

Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
ACBL Unit 540, San Luis Obispo County  
January 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order before the membership at 12:25 PM by President Fred Strong.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Secretary Bob Karriker read minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Unit, held January 10, 2017. It was moved by David Gillette and seconded by Bill Ringbon to approve, and the minutes were accepted by acclamation as read.

Annual Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Judy Obermeier read the 2017 Yearly Financial Report for ACBL Unit 540, reporting funds on hand as of 12/29/2017 being \$7187.00. Annual revenues for 1/1/17 through 12/29/16 were as follows: Revenue -- \$9,604.00; Expenses -- \$9,640.00, leaving balance on hand of \$7,187.52.

It was moved, by Mike Carroll and seconded by Bob Karriker to approve the Annual Treasurer's Report; the report was approved as presented.

President Strong, presented the District 22 Goodwill Award to Gail Lapins (nominated by President Strong) for her outstanding contributions to promoting and facilitating duplicate bridge in the San Luis Obispo DBC and throughout the Unit.

Election of New Officers to the Board. President Strong read the list of nominees, which had been prepared by the Nominating Committee and vetted as to willingness to serve on the board. Those persons were Jim Borland, Bob Karriker, Judy Obermeier, Jack Phirman, Fred Strong and Jan Zinner. President Strong then opened the floor for nominations from the floor; Gail Larson was nominated, but declined to serve; Jim Merzon was nominated, but Mr. Merzon declined since he is not an active member of Unit 540.

Ballots were then circulated to the membership, who voted (1 vote per candidate) for up to 5 nominees. The meeting was recessed until ballots could be collected and counted. Meanwhile preparations for the January Unit Championship Game continued.

Results of the election were announced prior to commencement of the game. The new members of the Board, elected to a 2-year term were as follows: Jim Borland, Bob Karriker, Judy Obermeier, Jack Phirman, and Jan Zinner. Past President Strong will continue as a non-voting member of the Board.

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 place and date in January, 2019, to be announced later.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Karriker, Secretary – Unit 540

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Unit 540 Executive Board  
January 12, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Fred Strong, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. Board members Leda Fields and Bill Ringbom were absent. Bob Karriker arrived several minutes after the meeting opened.

1. Treasurer's Report. Judy Obermeier reported balance of \$7,187.52 on hand as of 12/29/17 (total income of \$390.00 and monthly expenses of \$185.0 for net monthly income of \$285.00). The report was approved on motion of David Gillette and second by Bob Karriker.
2. Review and Approval of the December minutes. Bob Karriker distributed copies of minutes compiled from notes taken by David Gillette. It was moved by Jan Zinner and seconded by David Gillette that the minutes be approved as submitted.
3. Old Business
  - A. Presentation of agenda for the 2018 Unit Meeting, to be held Saturday, January 13, 2018 at the San Luis Obispo Senior Center. President Strong presented an 8-point agenda, which was agreed to as presented. The annual election of new Board members and presentation of the District 22 Goodwill Award were key points.
  - B. Planning for 2018 Sectional tournament. Leda Fields had earlier announced her resignation as Tournament chair. Gail Larsen was nominated to fill the position, which the board unanimously approved.
4. New Business. In the absence of New Business or Club Reports, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52AM, until the next meeting – February 9, 2018 @ 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Karriker*

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

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

Meeting was called to order by President Fred Strong, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. Board member Jim Parks was absent.

1. Review and Approval of the January, 2018 minutes. Bob Karriker distributed copies of minutes. It was moved by David Gillette, seconded by Mike Carroll that the minutes be approved as submitted. No objection.
2. Treasurer's Report. Judy Obermeier reported balance of \$7,512.73 on hand as of 1/31/18 (total income of \$640.00 and monthly expenses of \$314.79) for net monthly income of \$325.21). The report was approved without objection on motion of Mike Carroll and second by Bob Karriker.
3. Old Business
  - A. Results of the Annual election of Officers for Unit 540 Board of Directors, which was held during the annual meeting held 1/13/2018, were certified and new board members John Phirman and Jim Borland were seated (replacing Fred Strong and Leda Fields).
  - B. Planning for 2018 Sectional tournament. Newly appointed chairperson Gail Larsen gave a brief report on progress, indicating that everything was in good shape and requesting assistance for delivery, set-up, take-down and return of game tables to club facilities in Pismo Beach and Morro Bay. Helpers were identified.
4. New Business.
  - A. Election of a new slate of officers to serve for the coming year resulted in the following appointments:
    1. President and Unit Electronic Contact – David Gillette
    2. Vice-President – Mike Carroll
    3. Treasurer – Judy Obermeier
    4. Secretary – Bob Karriker
    5. Membership Chair and Unit Education Coordinator – Jan Zinner
    6. Unit Webmaster and Disciplinary Chair – Bill Ringbom
    7. Tournament Chair – Gayle Larson
  - B. Jan Zinner and David Gillette acknowledged the years of service to the Board rendered by Fred Strong, who continues to sit as a non-voting Board member as Past-President. April 14, 2018, the date for the April Unit Game, was designated as Fred Strong Appreciation Day. A special luncheon will be provided for members prior to the game.
  - C.
    1. Lesson series: Gail Lapins will give a series of lessons on Friday mornings in February, beginning at 10:30 AM, stressing play of the hand and effective defense tactics. Tom Snow will also begin a series of Friday lectures on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays in March, beginning at 11:00 AM. All lessons are to take place in the San Luis Obispo Senior Center.
    2. Youth Bridge Camp: Preliminary discussions on the possibility of conducting a summer 'camp' for younger players in the Unit 540 area were opened.
    3. Mentored games: The idea was raised of holding a mentored game on the second Saturday of every month, prior to the monthly Unit Game held at the SLO Senior Center, given an adequate number of interested parties. This idea is to be followed up by informal surveys of the unit clubs.
  - D. Distribution of the Unit 540 e-mail roster. The matter has been broached again, with individuals requesting a copy of the roster in furtherance of bridge-oriented objectives. Preliminary discussion indicated that the sense of the Board is that this list should only be distributed to officers and club managers (and presidents). More discussion will take place at the meeting in March, time permitting.

With no more business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned to March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Karriker*

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Unit 540 Executive Board  
March 8, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President David Gillette, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. Board members Jim Parks, Jan Zinner and Bill Ringbom were absent.

1. Review and Approval of the February, 2018 minutes. Bob Karriker distributed copies of minutes. It was moved by Mike Carroll, seconded by Jack Phirman that the minutes be approved. No objection.
2. Treasurer's Report. Judy Obermeier reported the new balance of \$14,189.43 on hand as of 2/28/18 (total income of \$7304.00, including \$5,862,00 gross income from the February, 2018 sectional tournament, and monthly expenses of \$627.20) for gross monthly income of \$6,676.70). Treasurer Obermeier advised that inasmuch as the monthly report is compiled from bank statements, the net monthly income will be markedly less because several checks written to cover tournament expenses had not yet been submitted for payment. Unofficially, tournament expenses were \$4,714.73, leaving an approximate net income from the tournament of approximately \$1,148.00. After discussion and explanatory marks, the report was approved without objection on motion of Mike Carroll and second by Bob Karriker.
3. Old Business

- A. Sectional report and any necessary actions. Tournament Coordinator Gayle Larsen was unable to attend the meeting, but she did submit a final report to the board. Her figures are shown below:

INCOME: \$5862.00 from card fees and \$500.00 individual clubs contributions toward food: TOTAL \$6362.00

EXPENSES: Elks Club (hall rental + Coffee provision) -- \$1,778.88  
ACBL FEES: \$2,006.85  
SEED MONEY FOR STARTUP EXPENSES: \$200.00  
Food and Supplies: \$730.00  
(Caddy Fees added at the meeting): \$100.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$4,814.73

NET PROFIT: \$1,048.00

Comparison of 2017 – 2018:

2017 Table Count – 151

2017 Income -- \$4,941.00

2018 Table Count – 136

2018 Income -- \$5,862.00

(Noted: the increase in income came primarily by increasing card fees from \$10 to \$12/person.)

DISCUSSION POINTS:

1. Since our advertising flyers did not mention that the games were to be held under:Zero Tolerance" policy, the director was unable to impose penalties for infractions.
2. Director suggested that a single tournament director could handle tournament business with assistance from a locally qualified director for assistant.
3. Comments from participants that 2 "hospitality breaks" were excessive – one will suffice
4. Suggestion to pre-order Sunday lunch for a specific number of participants.
5. Suggestion for earlier AM start time, 9:30 AM proposed.

6. ACBL's "e-mail blast" underutilized.
  7. Begin negotiations with ELKS Club immediately and enter into a signed contract with the organization.
4. New Business.
- A. Goals of the Sectional Tournament: ACBL MANDATE – for us, 1<sup>st</sup> – fund raising to support bridge instruction throughout the Unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> – helps fund supply purchases for clubs that the Unit authorizes; 3<sup>rd</sup> – provide a social milieu to meet players from areas and learn about bridge experiences elsewhere.
  - B. Longest Day – ACBL announced that the annual “Longest Day” games to support Alzheimer research has been extended to the “Longest Week,” i.e. individual clubs are free to sponsor day-long events in support of the Longest Day campaign on any day during the designated week. The games will still be held on a club-by-club option.
  - C. Special luncheon honoring Fred Strong. The luncheon date was set as April 14, 2018, immediately prior to the April Unit Championship Game. Budget for the gala was set at \$80.00. Heidi and Bob Karriker, assisted by Jim and Kathy Borland, will provide the food.
  - D. Card fees for subsequent Unit Games to increase to \$6.00, beginning with the April 14 game.
  - E. Decided that the Unit President would be responsible for finding an alternate Director for the Unit Games. Jim Solomon was subsequently named permanent director of the Unit Games, and the President delegated responsibility to Mr. Solomon to name an alternate director should he be unavailable.

With no more business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned to April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Karriker*

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Unit 540 Executive Board  
April 13, 2018

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

1. Review and Approval of the March, 2018 minutes. Bob Karriker distributed copies of minutes. It was moved by Jim Parks, seconded by Jan Zinner that the minutes be revised to reflect accurate data concerning income from the Sectional Tournament. No objection. The revised minutes will be presented at the May 11, 2018 meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report. Judy Obermeier reported the new balance of \$10,104.93 on hand as of 3/30/18 (net income of \$4,084.50). After discussion, the report was approved without objection on motion of Jan Zinner and second by Bob Karriker.
3. Old Business
  - A. Sectional discussion and any necessary actions. Tournament Coordinator Gayle Larsen has resigned. The Board unanimously agreed to the appointment of Art Hebron as the new Coordinator; Jan Zinner agreed to assist.
4. New Business.
  - A. SUPPLIES – Bill Ringbom has agreed to continue printing score sheets. He will present receipts for materials used from time to time.
  - B. NOTED—The individual clubs within Unit 540 will soon have additional funds available. Jim Parks reported that due to cessation of publication of the Contract Bridge Forum after the April, 2018 issue, District 22 will no longer be supporting this activity. Additionally, District 22 will no longer be collecting funds from STAC games. Instead, this money will remain with the individual clubs for their own educational programs
5. Club reports. 5 Cities DBC reports the “Easy Bridge” lesson series is continuing. Fees are \$6/player/lesson.

With no more business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned to May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Karriker*

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Unit 540 Executive Board  
May 11, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President David Gillette, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. Board members Judy Obermeier and Mike Carroll were absent.

1. Review and Approval of the revised March, 2018 minutes. Bob Karriker distributed copies of revised minutes. The revised minutes were approved without further discussion. Minutes of the April, 2018 were submitted for discussion. It was moved by Bill Ringbom, seconded by Jim Borland that the minutes be approved as submitted. There were no objections.
2. Treasurer's Report. The report of Treasurer Obermeier was submitted *in absentia*. The balance on hand as of 3/30/18 was \$10,104.93; after income of \$350.00 from the April Unit Game and expenses of \$916.04, the new balance on hand is \$9,538.89. Moved by Jan Zinner to accept the report as submitted; on second by Bill Ringbom, the report was accepted without discussion.
3. Old Business. Sectional discussion and any necessary actions.
  - A. Jan Zinner noted that a sanction had been requested for the weekend of 3/24/19 instead of a date in February so as to avoid conflict with other area events.
  - B. Negotiations with the Elks Lodge for use of the facility continue; the proposed contract is ready for submission. Bill Ringbom suggested as an alternative, that the facilities at Oxford Suites Conference Center be evaluated before contracting with the Elks club.
  - C. Discussion was opened on the possibility of sponsoring a second tournament during the year. The proposal was to evaluate holding a Seniors Regional tournament to be held at Paso Robles Convention Center.
  - D. Jan Zinner discussed the need for better marketing of the 2019 Sectional. The possibility of having flyers available for distribution at the Memorial Day tournament in Sacramento was raised.
4. New Business.
  - A. NEWSLETTER. Noted that more funds will remain with the Unit as the Contract Bridge Forum will now be distributed electronically, eliminating the costs of printing and mailing the publication.
  - B. PRO-AM GAME. The possibility of holding a Saturday Unit Game as a "Pro-Am" event was raised.
  - C. BRIDGE CENTER. There was a motion by Jan Zinner to establish a committee to research the possible acquisition or long term leasing of a facility in which to establish a "Bridge Center" in San Luis Obispo.
5. Club Reports. – None forthcoming.

With no more business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned to June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Karriker*

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Unit 540 Executive Board  
June 8, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President David Gillette, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. Board members Jim Borland, Jack Phirman, Judy Obermeier, Jan Zinner and Bob Karriker were present.

1. Review and Approval of the May, 2018 minutes. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes of the May, 2018 meeting for discussion. It was moved by Jim Borland, seconded by Jack Phirman that the minutes be approved as submitted. There were no objections.
2. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Judy Obermeier submitted her report for the month of May. The balance on hand as of 4/30/18 was \$9,538.893; after income of \$312.00 from the Unit Game and expenses of \$364,51 , the new balance on hand is \$9,486.38, reflecting a net loss of \$52.51. Moved by Bob Karriker to accept the report as submitted; on second by Jack Phirman, the report was accepted without discussion.
3. Old Business. Sectional discussion and any necessary actions.
  - A. Jack Phirman noted that negotiations with the Elks Lodge are to be put on hold until January, 2019 at request of the Lodge. Their management is unwilling to make a commitment for rates so far in advance of the event. Phirman also reported that the facilities at Oxford Suites are insufficient to hold an event of the size envisioned for the 2019 Sectional.
  - B. Jan Zinner suggested that officers of the Elks Lodge be identified for possible personal contact to advance discussion of our contract.
  - C. Judy Obermeier remarked that any facility to be considered should have adequate parking available for the event.
  - D. Report of the Real Estate Committee was deferred until the August, 2019 meeting.
4. New Business.
  - A. PRO-AM GAME. The possibility of holding a Saturday Unit Game as a "Pro-Am" event was discussed further, and it was moved by Jim Borland to set the October, 2019 Unit Game as such event . Motion was seconded by Jan Zinner and approved unanimously.
  - B. BRIDGE INSTRUCTION TO CONTINUE IN SEPTEMBER. Leda Fields is in charge of recruiting instructors to offer a series of 3 Friday lectures, which will begin the 3rd week in September, and continue for 3 consecutive weeks. (No lessons to be offered the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday due to conflict with the regularly established time for the Unit Board Meetings.)
  - C. President Gillette will begin sending out a weekly e-mail schedule of events for games to be held in clubs in Unit 540.
5. Club Reports. – 5 Cities DBC noted that in support of "The Longest Day" campaign to support Alzheimer's Foundation research, board fees would be waived for the June 21<sup>st</sup> game, with the hope that participants would make contributions to the event.

San Luis Obispo DBC is entertaining the option of playing their games utilizing a set of nationally available boards (the so-called "Common Game.") Players would be able to compare their results with others across the country. There would be some time constraints so as to avoid having results available from East Coast games before games in our time zone would be complete, but the consensus is that these conditions would be manageable.

With no more business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned to August 10th, 2018 at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Karriker*

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary



Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Unit 540 Executive Board  
August 10, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President David Gillette, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. All Board members were present except Jim Parks and Mike Carroll.

1. Review and Approval of the June, 2018 minutes [no meeting held in July]. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes of the June, 2018 meeting for approval. It was moved by Bill Ringbom, seconded by Jack Phirman that the minutes be approved as submitted. There were no objections.
2. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Judy Obermeier submitted her reports for the months of June and July. The balance on hand as of 5/31/18 was \$9,486.38. After income of \$308.00 and expenses of \$458.15, including \$268.40 for unit supplies, the final June balance on hand was \$9,336.23; income for the month of July, 2018 was \$342.00, with expenses totaling \$174.53, the new available balance as of 7/31/18 was \$9,503.70. Moved by Bob Karriker to accept the report as submitted; on second by Jack Phirman, the report was accepted without discussion.
3. Old Business.
  - A. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. In view of the reluctance of the Elks' Lodge board to make a commitment to rental pricing, it was suggested that the Women's Center in Arroyo Grande be re-evaluated as a tournament site.
  - B. REPORT OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE. The Committee's report was presented by phone by Jan Zinner; David Gillette passed out copies of the initial Report from the Real Estate Committee for review. The report listed several factors which members feel will affect the decision to locate to a facility away from the SLO Senior Center: Motivating factors, Needs, Models, On-going Expenses, One-time expenses' Location contingencies, Existing Finances and Projected Income. The work of the committee will continue. A full copy of the report may be found on the Unit 540 website.

One possible site mentioned for further evaluation is the Oak Park Center near the San Luis Obispo Airport.
4. New Business.
  - A. PRO-AM GAME. The Board agreed to hold the October, 2019 Unit Game as such event. Jan Zinner agreed to prepare a public notice to members, and to compile a listing of participants and pairings.
  - B. ACBL 'COMMON GAME.' After considerable discussion of the merits and disadvantages of utilizing the ACBL-generated Common Game sets of hand, including the ineligibility of North County DBC games to participate due to starting time of the games (later than the mandated 12:30 PM Pacific/3:30 PM Eastern time), The Chair requested a motion to adopt, but none was forthcoming, and the matter was dropped.
5. Club Reports. – none were forthcoming.

With no more business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned to September 14, 2018, at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Karriker*

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Unit 540 Executive Board  
September 14, 2018

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

1. Review and Approval of the August, 2018 minute. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes for approval. The segment under New Business relating to Judy Obermeier offering to make a referral of a commercial realtor to the Real Estate Committee was stricken. It was moved by Bill Ringbom, seconded by Jack Phirman that the minutes be approved as amended. There were no objections.
2. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Judy Obermeier reported on income and expenses for the month of August.. The balance on hand as of 7/31/18 was \$9,503.70. After income of \$350.00 and expenses of \$202.67, the final August balance on hand was \$9,615.03. A scrivener's error was noted: that payment to Heidi for food was for the month of August, not April & May as initially shown. Moved by Mike Carroll to accept the report as corrected; motion approved without further discussion.
3. Old Business.
  - A. REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE REPORT – report was tabled due to the absence of Jan Zinner. The report will be made at the October, 2018 meeting.
  - B. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. The Women's Center in Arroyo Grande was selected as the site for the 2019 Sectional Tournament sponsored by Unit 540.
  - C. TABLED DISCUSSION OF COMMON GAME. After some discussion, including Mike Carroll relating an anecdote regarding his (and Judy Obermeier's) participation at a Common Game held at a club in North Carolina, and their surprise at seeing an additional 'award' of points for their standing in the entire field for that day, Bill Ringbom advised the Board that the extra 'points' awarded are not ACBL points, but "Common Game" points, and also raised the specter of the Game becoming a 'for charge' service after a trial period, the idea of adopting the Common Game was again tabled.
4. New Business.
  - A. YOUTH PROGRAM. After brief discussion of the need for instructional programs to expose more people to duplicate bridge, it was moved by Bill Ringbom and seconded by Jim Parks. That Jan Zinner be authorized to form a committee to look into setting up a program for young players (Jan had previously expressed a willingness to serve in this capacity).
  - B. OUTSIDE INSTRUCTORS. Discussion centered around attendance at lesson sessions offered by the individual clubs (faltering, but probably seasonal) to the desirability of contracting with out-of- instructors to offer intermediate and advanced level classes sponsored by the Unit. No further action was taken.
  - C. OTHER OUTSIDE TOPICS.
    1. David Gillett announced his intention to take further director training in order to be able to serve as an Assistant Director at tournaments.
    2. Jim Parks announced that District 22 is initiating an incentive program to increase membership at clubs in the district. Cash awards are planned for clubs meeting certain set criteria.
5. Club Reports. – none were forthcoming.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned to October 12, 2018, at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Karriker*

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Unit 540 Executive Board  
October 12, 2018

Prior to commencement of the meeting, Secretary Karriker announced to the members that Board President David Gillette has been certified as ACBL "Tournament Assistant Director," thereby qualifying him to assist the Director at Sectional level tournaments.

Meeting was then called to order by President David Gillette, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. All Board members were present except Mike Carroll.

1. Review and Approval of the September, 2018 minutes. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes for approval. It was moved by Judy Obermeier, seconded by Jim Parks that the 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 September. The balance on hand as of 8/31/18 was \$9,615.03. After income of \$342.00 and expenses of \$292.54, the final September balance on hand was \$9,700.49. Moved by Bob Karriker to accept the report as submitted. On second by Jim Borland, the report was approved without further discussion.
3. New Business.
  - A. Gail Lapins addressed the board about managing the ceremony to honor the winners of the Unit's "Ace of Clubs" and "Mini-McKinney awards and changing the prizes to be awarded. A discussion ensued regarding optional gifts in lieu of the standard ACBL medallion for "Ace of Clubs" winners. Gail suggested to purchase sets of personalized playing cards, which would show the winners' names, title of award, player ACBL ranking and date of award.

Ms. Lapins also offered suggestions for how to alleviate the boredom for attendees not receiving awards. She also volunteered to be the Master of Ceremonies for the presentations.

After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Ms. Lapins a budget of \$400 to purchase prizes and decorations for the hall for the day of the ceremony.
  - B. Nominating Committee for January elections was selected as follows: Chairperson -- Jan Zinner; co-members – David Gillette, Bill Ringbom, Jim Parks and Mike Carroll.
  - C. District Board Elections. With the decision of Jim Parks not to seek re-election to District 22 Board of Officers, Deb Cameron volunteered to serve as representative for Area 3. She had formerly served on the Board as representative from Area 1 prior to relocating to the Unit 540 area. She is unopposed for this seat.
4. Old Business.
  - A. REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE REPORT – Jan Zinner reported that the committee will be working with Charlie Senn,(Spelling??) a local commercial leasing agent. After preliminary review of possible site options, the committee has determined that a facility in the area of the San Luis Obispo airport would be convenient for the majority of players currently coming to games.
  - B. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. Jan Zinner has designed a flyer promoting the 2019 Sectional tournament. She plans to have it available for distribution at upcoming tournaments in the area.
  - C. Club Reports. – Fred Strong announced that North County DBP had discussed the need for a standing Unit disciplinary committee.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned to November 9, 2018, at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Karriker*

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

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.