

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
November 10, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by President Fred Strong, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. All Board members were present. Gina Kirk and Eli Zinner were also in attendance.

1. Review and Approval of the October minutes. Bob Karriker distributed copies to all board members; after discussion, it was moved by Jan Zinner and seconded by David Gillette that the minutes be approved as corrected.
2. Treasurer's Report. Judy Obermeier reported balance of \$7,077.53 on hand as of 9/29/17: After income of \$390.00 and monthly expenses of \$370.31 for net monthly income of \$19.69, the available balance in the unit account is \$7,097.22. The report was approved on motion of David Gillette and second by Mike Carroll.
3. Old Business
 - A. Planning for the 2018 Sectional. Leda Fields reported on progress in preparation for the tournament, including preparation of a written proposal to Black Horse (coffee house?) to provide coffee (regular and decaf) as well as hot water, either on a complimentary or discounted basis. She also will prepare signage which will be placed in a prominent location near the entrance to the venue to identify donors who have provided gifts and services to improve the tournament.
 - B. David Gillette yielded the floor to Jan Zinner, who nominated Bill Ringbom to fill out the remainder of the term vacated by Pat Hallock. After a second by Mike Carroll, the Board agreed to the appointment by acclamation
 - C. Nominating Committee report. The committee (David Gillette, Gary Yant and Bill Donovan) has nominated 6 members, including the 4 sitting Board members who have agreed to serve an additional term if re-elected (Leda Fields, Jan Zinner, Fred Strong and Judy Obermeier), and new nominees Jack Phirman and Jim Borland, for the 5 Board positions to be open. Ballots will be distributed to members in attendance at the 2018 Annual Meeting
4. New Business.
 - A. By consensus, the Board announced that the 2018 Unit Meeting will be convened at the San Luis Obispo DBC at 12:25 PM on Saturday, January 13, 2018.
 - B. Jim Parks announced that the ACBL National Board has made a charity grant to the Marine Mammal Rescue Center in Morro Bay, California in the amount of \$6,000.00. Mr. Parks and President Strong will make a presentation of the check at a brief ceremony at 10:00 AM on Nov. 21. Directions to the Center—from Morro Bay/San Luis Obispo, Exit Cal 1 at Main Street Exit; left under overpass then Right immediately past the ramp for southbound traffic exiting Cal 1. Follow road to gate on left (Old PG&E site); left to end for Center. From North (Cambria, Cayucos, Paso Robles—Exit Cal 1 southbound at Main Street, immediate tight right turn, then into center as above (or from Cal 41 – Left at Main St., follow Main under Cal 1 overpass, then immediate tight right, then into center as above.
 - C. President Strong requested a contingency fund of \$60 to purchase wine for door prizes if donors are not found. Members Jan Zinner, Leda Fields and David Gillette volunteered selections from their collection if no 'benefactors' are found.
 - D. Bill Ringbom announced to the Board that it is time to renew the Unit's internet domain name. He presented a quotation of \$150 for 5 year renewal. Jim Parks noted that the amount was unreasonably high, and that he would do research to locate a less costly provider.
 - E. President Strong announced that the winners of the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney awards for the unit would be presented at the February, 2018 unit game to be held 2/10/18.
5. Club News: Jan Zinner reported the success of the Wednesday night games of late, including 5 tables of novices (0-149 pt) and 4 ½ tables in an open game. There ensued a brief discussion on how to attract the growing number of novice players to participate in the Unit Games (and other open games held around the unit).

Meeting was adjourned at 12: 13 PM, until the next meeting – December 8, 2017 @ 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Karriker

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