

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
San Luis Obispo Unit 540  
January 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM, by President Fred Strong. Present were Board members Pat Hallock, Bill Woodson, Bud Zeuschner, Bill Ringbom and Charles Davis. Absent were Board members Doris Dunn, Bob Karriker and Torre Houlgate-West.

1. Call Meeting to Order. Fred Strong reviewed the agenda and passed out copies of an email from Gwynn Garthright, Marketing Project Supervisor from the ACBL, that we would be reviewing under New Business later in the meeting.
2. Review and Approval of the December minutes. After a brief discussion, the December minutes were approved as written.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock passed out additional copies of the November treasurer's report, since there weren't enough to hand out at the last meeting, and copies of both the December report and the report for the January Annual Meeting. The December report showed that the Unit had \$5487.95 in its checking account and \$3376.63 in its savings account, for a total balance of \$8864.58. After a brief discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved.
4. Old Business
  - A. Any Remaining Financial Decisions---Board. Bill Ringbom led a discussion regarding renaming both payments for Unit 540 members to become directors and for our teachers to be compensated for accreditation fees as Education Scholarships. This was agreed to. Under this general category the Board also agreed to separate out payments for teachers to conduct classes.
  - B. Volunteer as Hospitality Chairperson beginning March 2015. Per the Board's previous decision to grant Doris Dunn's request to have the Hospitality Chair's responsibilities removed from her position, Fred Strong announced that Unit member Heidi Karriker had volunteered to assume those duties as of March 2015. Her appointment to this position was agreed to unanimously by the board.
  - C. Sectional Update. Bud Zeuschner, as co-Hospitality Chair for the Sectional, led a discussion on refreshments. The Board agreed to ask each club in the Unit to voluntarily contribute \$100 to defray the costs of providing such refreshments. The Unit would cover any additional funds to fulfill a budget of \$700 for refreshments for the tournament. Fred Strong advised that the ACBL had made some changes to the Tournament Director duties for Sectional Tournaments and the Board agreed to have Doris Dunn contact Nancy Boyd and ask if there were any issues that would affect our tournament.
  - D. Payment for Novice Lessons. Bill Woodson and Torre Houlgate-West previously had been asked to revise their draft proposal regarding teacher compensation and present it at this board meeting. Bill asked, in Torre's absence, that discussion of this be deferred to the February meeting, which was agreed to.

5. New Business
  - A. Elections and Awards. Fred Strong advised that he had all the medallions for the Mini-McKinney Award winners for 2014 and the coffee cups for the Ace of Clubs Award winners and would present them at the Unit's Annual Meeting on January 10, 2015.
  - B. ACBL Privacy Policy Changes. Fred Strong led a discussion regarding the impact to the Unit of the new ACBL Privacy Policy changes, and reviewed the email received from Gwynn Garthright. That email reiterated that we would need "member permission for...the publishing of member directories." Her email advised she would seek legal counsel on the issue of sending emails to multiple members without masking their addresses through the use of "blind" copies. After a brief discussion it became apparent we would not have sufficient time to discuss a myriad of related issues and Fred asked Charles Davis, as the Board's Electronic Contact with the ACBL, to lead a further discussion at the next Board meeting. Bill Woodson and Fred Strong gave to Charles the signed member releases they had already received, from the Morro Bay and Paso Robles clubs, to publish their information in a member directory. Bill Ringbom agreed to get the SLO club's releases to Charles as soon as possible, and Charles agreed to contact Doris to get the ones from 5 Cities. Fred Strong agreed to contact Louise Abbott and request that she compile all these releases into a new member directory that would replace the one currently in use.
  - C. New Directors. Fred Strong and Bill Woodson led a discussion of the need for a new director in Morro Bay and advised that interest had been expressed by John Fields, Jr. The Board asked Fred to advise John that should he submit a written request for the position and agree to the Board's requirements, his application would be approved.
6. Club Activity Reports. This agenda item was postponed due to time constraints.
7. Fred Strong adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM, advising the members that our next meeting would be on February 13, 2015 at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Davis, Unit 540 Secretary