

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
San Luis Obispo Unit 540  
May 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 AM, by President Fred Strong. Present were Board members Bill Ringbom, Pat Hallock, Bill Woodson, Bud Zeuschner, Louise Abbott, Bob Karriker, and Charles Davis. Absent was Board member Torre Houlgate-West.

1. Call Meeting to Order. Fred Strong handed out copies of the agenda to the board members.
2. Review and Approval of the April minutes. Charles distributed copies to all board members, noting that no proposed changes had been brought to him since their original distribution last month. After a brief discussion the April minutes were approved as written.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock passed out copies of the April report, which reflected that the Unit had \$8430.65 in its checking account and \$3376.88 in its savings account, for a total balance of \$11,807.53. She further briefed the board that the Unit tax filing had been completed and accepted by the IRS on May 7, 2015, and that she was retaining all applicable records and requirements for future filings. After a brief discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved.
4. Old Business
  - A. Proposed Unit Policy on Classes and Teacher Compensation---Charles handed out to each board member another copy of Board member Bob Karriker's final proposed language on this subject. After a short discussion the Board voted to approve Bob's final draft with the request that in addition to the policy being attached to the minutes and posted on the Unit's website, it also be sent to each Club Manager in Unit 540. Charles volunteered to email it to those managers, along with a request that it be shared with the Club boards.
  - B. Possible move of Morro Bay's Monday game to Wednesday and Possible New Novice game in Paso Robles. Fred advised the Unit Board that effective June 30, 2015 the new game would begin in Paso Robles, with the target audience being rubber bridge players wanting to learn duplicate and/or new players to the game of bridge. Bill Woodson advised that the Morro Bay members were voting next week on the issue of moving their Monday game to Wednesday and that the Club Board would officially decide on whether to make the move in its May 25, 2015 meeting.
  - C. Update on the New Unit Membership Directory---Louise Abbott advised the Board with the exception of a few unreadable member authorizations from Paso Robles all had been entered into her database. Fred provided to her at the meeting better copies of those printed too lightly to be read. She asked for further guidance on a handful of names from the Unit of individuals she was unsure ever attended club games and after a brief discussion the board asked her to add them as well. Another discussion followed concerning email addresses, and the board clarified that if they were included in the ACBL's

- monthly In and Out Report, then the ACBL had received permission for their use, so those addresses should also be included in our directory, as well as those specifically authorized by Unit members filling out our own permission forms. Louise advised that an advance copy of the membership list would be sent to the board members within days for final approval. After a brief additional discussion it was decided that once that final approval was given that copies be provided to all Club Managers and directors in Unit 540, and that pages in the directory would contain the ACBL requirement that it be used for official ACBL business only
- D. Longest Day Decision. Charles advised the board that the ACBL had authorized for this year only that the event could be held on either Sunday, June 21 or Monday, June 22, 2015. After a short discussion the board decided that all Unit 540 clubs make their own decision whether to hold the event, and that they could further determine on which day it could be held.
  - E. Pianola Update. Bill Ringbom advised that in light of further information received from the ACBL that he believed the board should officially abandon any use of the Pianola software and utilize that offered by the ACBL. After a brief discussion the board voted to adopt that recommendation.
5. New Business
- A. Charity games for District 22 Nationals in 2017. Fred led a discussion on whether we would participate in those June 29-July 3, 2015 games. After a brief discussion, it was determined to leave the decision to each local club.
  - B. Review and action, if deemed appropriate, regarding an issue at the March Unit Game. Jim Solomon, John Lyddon and Sue Furchtenicht joined the board to discuss the incident. After brief statements by each party the board voted to refer the incident to a formal Unit Disciplinary Board headed by Bud Zeuschner and that that board make a recommendation to the Executive Board prior to the June Unit game.
  - C. Other New Business. Fred shared with the board a proposal from Barbara Hardin outlining a series of lessons on Basic Bridge conventions at the Morro Bay Club from June 9-July 14, 2015. The lessons would be geared to the level of the audience, and Barbara further requested the ability to make minor adjustments to the course material as the composition of the audience dictated. After a brief discussion, the board approved Barbara's request and asked Charles to advise her.
6. Club Activity Reports. Fred advised that the Paso Robles club was raising its table fees to \$5.00/person, effective June 1, 2015; no other club updates.
7. Meeting adjournment at date/time of next meeting. Fred announced that the next board meeting would be at 11:30 AM on June 12 and adjourned the meeting at 12:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Davis, Unit 540 Secretary