was unanimously approved.
 - 4) Deb Cameron also noted an agreement in principle with Los Angeles area attorney Mitch Dunitz to 'pay' students at Cal Poly to take a 'class' in bridge, either through the university, or as an option to holding down a part-time job. One example brought forward would be for Mr. Dunitz to pay each student a 'stipend' of \$12/hour in class, plus providing pizza for all in attendance. This will be followed up in the near future by the new Board.
1. NEW BUSINESS.
 - A. The proposal for a 'new' dealing machine for 5 Cities DBC. Noted that SLODBC owns 2 dealing machines and would like to sell one to 5 Cities DBC. The negotiated price for the used machine and 8 sets of boards has been set at \$2300.00. 5 Cities has requested that the Unit offset a portion of the costs. After discussion, it was moved by Jan Zinner that the Board authorize funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 to assist in the purchase. Following subsequent talks, in which it was stipulated as a condition of the assistance that 5 Cities DBC continue to provide pre-dealt sets of boards for the games held in Santa Maria, the motion was seconded by Jack Phirman, the motion was approved
 - B. Points Award Ceremony. After some discussion, in which it was noted that scheduling the ceremony during the February, 2020 Unit Game would possibly result in incorrectly honoring someone, it was moved by Jack Phirman and seconded by Rose Will to hold the ceremony during the March, 2020, Unit Game. The nature of 'prizes' will be discussed further during the February, 2020 Board Meeting.
 - C. The nominating committee constituted to identify replacement persons for outgoing Board members presented Gayle Larson as the sole nominee to replace resigning Secretary Bob Karriker. The recommendation was accepted by acclamation.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 11:30 AM, Friday, February 14, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by *Bob Karriker*, Unit 540 Secretary