



**Unit 557 Board Meeting
March 21, 2023**

Call to Order: Lillian called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Members Present: Sharon Biederman, Joey DuRee, Fern Dunbar, Jenny Ernest, Dalia Hernandez, Nancy Imbery, Judy Jones, Linda Leventhal, Alan Olschwang, Ann Peacock, Lillian Slater, Melanie Smothers

Minutes: Alan made a motion to approve the prior minutes and Melanie seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Jenny reported an ending balance in the unit checking account of \$14,334.46. The major expense was \$200 for the unit's share of the yearly Pianola subscription.
- Jenny reported that the February Unit Game lost \$79.64, down ten less players from January.
- It was noted that, given the Free Plays that are being distributed to award winners, the next unit games will also lose money as these are redeemed.
- There was a discussion of ways to increase attendance. Lillian encouraged everyone to personally invite one or more people from Leisure World. Judy added that we should encourage the people who do come to invite other Leisure World players to join them.

Hospitality Report

- There is sad news that Janet Logan passed away. (NOTE: There was a celebration of her life at a club luncheon on March 28th. Jo Melis provided the cake with the luncheon coordinated by Carolyn Byrnes and paid for by an anonymous donor.)

Long Beach Bridge/Bridge Brigade Update

- The club earned an ACBL-sanctioned extra championship game because we have added ten new members
- STaC week, a sectional tournament at the club, is scheduled for March. Silver points are awarded for an additional fee of \$1 per game.
- Fern reported that Bridge 1 and 2 will be offered again in April on Monday and Tuesday respectively. The classes include nine lessons for \$40 with an inter-class tournament at the end.
- Dalia's Monday evening class for players with less than 750 master points has begun and is well attended. It includes a short lesson and a 12-board sanctioned game.
- OC Metro has opened a game on Friday afternoon, which is likely to reduce our Friday table count.

March 26th Unit Game

- Director: Steve Rowe
- Boards: Lillian
- Fees: Lillian and Melanie Smothers will tally the money collected. Judy will circulate with change prior to the game.
- Refreshments: Judy will purchase a cake to celebrate all the award winners.
- Our attendance at the unit game may be reduced by the South Bay's "Eight Is Enough" STaC game/luncheon on the same date.
- Fern will congratulate all the award winners during the unit game. Free Plays, Ace of Club certificates, and license plates have already been distributed.
- Lillian reported that, as authorized by the board earlier, she changed the sanctioned date of the unit game in May to the 21st to avoid a conflict with Memorial Day.

Leisure World Update

- Judy reported they had 17 days of games, averaging 6.1 tables.
- On March 13, in a field of seven tables, Schmuel Fisher and Thad Mikols had a 71.43% game.

New Business

- We are still considering offering evening games but have no specific plans yet.
- The March team game was well attended and well run with Sean using the Bridgemates for scoring. Lillian had to make 2 more sets of boards to accommodate the large group.
- It was suggested that, in future games, the tables be spread out to prevent players from viewing other people's cards.
- Rob is considering a morning team game as part of supervised play.
- Lillian proposed that we have spring and September Pro-Am games. Bridge Brigade will find dates for these Pro-Ams.
- Ann Peacock volunteered to represent us at the ALACBU meetings.
- Jenny reported that all our sanctioned events are covered under ACBL insurance.

Adjournment: Alan moved and Jenny seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:31.

Next Meeting: April 17, 2023, at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Leventhal, Secretary