

## Minutes

### Unit 540 San Luis Obispo Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Date:** December 12, 2020

**Call to order:** 4:01 PM

**Present:** Fred Strong, (president); Deb Cameron; (vice-president); Carol Raimondo, (treasurer); Mike Hughes (secretary); Jack Phirman; Jim Borland; Gina Kirk; Kathy Borland

**Quorum:** A quorum of directors was present.

**Minutes:** Kathy moved, and Deb seconded the motion that the minutes of the membership meeting of 11/13/20 be approved. Motion carried.

#### **Treasure's Report:**

- Carol reported that there is an ending bank balance of \$ 18,329.85. Net increase equaled \$1,829.78. [copy of: "Copy of 2020 Profit and Loss.xls"] on file.
- Mike moved, and Jim seconded the motion that the Treasurer's report be approved. Motion carried.
- Mike reported that he sent a thank-you card to Ronnie Morris via USPS signed with 1st names of the directors including a handwritten acknowledgement of his work keeping financial records and other statistics.

#### **President's Report:**

- Fred provided a written report as follows:

"We are nearing the end of the year and anticipating rapid developments in the changing nature of our society and lifestyles. While the pandemic is escalating so are the activities to provide immunizations for this and, possibly, anticipated mutations thereof. While we have 266 current members of Unit 540 including 77 life masters of various colors and designations, we also have far less than half of our current membership playing in our virtual games.

It is unwise I think to try to browbeat any of them into doing what they believe they have very good reasons not to do ... just as we have a significant percentage who think it is unwise to play in person now and, possibly, in the future.

Despite all of our difficulties we have a member from Arroyo Grande who deserves our congratulations for attaining the rank of Life Master. That is Ted Mirwald. Congratulations to Ted.

As a Unit Board we represent all of the members and have a role to play in the success of our club members. I am very hopeful that in that regard we can see our way clear to create a committee today to develop suggestions for an eventuality

when the clubs may once again be holding live, in person, games in addition to, or instead of, virtual games. With the same being true for our Unit games.

Since safety and good experiences are primary goals of all of us, I am hoping that a careful consideration can be given to suggested ways in which this might happen, without being overbearing in any way as to how we proceed.

Of course, at least equal attention must be paid to our virtual games and their development and success. I believe this Board has survived some very difficult times and experiences in 2020 and looks forward to less contentious times in the future. I believe we have attained a degree of normalcy under challenging circumstances and gotten through many difficult situations with consideration, empathy, and wisdom.

My congratulations to all of you for your perseverance and willingness to give of your time and talent to this very worthwhile activity. My fond hope is that we do not leave anyone behind in our efforts to promote the playing and understanding of Duplicate Bridge.

Thank you for your support and for standing up for what you believe in. Let us go forward in a positive way. I still look forward to participating in a non-voting "senior statesman" manner in the future."

### **Old Business:**

1. Virtual Game Committee.
  - a. Deb reported that the number of players dropped slightly from 864 to 845.
  - b. There was general agreement that there is a desire to continue to reach out to non-playing members, but not to be too aggressive about it.
  - c. There was discussion as to whether evening games should be reinstated. Given that previous evening games were not adequately attended, the general consensus was that there is insufficient demand to justify setting up new evening games. Deb noted that the evening 99'ers games are highly successful.
2. Education Committee.
  - a. Gina reported that three Unit members are actively providing combinations of bridge classes and mentoring.
  - b. Gina proposed that the Unit support the establishment of a Cal Poly bridge club. There was general agreement that this is a good idea. The board approved \$100 to be used by Gina for promoting this idea (ad in the MUSTANG, for example). Deb noted that there is a generous bridge professional interested in developing and supporting financially a college bridge class who may be interested to helping establish a Cal Poly bridge club.
3. Nominating Committee Report
  - a. Kathy & Mike reported no responses to the nomination ballots. Nominations are closed. The slate of nominees is:
    - Deb Cameron - incumbent
    - Art Herbon - incumbent

- Linda Seifert
- Bud Zeuschner

4. Annual Meeting

a. It was agreed that:

- i. There will be a regular Zoom meeting of the board on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 PM after the virtual game. One agenda item will be agreeing on the structure of the Annual meeting of members.
- ii. The annual meeting of members will occur via Zoom on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 PM. **ACTION:** Mike will send out an email to the membership list one week in advance informing members of the annual meeting of date, time, and Zoom link.
- iii. There will be a special meeting of the board immediately following the annual meeting to induct new directors and establish officers.

5. Preparations for returning to *in vivo* club play

- a. Fred offered to chair a committee that would provide guidance and support to clubs at such time as face-to-face games resume. Mike suggested that each club will have individual requirements for resuming live play and that the Unit can provide support to clubs as needed upon request. Gina noted that ACBL has posted guidelines for COVID19-related issues. [see: <https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/F2F.pdf>]. It was agreed that Unit-level support for clubs is a worthwhile idea, but a dedicated committee is premature.

**Adjourned:** 4:52 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Meeting is scheduled for January 8, at 3:45 pm via zoom.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Hughes", written in a cursive style.

Mike Hughes, Unit secretary