

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
November 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President David Gillette, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. All Board members were present.

1. Review and Approval of the October, 2018 minutes. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes for approval, noting a correction which had been made to the draft copy submitted for comment. It was moved by Jim Borland, seconded by Judy Obermeier, that the revised minutes be approved as submitted. There were no objections.
2. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Judy Obermeier reported on income and expenses for the month of October. The balance on hand as of 9/28/18 was \$9,700.49. After income of \$277.00 and expenses of \$243.37, the final October balance on hand was \$9,730.12. It was moved by Jan Zinner and seconded by Jack Phirman to accept the report as submitted. The report was approved without discussion.
3. Old Business.
 - A. Discussion of sectional tournament. Jan Zinner gave a report, augmented by comments from President Gillette, detailing the pros and cons of staging our Section tournaments at the Parish Hall of Mission San Luis Obispo. The current rental cost of \$200/day is very attractive. Offsetting the cost advantage is the problem of adequate parking. Parking at the venue is limited, but persons who so desire could be dropped off in front of the hall. There is limited unmetered on-street parking in the area, and there is a municipal parking structure within easy walking distance. Several suggestions were posed to alleviate the \$12/day parking fee: a) attempt to negotiate with the city for a "visitors" rate for tournament attendees, b) have the unit arrange for parking 'chits' to be issued, with the unit to reimburse the city at a fixed rate, or c) have the unit subsidize parking by having a reduced card fee.
 - B. The San Luis Obispo Veterans' Center was also suggested as a possible venue, but the likelihood of scheduling conflicts was raised. The venue was not dismissed outright, and more details could be sought if necessary.
4. New Business
 - A. Cell Phone issues during Unit-sponsored games. A proposal, originating with the SLO DBC, to have "offenders," those persons whose cell phone rings during game time, pay a \$1 "donation" into a "kitty" to benefit the SLO Senior Center, was advanced by Bill Ringbom. After discussion, the Board voted to offer an option to "offenders" either to pay into the "kitty" or take a ¼ point Zero-Tolerance penalty. To accommodate persons who may be expecting urgent messages, it was suggested that phones be left with the Director, who would notify anyone receiving such a call.
 - B. The Nominating Committee, comprised of Jan Zinner, Pat Koval and Pete Avotins, announced a slate of candidates to be presented for selection at the Annual Meeting in January, 2019: current members David Gillette, Bill Ringbom, and new nominees Deb Cameron and Rose Will. It was moved by Bob Karriker, seconded by Jack Phirman to accept the nominees. The slate was unanimously approved.
 - C. Noted that the last game day for SLO DBC in 2018 will be Friday, December 11, with the center closing for its annual maintenance.
 - D. Jan Zinner noted interest in sponsoring a Youth Bridge Group, under auspices of some private entity such as a church or private school, to stimulate an interest in duplicate bridge at an early age.
5. Club Reports. – Jim Parks noted that North County DBP had been approached with the possibility of holding beginning bridge lessons for persons affiliated with Brookdale Senior Living Center in Paso Robles. Inasmuch as there would be no guarantee that new players would join North County DBC, it was decided to review precedent set by the Board.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned to January 11, 2019, at 11:30 AM.