

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
ACBL Unit 540, San Luis Obispo County
January 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order before the membership at 12:05 PM by President David Gillette

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Secretary Bob Karriker read minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Unit, held January 13, 2018. It was moved by Bill Ringbon, with a second from the floor, that the minutes be accepted as read.

Annual Treasurer's Report. In the absence of Treasurer Judy Obermeier, President Gillette summarized, showing a net positive increment of approximately \$2,000.00, with year end balance of \$9,956.30. It was moved from the floor, with second by Bill Rinbom to approve the Annual Treasurer's Report; the report was approved as presented.

President Gillette offered a vote of thanks to retiring Board Members Jim Parks and Mike Carroll for their service.

Election of New Officers to the Board. President Gillette read the list of nominees, which had been prepared by the Nominating Committee (Jan Zinner, Pete Avotins and Pat Kowal) and vetted as willing to serve on the board. Those persons were current Board members David Gillette and Bill Ringbon, and new nominees Deb Cameron and Rose Will. President Gillette then opened the floor for nominations from the floor, but none was forthcoming.

The vote to accept the 4 candidates advanced by the Nominating Committee was unanimous..

Inasmuch as there were no further announcements, it was moved, seconded and approved by voice vote at 12:329 PM to adjourn the meeting to a place and date in January, 2020, to be announced later.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Karriker

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Secretary – Unit 540

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
January 11, 2019

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 November, 2018 minutes. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes 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 reported on income and expenses for the month of Noember and December, 2018. The balance on hand as of 10/31/18 was \$9,730.12 After total income of \$736.00 for the two months and total expenses of \$509.82, the final balance on hand as of 12/31/2018 was \$9,956.30. Moved by Jan Zinner to accept the report with a suggested formatting change.. On second by Bill Ringbom, the report was approved without further discussion.
3. Old Business.
 - A. REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE REPORT – Jan Zinner reported that the committee has requested rick Shepard to prepare a 'business plan' to give added direction to the committee's work. Ms Zinner also suggested that member Mike Shipsey be asked to join the committee because of his longtime familiarity with the San Luis Obispo community. It was noted that the search for larger facilities is being supported by the larger attendance at club games, including a 24-table game the past week at 5 Cities DBC.
 - B. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. The site for the Unit 540 Sectional Tournament has been set as the Women's Center in Arroyo Grande. After discussion, it was moved by Bill Ringbom and seconded by Jack Phirman to authorize expenditure of up to \$300.00 to purchase advertising pens to promote the event. The motion was approved without exception.
4. New Business. Unit Game Director review. After discussion, it was moved by Judy Obermeier and seconded by Jim Borland that the Board retain the services of current Unit Game Director Jim Solomon for the coming year. The motion was unanimously approved.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned to February 8, 2019, at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Karriker

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
February 8, 2019

Meeting was then 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 January, 2019 minutes. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes for approval. It was moved by Jan Zinner, seconded by Jack Phirman that the minutes be approved as submitted. There were no objections.

Secretary Karriker also provided a copy of Minutes of the Unit 540 Annual Meeting for initial comment from Board members. Without comment it was agreed that the minutes were suitable for submission for approval at the 2020 Annual meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Judy Obermeier reported on income and expenses for the month of January, 2019. The balance on hand as of 12/31/18 was \$9,956.30 After income of \$370.00 for the month, and total expenses of \$254.18, the final balance on hand as of 1/31/2019 was \$10,072.12. Bill Ringbom moved to accept the report with clarification of a non-item presented as income. On second by Jan Zinner, the report was approved without further discussion.
3. Old Business.

A. President Gillette welcomed new board members Rose Will and Deb Cameron.

B. REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE REPORT – Jan Zinner reported on a meeting with Charlie Senn a commercial realtor. Senn informed the committee that the last commercial property available in the airport district appropriate for the Unit's needs had recently been leased, and that the current costs for land acquisition and construction of a new facility would be estimated at \$3.5 million. The committee stressed the need for a 'business plan' and reiterated their request to Rick Shepard that he prepare such plan to give added direction to the committee's work.

Deb Cameron mentioned the success elsewhere with having a series of lessons on an on-going basis to increase daily attendance at club games should a new facility be forthcoming.

Another of the primary questions to be answered remains the impact the acquisition of a larger facility on daily card fees. The business plan to be submitted should address this issue.

The need to survey any potential of a Planned Giving sources was also brought up.

C. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. No discussion.

4. NEW BUSINESS..

A. The selection of new Board officers resulted in only one change – Bill Ringbom will replace Mike Carroll as Vice-President. David Gillette agreed to continue as President; Bob Karriker as Secretary and Judy Obermeier as Treasurer.

B. Allocation of Unit Championship sanctions. The ACBL has allocated to Unit 540 a total of 24 matches which can be designated as "championship" games. The Unit Championship games to be held in the months of January (already so designated), February, June, August, September and November are also to be designated as such. The March, May, July and December Unit Games are to STaC games, the April game is designated to be an ACBL Charity Game, and the designation for October, 2019 Unit Game remains undecided. One possibility is to designate the game in support of the Stanford Leukemia Center, in honor of Matthew Will.

The remaining Championship sanctions were allocated on the basis of 2 sanctions per number of games each club holds during the week, with 14 sanctions being allocated under this scheme. The remaining 4 sanctions were allocated 1 to each club other than SLODBC, thus:

San Luis Obispo DBC will have 6; Paso Robles – 5; Morro Bay – 3; 5 Cities – 3 and Black Lake – 1. It was agreed unanimously that Black Lake DBC will get an extra sanction in 2020.

C. Club Reports. None were forthcoming, so the meeting was adjourned to March 8, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Karriker, Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
March 8, 2019

Meeting was then 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 February, 2019 minutes. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes for approval. Approval was moved by Jan Zinner, seconded by Jack Phirman, and the minutes were approved without objection.
2. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Judy Obermeier reported on income and expenses for the month of February, 2019. The balance on hand as of 1/31/19 was \$11,115.00. After income of \$396.00 and an ACBL refund of \$1,210.36, for the month, and total expenses of \$1,273.49, and a bookkeeping correction of \$1,042.22 (which had been deposited into an incorrect account), the final balance on hand as of 2/28/2019 was \$10,404.99, reflecting a net loss of \$710.01. Rose Will moved to accept the report.. On second by Jack Phirman, the report was approved without further discussion.
3. Old Business.
 - A. REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE REPORT – no progress report, but Board members engaged in an open discussion as to goals and needs for any property acquisition.
 - B. Youth Program- no discussion
 - C. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. Noted that Kathy Borland and Cindy Farrow had food provision well in hand. Fred Strong and Rose Will announced that they have arranged donations of several bottles of wine for prizes to be given at the tournament.

Tournament Chair Art Herbon announced that he had sent e-mail messages to boards of the local clubs in solicitation of funds in support of the Food Provision Committee. President Gillette and Board Member Zinner also sent out bulk e-mail correspondence to other ACBL clubs in the area to announce the tournament.

B. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Participation in ACBL's "Longest Day" campaign in support of continuing research on treatment and prevention of Alzheimer's Disease. Chairman for this year's event is Mary Weigis. It was announced that SLODBC would be holding an event on Friday, June 21, with a 'special speaker' (arranged by Marvin Weitzenhoffer) to be in attendance.
- B. Club Reports. None were forthcoming, so the meeting was adjourned to April 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Karriker
Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
April 12, 2019

Meeting was then 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 March, 2019 minutes. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes for approval. Approval was moved by Jack Phirman, seconded by Rose Will, and the minutes were approved without objection.
2. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Judy Obermeier reported on income and expenses for the month of March, 2019. The balance on hand as of 2/28/19 was \$10,404.99. After gross income of \$7,900.00, and preliminary expenses of \$392.55, the final balance on hand as of 3/29/2019 was \$17,922.44; a full accounting of expenses incurred in connection with the Sectional Tournament were not available at the time of the meeting. Bill Ringbom moved to accept the report as presented. On second by Jack Phirman, the report was approved without further discussion.
3. Old Business. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. Tournament chair Art Hebron has promised to present a full report at the May, 2019 meeting.
4. NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Participation in ACBL's "Longest Day" campaign in support of continuing research on treatment and prevention of Alzheimer's Disease. Chairman Mary Weigis provided a draft budget and flyer to publicize the event. After discussion, the Board voted not to approve the budget as presented. Bill Ringbom quickly ascertained that the Senior Center facilities in San Luis Obispo would be available all day for the event, at a cost of \$1/table of players, instead of the \$2,300.00 fee quoted to rent the Women's Clubhouse in Arroyo Grande.

Jim Borland moved that the Board sponsor the activities by authorizing two games, to be played from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM, on June 21, 2019. Details of the funding to be provided by the Board will be determined. After a brief discussion, and second by Bill Ringbom, the proposition was unanimously accepted.

In support of the event, SLO DBC is sponsoring a "Pro" auction wherein players can 'bid' for the right to play with volunteer 'Pros' at a game to be arranged by appointment, with all funds raised to go to support the Alzheimer's Research project.

Rose Will announced that she and her husband Chris will be hosting a pre-event cocktail party at their home in honor of guest speaker Curtis Cheek, to which bidders who have committed \$250 or more to the campaign will be invited.

- B. Club Reports. None were forthcoming, so the meeting was adjourned to May 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Karriker
Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
May 10, 2019

After determining that the minimum quorum was present, the meeting was then called to order by President David Gillette, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. Board members Judy Obermeier, Bill Ringbom, Deb Cameron and Rose Will were absent.

1. Review and Approval of the April, 2019 minutes. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes for approval. After discussion of certain revisions, approval was moved by Jack Phirman, seconded by Jan Zinner, and the minutes were approved without objection.
2. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Judy Obermeier was absent so no report was submitted.
3. Old Business.
 - A. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. Final report on the finances was not available; the report will be presented at the next Board meeting.
 - B. Development of Youth Program. No information presented.
 - C. Real Estate Committee report. Chairwoman Jan Zinner discussed initial impressions for utilizing the "Trinity Hall" in South San Luis Obispo County as a potential game site.
 - D. Longest Day activities. President Gillette announced that Activity chairwoman Mary Wegis had renegotiated the fees for rental of the Arroyo Grande Women's Center and paid them out of her own pocket. Ms. Wegis also compiled a set of booklets to permit persons to make bids on the services of a 'Pro' player for a day to support the campaign. She had also arranged for a catered lunch to be served between the morning and afternoon game sessions, and for a modest wine and cheese service to accompany the after-game discussion by visiting professional Curtis Cheek.
4. NEW BUSINESS.
 - A. Discussion of proposed Directors forum. No further concrete action taken.
 - B. Topics from the floor. None.
5. Club Reports. None were forthcoming, so the meeting was adjourned to June 14, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Karriker
Unit 540 Secretary

AFTERNOTE—The Board agreed by electronic ballot to cancel the meeting scheduled for 6/14/19, and recon-
veen at 11:30 AM, Friday, July 12, 2019. -- rjk

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
August 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President David Gillette, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. Members Deb Cameron, Jack Phirman and Judy Obermeier were absent..

1. Review and Approval of the September, 2019 minutes. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes for approval. Approval was moved by Bill Ringbom, seconded by Rose Will, and the minutes were approved without objection.
2. Treasurer's Report. In the absence of Treasurer Obermeier, presentation of the Treasurer's Report was tabled until the October meeting.
3. Old Business.
 - A. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. The question of selecting a new director for the 2020 Sectional tournament was raised. Further action was delayed until Deb Cameron could present her suggestions from the Sectional Committee. Debate of the question of beginning the tournament on a Thursday, for a 4-day run, was again limited, with no action taken.
 - B. REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE. Jan Zinner reported no further advancement in the project to find a 'permanent home' for games now held in SLO and 5 Cities.
 - C. YOUTH EDUCATION. No report.
4. NEW BUSINESS.
 - A. Projected Pro-Am Game as the October Unit Game. Jan Zinner volunteered to take sign-ups for the game. [NOTE: due to the paucity of interest in members at the "Pro" level, the game was to be re-scheduled—rjk].
 - B. Special Games. It was decided that the October Unit Game would be a charity game, whether or not the "Pro-Am" took place. The Will family foundation in support of Lukemia research at Stanford University hospital was suggested as the beneficiary of any funds raised.
 - C. Gail Lapins on player recognition. Ms. Lapins again spoke about how the Unit can better recognize players as they advance from level to level through the ACBL hierarchy, and how to acknowledge success in the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney rankings. One suggestion which merited consideration was to issue a special invitation to all monthly advancers to participate in the Unit Game for the month as a 'guest' of the Board.
5. Club Reports. Five Cities DBC is preparing to hold an IMP-points game for pairs in an effort to prepare newer players for participating in team events at ACBL tournaments.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 11:30 AM, Friday, September 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Karriker
Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
September 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President David Gillette, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. Members Deb Cameron, Jack Phirman and Judy Obermeier were absent..

1. Review and Approval of the August, 2019 minutes. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes for approval. Approval was moved by Bill Ringbom, seconded by Rose Will, and the minutes were approved without objection.
2. Treasurer's Report. In the absence of Treasurer Obermeier, presentation of the Treasurer's Report was tabled until the October meeting.
3. Old Business.
 - A. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. The question of selecting a new director for the 2020 Sectional tournament was raised. Further action was delayed until Deb Cameron could present her suggestions from the Sectional Committee. Debate of the question of beginning the tournament on a Thursday, for a 4-day run, was again limited, with no action taken.
 - B. REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE. Jan Zinner reported no further advancement in the project to find a 'permanent home' for games now held in SLO and 5 Cities.
 - C. YOUTH EDUCATION. No report.
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5. Club Reports. Five Cities DBC is preparing to hold an IMP-points game for pairs in an effort to prepare newer players for participating in team events at ACBL tournaments.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 11:30 AM, Friday, October 11, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Karriker
Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
October 11, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order by President David Gillette, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. Member Jan Zinner was absent.
2. Review and Approval of the September, 2019 minutes. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes for approval. Approval was moved by Bill Ringbom, seconded by Deb Cameron, and the minutes were approved without objection.
3. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Judy Obermeier, presented the Treasurer's Reports for August and September. **In August**, the Unit reported income of \$392.00, with expenses, including payments to SLODBC (\$87.18, in part for an insurance premium of \$35.34), advertising (Pens—Jan Zinner - \$363.56), luncheon at Unit Game (Heidi - \$86.02), supplies purchased by Treasurer (\$260.00) and still-outstanding reimbursement for expenses incurred during "The Longest Day" Campaign (Mary Weigis - \$1,111.33), for total expenses of \$2,036.09, a net deficit of \$1,644.90 for the month.
In September, the Unit had total income of \$248.00, with expenses totaling \$235.41.
4. Old Business. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. Reported that the 2020 Sectional is scheduled for March 26-29, to be held at the Women's Center in Arroyo Grande. No further action had been taken to secure a director for the event. Deb Cameron suggested engaging Dave White for the Tournament, with the possibility that Mr. White might also agree to direct a 'pairs IMP game' on Thursday, March 25, 2020, at the club game normally held by 5 Cities DBC, to prepare players for playing in the Swiss Teams Game.
5. NEW BUSINESS.
 - A. Nominating Committee—Deb Cameron agreed to head a Nominating Committee whose purpose is to identify club players, including any current Board members, who would be willing and able to serve on the Unit 540 Board of Directors for the next two years.
 - B. Date of Annual Meeting and January, 2020 Unit Board Meeting. In view of the change of dates for the Monterey Clambake Regional Tournament from the 1st to the 2nd week of January, Bob Karriker moved, and Deb Cameron seconded to re-schedule the Annual Meeting and Unit Game for January 19, 2020, and the January, 2020 Board Meeting for January 18, 2020. The motion was carried after brief discussion.
6. Club Reports. Fred Strong reported that at their Annual Meeting in September, Marvin Segar resigned as President, leaving the board constituency one member short, and, with no volunteers willing to join the Board, it was agreed to ask Liz Helgerson *in absentia* to serve. Ms. Helgerson rejected the request, and her husband Ron Helgerson agreed to serve in her stead. The remaining officers of PRCBC agreed to remain in office. The changes will need to be approved by vote at a subsequent meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 11:30 AM, Friday, November 8, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Karriker
Unit 540 Secretary

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Unit 540 Executive Board
November 8, 2019

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President David Gillette, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda.
2. Review and Approval of the October, 2019 minutes. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes for approval. After discussion, approval of the minutes as corrected was moved by Bill Ringbom, seconded by Judy Obermeier, and the minutes were approved without further objection.
3. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Judy Obermeier, presented the Treasurer's Reports for October. The Unit reported income of \$254.00, with expenses, including 2 payments to SLODBC (\$49.13 and \$69.00), reimbursement to Art Herbon, Sectional Tournament Chair, of \$400.00, paid as deposit to Arroyo Grande Womens' Club for rental of facilities for the Unit Sectional tournament, luncheon at Unit Game (Heidi - \$82.95), for total expenses of \$601.08, a net deficit of \$347.08 for the month.
4. Old Business.
 - A. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. Question raised as to whether the flyers promoting the 2020 Sectional had been prepared for distribution in Palm Desert and Monterey.
 - B. Report of Real Estate Committee. None
 - C. Education Committee. Draft of a proposal to be drawn up by Dick Coulter and Kathy Borland to be presented at January, 2020, meeting.
5. New Business.
 - A. Appointment of Unit Game Director for 2020. After discussion, it was moved by Jim Borland to engage John J. Fields, Jr. as Director for the coming year. Following additional comments from Board members, Rose Will seconded the motion, which was approved.
 - B. Status of December, 2019 and Early January, 2020 Games and Meetings. Due to closure of the San Luis Obispo Senior Center for its annual maintenance period, and further complications due to many Board members planning to be in attendance at the Palm Desert Regional Tournament during the second Friday of December, the December meeting was cancelled.
In light of planned attendance of Board members at the Monterey Clambake Regional Tournament during the second week, it was agreed to hold the next Board meeting prior to the game Friday, January 17, 2020, and to hold Unit 540's Annual Meeting the same day, between luncheon and game time. The monthly Unit Game will still be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020.
 - C. Unit Game Sanctions for 2020. The Unit has 24 game sanctions authorized, in addition to 4 Charity Game sanctions.
 - D. Requests of Jim Solomon – 1. to fund trip to attend NABC directors' workshop in San Francisco. After discussion, the Board agreed to contribute \$75.00 for expenses; 2. to hold a Unit-level Special Education Foundation game within the 5 Cities club structure to honor Bob Bullock. The proposal was given *ad hoc* approval, pending submission of a full proposal for Board approval
6. Club Reports. None presented.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 11:30 AM, Friday, January 17, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Karriker
Unit 540 Secretary