

Minutes of the
ACBL Unit 540 Board
Friday June 10, 2016 – SLO Senior Center

- I. **Meeting called to order** by President Fred Strong, 11:40 am
 - a. Attending: Louise Abbott, Leda Fields, Pat Hallock, Bob Karriker, Fred Strong, Bill Woodson, and Bud Zeuschner. Guests: Gail Lapins, Gary Yant
- II. **Minutes of May 13, 2016. M/S/P to accept as presented.**
- III. **Treasurer's Report** (Hallock)
 - a. April Report: Income - \$735. Expenses - \$573.52. Balance: \$12, 843.29
 - b. May Report: Income - \$15,486.84, Expenses - \$16, 955.60, Balance - \$11,374.53. (Expect revision reflecting final figures for Cohen Seminar.) **M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's Reports.**
- IV. **Old Business**
 - a. Dealing Machine Offers (Strong). Morro Bay accepted Unit offer of \$2000 for machine to use as back up. **M/S/P to Approve.** (SLO Club declined the offer to purchase its machine.)
 - b. Unit Games and Sanctions (Abbott/Strong). Abbott sent sanction numbers and schedule to all managers of Unit clubs. Paso Robles plans to use its Sept. 5 sanction to hold two sections at different sites simultaneously. Louise engaged in Q&A regarding the ACBL Sanction process. (No Action Required).
- V. **New Business**
 - a. Teaching/Mentoring. Appreciation expressed to Gail Lapins for coordinating Pro/Am Game in Morro Bay. Board encourages other clubs to experiment with this format. Leda Fields reported lessons developing at the Nipomo club and encouraged a "free play" be extended to newer players completing lessons to be used at any club (one time each) in the Unit for six months following the lessons. There was general support for this suggestion. Fred Strong reported good response to lessons in Paso Robles with 8 new players joining the games as a result. Leda again mentioned the positive reports she had from the Morro Bay Pro/Am.
 - b. Other: Gary Yant filed a report on the Larry Cohen Seminar (attached) and will work with Pat Hallock for reconciliation of the final totals. Some discussion ensued about refunds, and the need for clear delineation of duties and expectations between the Treasurer and event coordinators. Gail Lapins also provided information about advertising and outreach efforts, noting only two "out of area" participants. The group brainstormed ideas for increasing out of area participation, including the idea of hosting those persons in our homes for seminar days. The Board expressed appreciation to Gary and Gail and all who helped, and supported the idea of making this an annual event. Gary is not available to be the coordinator again, but will approach possible interested persons.
- VI. **Club Activity Reports**
 - a. Leda Fields announced a "Mary and Bob Neal Appreciation Game" to recognize their hard work and excellent contributions to Bridge in our area.
 - b. MB repeated its appreciation for the Pro/Am game last month.
- VII. **Adjourn: M/S/P to cancel the July Meeting and adjourn to August 13.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bud Zeuschner
(Sub. For Bob Karriker, delayed in arriving)