

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
ACBL Unit 540, San Luis Obispo County
January 14, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 12:23 PM by President Fred Strong as a Special Meeting of the membership in view of irregularities in publicizing the date, time and place of the Annual Meeting under provisions set out in Unit 540 By-Laws.

The President defined the issues and asked for a voice vote to hear any objections to suspension of the rules, holding the Annual Meeting as publicized. No objection was voiced and the meeting proceeded to the published agenda.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Secretary Bob Karriker read minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Unit, held January 10, 2016, as prepared by then-Secretary Charles Davis. Moved, Seconded and Approved by acclamation to approve the Minutes as read.

Annual Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Pat Hallock read the 2016 Yearly Financial Report for ACBL Unit 540, reporting funds on hand as of 1/1/2016 being \$10,760.26 (Checking Account -- \$7,382.62; Savings Account -- \$3,377.64).

Annual revenues for 1/1/16 through 12/31/16 were as follows: Revenue -- \$25,171.96; Expenses -- \$28,701.23, leaving balance on hand of \$7,223.01 (Checking -- \$3,844.35; Savings -- \$3,378.66.

Moved, Seconded and Approved by acclamation to approve the Annual Treasurer's Report as presented.

Jim Parks, Secretary, ACBL District 22, presented a Good Citizenship award from the District to Bill Ringbom (nominated by Gina Kirk) for his outstanding contributions to promoting and facilitating duplicate bridge in the San Luis Obispo DBC and throughout the Unit.

Jan Zinner made a brief presentation noting players in Units 540 and 543 who made advancements in the ACBL ranking hierarchy. A small brochure was placed at every table for members' information, with the caveat that there were still probable changes to be made since ACBL had not made a final compilation of member points earned to date of the meeting.

Election of New Officers to the Board. President Strong read the list of nominees, which had been prepared by Nominating Committee and vetted as to willingness to serve on the board. Those persons were Pat Hallock, David Gillette, Loueen Harsch and Jim Parks. President Strong then opened the floor for nominations from the floor. A single person was nominated – Mike Carroll, and the entire slate of candidates was approved by the membership by voice vote, with no objection being voiced.

Inasmuch as there were no further announcements, it was moved, seconded and approved by voice vote at 12:33 PM to adjourn the meeting to a date to January, 2018, to be announced later.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Karriker, Secretary – Unit 540

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
January 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM, by President Fred Strong. Present – Jan Zinner, Judy Obermeier, Pat Hallock, Bob Karriker, Bill Woodson, Leda Fields and Bud Zeuschner. Absent -- Louise Abbott.

1. Call Meeting to Order. Fred Strong handed out copies of the agenda to the board members and reviewed the issues with those present.
2. Review and Approval of the December, 2016 minutes. Copies of minutes, lacking data about Treasurer's report for November, 2016, were distributed. After brief discussion, during which time the missing dollar amounts, as well as the amount to be reimbursed to Black Lake DBC, were supplied, the minutes were approved as supplemented.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock provided printed copies of reports for October, November and December, 2016, to supplement the hand-written copies submitted during her absence from Board meetings. An error in the November report was discovered, and the report was then approved as corrected.
4. Old Business
 - A. Update on the status of the 2017 Sectional Tournament—Fred Strong reported a communication from Louise Abbott, noting that the preparations are on-going and on schedule.
 - B. Nominating Committee Report – Proposed Candidate Gina Kirk declined to serve, Pat Hallock agreed to remain on Board, David Gillette and Jim Parks accepted nomination to a position on the Board, and in the absence of a third candidate, Bud Zeuschner agreed to remain on as a member pro tempore until a third candidate is approved. Loueen Harsch was advanced as a possible Board member, but was not in attendance to accept immediately.
 - C. Payments to SLO Senior Center procedure. After discussion, it was agreed to make an annual contribution' to the Center in exchange for storage facilities they will be providing.
5. New Business
 - A. Unit 540 Annual Meeting. Due to irregularities in sending notice to the general membership, it was moved and seconded that at the organized meeting Saturday, January 14, 2017, prior to the January Unit Championship Game, the discrepancy would be noted and a vote taken to permit a suspension of the rules in order for the meeting and presentation of the slate of candidates to take place on that date. In the event that substantial opposition to this procedure is voiced by the membership, the meeting would be rescheduled by the Board. This resolution was approved.

- B. Payment for Equipment and Supplies, and category determination. After being presented with an invoice by Morro Bay DBC for reimbursement of costs to replace 5 bidding boxes and sets of plastic bidding cards, a discussion ensued as to whether bidding box cards should be considered as Equipment or Supplies for reimbursement. It was finally moved and seconded that both items, as well as card carrying cases which fit the sets of boards used with the dealing machines, be reimbursed as Equipment, and therefore eligible for 100% reimbursement. The motion was approved.
 - C. Unit Games and Unit Game at Clubs schedule for 2017. Unit 540 has been allocated sanctions by ACBL for 24 Unit Games. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to divide the games among the Unit (for Unit Championship Games) and the individual clubs as follows: Unit Championship Games – 9; Five Cities DBC – 3; Black Lake/Nipomo DBC – 1; Morro Bay DBC – 2; Paso Robles DBC – 4; San Luis Obispo DBC – 5 (possibly 6) if one game moved from another venue.
 - D. New item. Moved and seconded to authorize Fred Strong to purchase pins and coffee cups to award winners of the mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs races. Approved.
6. Club Activity Reports.
- A. Morro Bay DBC– Bill Woodson announced that he is relinquishing position of “Supplymeister.” Judy Obermeier agreed to serve after appropriate mentoring.
 - B. Black Lake/Nipomo DBC – starting a series of novice games at Zinner home to encourage new players from the area.
 - C. Paso Robles DBC – Fred announced a new ‘irregular’ series of lessons for novices to be held in Paso Robles.
7. Adjourn—Fred adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM. The next meeting will be Friday, February 10, 2017 at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
February 10, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM, by President Fred Strong. Present – Judy Obermeier, Pat Hallock, Bob Karriker, David Gillette, Mike Carroll and Leda Fields. Absent – Jan Zinner and Jim Parks . Louise Abbott attended to give report on status of preparations for the unit Sectional Tournament (Feb. 24-26, 2017).

1. Call Meeting to Order. Fred Strong handed out copies of the agenda to the board members and reviewed the issues with those present.

2. Review and Approval of the January, 2017 minutes. M/S by Pat Hallock/Fred Strong to approve. The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock provided copies of the January, 2017 report for approval. Funds on hand were as follows: Checking acct. -- \$4,345.78; Savings acct. -- \$3,378.66, for a total of \$7,724.44. M/S by David Gillette/Bob Karriker to approve. The report was approved as submitted with one abstention (Mike Carroll).

4. Old Business

Update on the status of the 2017 Sectional Tournament—Louise Abbott presented a detailed account of ongoing preparations. Noted that Clubs in the unit were going to be providing funding to supplement Unit funds to offset food costs.

Rank Advancement items – continued in absence of Jan Zinner.

Reporter still needed for Forum – continued.

5. New Business

- A. Election of Unit officers. – The following offices were filled:

*President – Fred Strong
Vice-President – David Gillette
Treasurer – Pat Hallock
Secretary – Bob Karriker*

*Electronic Contact person – David Gillette
Positions of Tournament Chair and Sanctions Officer remain unfilled.*

- B. Appointment of Committees and Committee Chairs – continued.
- C. Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs Items. Fred Strong noted that the awards had been purchased and were on hand.
- D. A proposal by 5 Cities DBC for reimbursement of the table fees for first time players at the club was rejected.
- E. Noted that the Unit needed to secure the 503C registration number from ACBL for projected gifts of wine for the tournament.

6. Club Activity Reports. Noted by Board that directors in all club games need to remind players that it is their duty to be seated and ready to play when the game clock sounds 0 minutes remaining/the start of the new round. Many players are lax in this regard, to the consternation of others who must wait to start their play.

7. Adjourn—Fred adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM. The next meeting will be Friday, March 10, 2017 at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
March 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM, by President Fred Strong. Absent – David Gillette and Judy Obermeier.

1. Call Meeting to Order. Fred Strong handed out copies of the agenda to the board members and reviewed the issues with those present.
2. Review and Approval of the February, 2017 minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock provided copies of the February, 2017 report for approval. Funds on hand were as follows: Checking acct. -- \$6,582.35; Savings acct. -- \$3,378.66, for a total of \$9,961.01. The report contained information regarding initial income from the February Sectional of \$4,941.00 (after expenses for directors had been paid). A complete summary of income and expenses in connection with the tournament will be compiled and presented at the next Board meeting April 14, 2017. The report was approved as submitted after discussion.
4. Old Business
 - A. Report on the 2017 Sectional Tournament—many compliments received regarding venue, professionalism of tournament directors and food and drink provisions. Full financial report to be delivered at next Board meeting.
 - B. Rank Advancement items – Jan Zinner prepared brochure which was distributed at February Unit Game. Proposed and approved to provide an electronic copy to the membership.
5. New Business
 - A. Gayle Lapins to address Board – wants to make sure that achievement of Gary Arthurs to reach Diamond Life Master status noted (in minutes and on Unit 540 web site). She also suggested that a monthly listing of Unit members who have advanced in the ACBL ranking hierarchy should be prepared and distributed (including being posted on the Unit 540 web site).
 - B. Gina Kirk seeking support for a series of games commemorating The Longest Day, a day set aside by ACBL to raise funds in support of research on Alzheimer's Disease. Her proposal: for the Unit to hold a series of 4 games (3 day and 1 evening) at various clubs. She is requesting \$500 in 'seed money' to move forward with inviting a speaker to a central location and to organize a series of lessons for beginners to be held concurrently. Moved/seconded and approved to authorize tentative support for initial inquiries.

- C. Moved/seconded to reimburse Fred Strong for transportation of the Unit's dealing machine to Mountain View, CA, for repairs, and returning same to San Luis Obispo--\$30.
 - D. Moved/seconded to pay Barbara Hardin an additional \$100 for conducting further classes for her continuing students in Morro Bay.
 - E. Leda Fields requested funding of up to \$600 for holding a set of bridge lessons for beginners on Wednesday afternoons at San Luis Obispo Senior Center. Jim Parks noted that (partial) funding for such programs is available from District 22 Headquarters and suggested that this resource be investigated further.
 - F. Gina Kirk requested that the Board look into partial funding for replacement of bridge tables for Five Cities DBC. The topic will be further investigated before making any decision.
 - G. Jim Parks inquired about the interest in initiating a request for a "Senior Regional" Tournament to be held in San Luis Obispo. After some discussion, it was agreed to move forward on this topic.
6. Club Activity Reports. Black Lake Club reported a new novice game being initiated for Tuesdays in the evening.
5 Cities DBC reported the success of their Thursday afternoon games, averaging 18-20 tables/game. They are also hosting a novice game under their Easy Bridge program, now running 8-9 tables/game.
7. Adjourn—Fred adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM. The next meeting will be Friday, April 14, 2017 at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
April 14, 2017

Due to the absence of a quorum, the regularly scheduled meeting of Unit 540 Board was continued as a meeting of the Committee of the Whole to discuss participation in the ACBL sponsored "Longest Day," a charity event held annually on June 20 or June 21, the date of summer equinox, in support of research by the Alzheimer's Association.

The members present recommended that Unit 540 and its affiliated players should set of participation goal of \$1,000.00, to be reached by donations from the individual clubs (Suggested club sponsorship level -- \$100.00) and contributions by players in lieu of table fees for games to be held.

The committee adjourned, leaving its recommendation to be considered at the next fully constituted Board meeting on May 12, 2017.

Respectfully submitted

Robert J. Karriker, Unit Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
May 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM, by President Fred Strong. Other members present: Pat Hallock, Jim Parks, David Gillette, Leda Fields, Jan Zinner, Robert Karriker.

1. Call Meeting to Order. Fred Strong handed out copies of the agenda to the board members and reviewed the issues with those present.
2. Review and Approval of the March, 2017 minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Treasurer's Report. Pat Hallock provided copies of the March and April, 2017 reports for approval. March: Checking acct. – Initial monies available: \$6,582.35; Savings acct. -- \$3,378.66, for a total of \$9,961.01. After deductions of Expenses for holding the Sectional event and other miscellaneous expenses totaling \$2,842.76, closing balances were – Checking -- \$4,071.29 and Savings \$3,378.91, for a total of \$7,450.02
April: Income of \$400.00 and expenses, of \$62.38, leaving final balances as of April 30, 2017 – Checking -- \$4,408.91 and Savings of \$3,378.91, for a total available balance of \$7,787.81.
The reports were approved, as corrected, after discussion.

Following approval of the most recent Unit minutes and treasurer's reports, the Board adjourned into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board returned to the agenda for the day.

4. Old Business

A. Report by Gail Lapins on preparations for the ACBL-sponsored "Longest Day" charity event in support of the Alzheimer's Association research. Games will be scheduled at the individual clubs for Wednesdays where facilities are available. The daytime events in San Luis Obispo are tentatively set to be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (2201 Lawton Ave., SLO) – Open Games @ 7:30 AM and 1:00 PM, with evening game to be take place at the SLO Senior Center.

Gail also itemized numerous donations which had been provided for a "silent auction" to be held at the San Luis Obispo venue around the appearance by Eddie Kantar.

Tom Snow will offer a lesson and game for Beginners (0-50 MP) and players in the 250'er group (St. Stephens Episcopal Church – 1344 Nipomo St., SLO), beginning @ 1:00 PM.

The Board approved reimbursement of expenses up to \$1,000, and recommended that as part of this commitment, each club consider donating a minimum of \$100.00 to the cause. ACBL Table fees will be waived at the clubs, and it was suggested that directors waive or donate their fees for the day in support of the occasion.

5. New Business

A. Rank Advancement items – as a part of the decision to send a monthly e-mail announcement of rank advances of individual members, David Gillette noted that the e-mail roster being utilized by the unit was incomplete. The Board authorized him to send an e-mail notice to all members with certified e-mail addresses supplied by ACBL to confirm their desire to continue receiving notices from the Unit.

B. The board voted to authorize expenditure of up to \$15.00 for awards to persons reaching the 2,500 point Gold Life Master plateau.

C. Issues arising during the Sectional tournament held in February were noted. Due to time constraints, this topic was tabled until the June 9 meeting.

6. Club Activity Reports. SLO DBC announced a dinner and game on Wednesday evening, June 7, 2017, will be held to honor Richard Stacy, and any donations raised will be given to support ALS research.

7. Adjourn—Fred adjourned the meeting at 12:17 PM. The next meeting will be Friday, **June 9**, 2017, at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted -- Robert Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
August 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM, by Vice-President David Gillette. Other members present: Judy Obermeier, Leda Fields and Robert Karriker.

1. Call Meeting to Order. Vice-President Gillette handed out copies of the agenda to the board members and reviewed the issues with those present.
2. Review and Approval of the June, 2017 minutes. The minutes had been previously approved by e-mail to provide certification of the appointment of Judy Obermeier to serve as Unit Treasurer.
3. Treasurer's Report. New Treasurer Obermeier provided the July, 2017 report, showing beginning balances as of 7/1/17 as follows: Checking -- \$4,444.31; Savings -- \$3,379.16 for a total of \$7,823.47. Income in July was \$200.00 from unit game, and Expenses, which included yet unreimbursed expenses in connection with the Longest Day fundraising game were \$1,406.38, a negative expenditure of \$1,206.38. The resulting balances are: **Checking -- \$3,237.93; Savings -- \$3,379.16 for a total of \$6,617.09.**

The treasurer also sought approval to combine the two accounts to reduce banking charges. The Board unanimously approved this bookkeeping matter.

4. Old Business
 - A. Planning for 2018 Unit 540 Sectional Tournament – Louise Abbott announced that she was resigning her position as Planning Chair for the event, effective immediately.
 - B. In soliciting members for a planning committee, Leda Fields agreed to take on the job of Committee head, and Jan Zinner, either Mike Carroll or Judy Obermeier and one additional person were recommended to serve with Leda. The Board accepted the suggestion, which is to be finalized at the September 8, 2017 meeting.

As her first duty, Ms Fields is to finalize a contract with Elks Lodge and advise the Board as soon as negotiations are completed.

Official ACBL sanctions for the games are still to be secured, as are tournament dates and arrangements for food. It was suggested that clubs be solicited for contributions to purchase some manner of food in the absence of kitchen privileges at the Elks Lodge.

5. New Business
 - A. The idea of the Unit providing some type of 'scholarship' funds to assist persons with limited resources in playing at club games. The sense of the Board was that this suggestion should not be approved by the Unit, but rather that this should be a matter of club discretion.
 - B. A name change request has been submitted by Treasurer Obermeier to insure that tax records and banking records are maintained under the same Unit name.
6. Club Activity Reports.
 - A. SLO Bridge Club announced the election of club officers to be held 9/29/17.
 - B. 5 Cities DBC announced a new set of lessons to be given by Mr. Tom Snow will begin in mid-September.
7. Adjournment—the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM to Friday, September 8, 2017, at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted -- Robert Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
September 8, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by President Fred Strong, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. Also present were current Board members Leda Fields, Judy Obermeier, David Gillette, Jan Zinner and Bob Karriker,. Members Mike Carroll and Jim Parks were absent

1. Review and Approval of the August minutes. Bob Karriker distributed copies to all board members; approved on motion of David Gillette and second of Leda Fields.
2. Treasurer's Report. Judy Obermeier reported balances on hand as of 7/31/17: Checking--\$3,237.93 & Savings--\$3,379.16, a combined total of \$6,617.09. Treasurer Obermeier reported that she had merged the 2 accounts to cut back on bank service charges, and, after income of \$355.00 and monthly expenses of \$215.16 for net monthly income of **\$139.84**, the available balance in the unit account is \$6,756.93. The report was approved on motion of Jan Zinner and second of David Gillette.
3. Old Business
 - A. Planning for the 2018 Sectional. Leda Fields reported that Elks' Lodge quoted a price of \$1,797.78 for the 3-day rental period, as opposed to \$700.00 last year. Other venues are to be sought.
 1. The idea of setting up a '299-er' game instead of a '199-er' game was discussed. A proposal to allow participants with less than 5 MP to play for free in the Friday afternoon (299-er) game was approved.
 2. Ms. Fields suggested a budget of \$500.00 for the Sunday lunch during the Swiss Teams match, **with \$6/person** to be provided from the proposed card fee of \$120/team.
 3. Food/snacks for the Friday and Saturday games are to be funded by a proposed 'assessment' of \$25/game/club, or a budget of \$400.00. Clubs should also solicit homemade 'goodies' from members, the details to be determined.
 3. Breakfast/Morning snacks will be under supervision of Gina Kirk, and afternoon snacks will be overseen by Jan Zinner.
 4. Wine contributions from area wineries are to be made in the name of Morro Bay DBC since they are a qualified 501 C (3) organization, whereas the tax status of the Unit is uncertain. Donations will be formally acknowledged in some manner.
 - B. Advancement notifications and the In/Out reports are being overseen by David Gillette. Response of the membership has been very positive.
4. New Business.
 - A. SECTIONAL CARD FEES. It was moved to increase card fees at the 2018 Sectional to \$12/person (\$120/team for the Swiss Teams game on Sunday). After substantial discussion, the Board unanimously concurred.
 - B. NOMINATING COMMITTEE. A need for a nominating committee for election of officers at Annual Unit Meeting in January, 2018 was advanced. It was suggested to nominate 1 Board member and 2 non-members to identify 5 candidates for the positions to be filled. David Gillette volunteered to serve as Board member on the committee and to recruit the other members.
 - C. Gina Kirk reported that ACBL has dropped its organizational requirement that individuals grant permission for their personal information to be included on membership lists, and is requesting the compilation of a Unit 540 Telephone Roster. The sense of the Board that this information is not for publication. The matter may be discussed further.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM, until the next meeting – November 10, 2017 @ 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Karriker

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting
San Luis Obispo Unit 540
October 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 11:44 AM, by President Fred Strong. Other members present: Judy Obermeier, David Gillette, Jim Parks and Robert Karriker.

1. Call Meeting to Order. President Strong handed out copies of the agenda to the board members and reviewed the issues with those present.
2. Review and Approval of the September, 2017 minutes. Minutes were approved as submitted by Secretary Karriker.
3. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Obermeier reported balance of \$6,756.93 as of 8/31/.
Income in September was \$250.00 from unit game, refund of \$237.50 from 5 Cities DBC for advanced funding for the Longest Day campaign, \$100.00 from SLODBC, a \$12.00 Maintenance Refund, a total of \$599.50, and Expenses of \$290.90, a net income of \$308.60. The resulting balance as of 9/27/17 is \$7077.53. The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted after brief discussion..
4. Old Business
 - A. Planning for 2018 Unit 540 Sectional Tournament – Leda Fields submitted a report to the committee electronically since she was not in attendance. Preparations are well advanced at time time.
 - B. A committee of David Gillette, Bill Donovan and Gary Yant was constituted to select a list of nominees to Board offices being vacated in January. As of this date the committee was to select a field of three candidates for two anticipated vacancies.
5. New Business – Board members selected 1/13/2018, the date of the January, 2018 Unit Game, to be held in San Luis Obispo as the date and cite of the 2018 Annual Unit 540 meeting..
6. Adjournment—the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 AM to Friday, November 10, 2017, at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted -- Robert Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

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

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
December 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Fred Strong at 11:30. Not present Bob Karriker and Jan Zinner.

David Gillette moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Leda Fields seconded and the motion passed.

The treasurer's report was presented. There was a discussion about the way the report was presented. The treasurer did not include the director payment from the November game in the report because the check had not cleared the bank. It was decided that this was OK. Mike moved to accept the report. Bill Ringbom seconded and the motion passed.

It was observed that the formal notice of the Annual meeting had gone out.

The sectional committee will start having meetings in January. The committee consists of Leda Fields, Lou Harsch, Jim Borland, Jan Zinner, Mike Carrol, Gayle Larson, and Carol Raimondo. Leda also requested that all clubs get their food fund contributions. She presented the SLO club check. It was noted that Paso had paid and that Morro Bay had approved the expense.

Leda proposed having intermediate level classes twice a month on Friday before the game. She has talked to several people who are interested in teaching. She requested that we pay \$25 a session to the instructor. This was moved by Mike, seconded by Bill and carried.

There was a discussion of whether or not the unit should contribute to the SLO senior center as the SLO club does. It was thought that we had contributed \$150 last year. Mike moved to contribute that amount this year. Leda seconded and it passed. It was later brought up that the contribution last year was \$250. Bill moved so to amend, and Leda seconded . This also passed.

There was a general discussion involving getting Bill more information for the web site. This mostly involves having up to date information for the discussed training, the easy bridge classes in Pismo, and the novice game in Black Lake.

Leda noted that she is working on obtaining unit sanctions for next year. She is waiting for information from Jim Solomon on how many STaC games will be on Saturday so she can propose distribution of the remaining sanctions to the clubs.

Club reports: SLO will be closed from 16th until Friday January 5th. There will be an email to the SLO club email list with that information and the fact that Morro Bay will hold games on the 22nd and 29th.

Black Lake is changing the novice game master point limit from 20 to 100. This will take effect in January.

The first STaC of 2018 will be the week of March 19th. On the 19th, instead of participating in the STaC, Paso will hold a senior pairs game. To be a senior, current ACBL rules require that your date of birth be before January 1, 1959.

Bill Ringbom moved to adjourn until next meeting date January 10, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Karriker (from meeting notes compiled by David Gillette)