

## Minutes

### Unit 540 Annual Meeting of the Members

**Date:** January 9, 2021

**Call to order:** 3:49 PM by Fred Strong, President

**Quorum:** A quorum of members was present (greater than 25).

**Minutes:** Mike Hughes, Secretary read the minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting of 1/17/20. Fred Strong moved, and Ann Sinsheimer seconded the motion that they be approved. Motion carried.

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

- Carol Raimondo, Treasurer reported that there is an ending bank balance of \$20,256.31. The YTD profit is \$9178.14. Of this, \$8616.84 was from proceeds of the virtual games, which is being held by the Unit for the benefit of clubs. Carol said that the process for distributing the funds to clubs will be decided at a future board meeting. Carol also noted that December funds have not yet been received. [copy of: "Copy of 2020 Profit and Loss.xls"] on file.
- Marvin Weitzenhoffer moved, and Deb Cameron seconded the motion that the Treasurer's report be approved. Motion carried.

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

- Fred Strong provided a written report as follows:
  - Unit 540 Members,
  - The average age of our membership is 74.75 years, slightly higher than two years ago. We currently have a total membership of 267.
  - In the District we rank 4<sup>th</sup> out of 24 Units and 77<sup>th</sup> out of 294 Units in ACBL, I believe we can do better by finding more ways to serve our total membership.
  - Less than half of our membership is playing in our virtual games with many feeling very depressed over the lack of socialization that in person games provide. Please put on your thinking caps and start now mentally planning for this coming year.
  - Major medical organizations are now saying that the greatest devastation among the elderly this past year has been isolation which has led to an historic spike in both dementia and Alzheimer's disease. We also have significant evidence that playing Duplicate Bridge prevents Alzheimer's disease. We have a calling beyond competition and personal pleasure.
  - Having said that, I sincerely wish to thank my Board and the entire Unit membership for stepping up to the plate to the extent that they did this year. I was flattered to be asked by members of the Board to assume the Presidency once

again on the understanding that it would only be for the balance of the year as long as we had regained some stability. I believe we accomplished that and more. You all deserve the credit.

- Many of you know that I also have simultaneously had local, regional, state, and national political responsibilities which are ongoing. I appreciate those who have stepped up to keep things on the right track. It has been an honor serving you in this capacity and I wish you nothing but the best going forward. As you do so, I urge you to not neglect your roots nor the needs of all of your membership, even those who are not as technically able or as knowledgeable as you.
- I will be pleased to remain as the elder statesman for another year or so as needed. May you all continue your successes and overcome your difficulties as well going forward as you did this year. As a group I believe this Board could have served as a great role model for the political leadership of this nation. May God bless you all.

**Old Business:**

1. Election of Directors

- a. The Election Committee nominated the following members to fill the four (4) vacant positions on the board of directors for 2021-2022.
  - i. Deb Cameron (incumbent)
  - ii. Art Herbon (incumbent)
  - iii. Linda Seifert
  - iv. Bud Zeuschner
- b. After a Unit-wide email call for nominations, no further nominations were received. Fred called for nominations from the floor. None were received.
- c. Marvin Weitzenhoffer moved and Ann Sinsheimer seconded the motion to elect Deb, Art, Linda, and Bud to the Unit 540 Board of Directors. Motion carried.

**Adjourned:** 4:01 PM to a time and place in January 2022 to be determined.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mike Hughes, Unit secretary



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

**Date:** January 8, 2021

**Call to order:** 3:46 PM

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

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

**Minutes:** Deb moved, and Carol seconded the motion that the minutes of the membership meeting of 12/11/20 be approved. Motion carried.

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

- Carol reported that there is an ending bank balance of \$20265.31. The YTD profit is \$9178.14. Of this, \$8616.84 was from proceeds of the virtual games. [copy of: "Copy of 2020 Profit and Loss.xls"] on file. Carol noted that December funds have not yet been received.
- Mike moved, and Kathy seconded the motion that the Treasurer's report be approved. Motion carried.

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

- Fred provided a written report as follows:
  - According to the latest ACBL report our membership, as a Unit, is not doing very well. We should be somewhat concerned, relatively speaking. The average age of our membership is 74.75 years, slightly higher than two years ago; about a year and a half older than the ACBL average; but about the same as the District average. In member losses we compared well. We ranked fourth in the District and 75<sup>th</sup> in ACBL having lost 8.96% of our membership while the District lost 11.52% of its membership in the past year and ACBL lost 10.23%. However, these losses were offset by gains in new members at 4.66% for our Unit compared with 4.02% for our District and 4.89% for ACBL. In actual numbers we lost 25 members and gained 13. Two members, a husband and wife, transferred in from another Unit. We currently have a total membership of 267 of which 242 have paid their dues giving us a \$1,117.35 share of their ACBL dues from those renewals.
  - While this is reasonably good within both the unit and the District ranking us 4<sup>th</sup> out of 24 Units and 77<sup>th</sup> out of 294 Units in ACBL, I believe we can do better by finding more ways to serve our total membership.
  - That said, we still suffered greatly from this past year's events as compared to the previous two years. The year before last we gained 30 and lost 37 and the year before

that we gained 15 and only lost 7. We, as a Unit Board, must try to do more to overcome the effects of this pandemic. Please put on your thinking caps and start now mentally planning for this coming year.

- Major medical organizations are now saying that the greatest devastation among the elderly this past year has been isolation which has led to an historic spike in both dementia and Alzheimers disease. We also have significant evidence that playing Duplicate Bridge prevents Alzheimers disease. We have a calling beyond competition and personal pleasure.
- Having said all that, I sincerely wish to thank this Board for stepping up to the plate in perilous leadership situations and responding appropriately to restore order and normalcy to our Unit. I was flattered to be asked by you to assume the Presidency at a very difficult time and also pleased at your response—overcoming old divisions, restoring traditional procedures and recruiting new and effective members for this Board. I believe we came out of the darkness and back into the light of reason and positive policies. You all deserve the credit for accomplishing those extremely difficult feats.
- Many of you know that I also have simultaneously had local, regional, state, and national political responsibilities which are ongoing. I stated from the beginning that I hoped others would step up to the plate in this new year. You have made that happen and deserve a tremendous amount of thanks for that accomplishment as well.
- It has been an honor serving you in this capacity and I wish you nothing but the best going forward. As you do so, I urge you not to neglect your roots nor the needs of all of your membership, even those who are not as technically able or as knowledgeable as you. I will be pleased to remain as the elder statesman for another year or so as needed. May you all continue your successes and overcome your difficulties as well going forward as you did this year. As a group I believe we could have served as a great role model for the political leadership of this nation. God bless you all.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Virtual Game Committee.
  - a. No report
2. Education Committee.
  - a. No report.
3. Annual Meeting
  - a. Jim pointed out that the bylaws require a minimum of twenty-five (25) attendees at the Annual Meeting in order to constitute a quorum. There was discussion about what to do should fewer than 25 players attend the 1/9/21 meeting. It was noted that two emails went out to all Unit members, one asking for nominees to board positions and then a second notifying them of the Annual Meeting via Zoom with the login information. Further it was noted that other units are changing their meetings to reflect the realities of meeting the demands of COVID-19 physical distancing requirements. Finally, it was noted that the

four candidates proffered by the board to fill the four vacant positions are running uncontested.

- b. Carol moved and Art seconded the motion that for the purposes of conducting business at the Annual Meeting, a quorum shall be the number of members and directors who attend, regardless of whether there are fewer than 25 members present (as is required by the bylaws). The motion carried. **ACTION:** Deb will follow up with ACBL and ask that they ratify the board's action in this matter.
- c. The agenda that Fred sent out via email for the meeting was reviewed and approved. **ACTION:** Jim will email the prospective new board members, Linda Seifert and Bud Zeuschner, to inform them that if they are elected, they should attend the meeting of the board immediately following the Annual Meeting to elect officers. Jim will email them the Zoom entry information and will cc the rest of the board.

**Adjourned:** 4:12 PM.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

1. Annual Meeting of members: January 9, at 3:45 pm via Zoom. meeting ID will be **689 341 2377** with a pass code of **278454**.
2. Meeting of the board to elect officers: January 9, immediately following Annual Meeting via Zoom meeting ID will be **840 6254 0292** with a pass code of **549352**
3. Next regular meeting of the board: February 12, 2021 at 3:45 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mike Hughes, Unit secretary

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

**Date:** January 9, 2021

**Call to order:** 4:13 PM

**Present:** Fred Strong, (president); Deb Cameron; (vice-president); Carol Raimondo, (treasurer); Mike Hughes (secretary); Jack Phirman; Jim Borland; Kathy Borland; Art Herbon, Linda Seifert, Bud Zeuschner

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

#### **New Business:**

1. Fred said a few words of thanks to the board for their support and being such an effective team. The board accepted his offer to remain as an emeritus member of the board. The board thanked him for his service and leadership during a turbulent time.
2. Seating of new directors.
  - a. Jim moved and Mike seconded the motion that Deb, Art, Linda, and Bud be seated as directors. Motion carried.
3. Election of officers.
  - a. Jim nominated:
    - i. Deb Cameron for president
    - ii. Kathy Borland for vice-president
    - iii. Carol Raimondo for treasurer
    - iv. Mike Hughes for secretary
  - b. There were no further nominations or discussion.
  - c. Bud moved and Jim seconded the motion that above candidates for office be elected as officers. Motion carried.
4. Deb thanked the board for electing her. She thanked Fred for his service and thanked the board for being such an effective and congenial team. She indicated that a priority for her term will be to increase participation in games.
5. Future Sectionals
  - a.
6. Future board meetings.
  - a. It was agreed to continue a standing monthly board meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month.
  - b. Art has agreed to host the Zoom meetings.
  - c. Deb agreed to include Zoom connection details with the agenda for upcoming meetings.

**Adjourned:** 4:38 PM.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

1. Next regular meeting of the board: February 11, 2021 at 3:45 pm via Zoom.

<b>Members of 2021 Board</b>	<b>Term expires</b>	<b>Position assumed</b>
Deb Cameron - President	1/23	incumbent
Kathy Borland - Vice- President	1/22	Gina Kirk
Carol Raimondo – Treasurer	1/22	Judy Obermeier
Mike Hughes – Secretary	1/22	Gayle Larson
Jim Borland	1/22	
Jack Phirman	1/22	
Art Herbon	1/23	incumbent
Linda Seifert	1/23	Rose Will
Bud Zeuschner	1/23	Fred Strong

Respectfully submitted:



Mike Hughes, Unit secretary



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

**Date:** March 11, 2021

**Call to order:** 3:34 PM

**Present:** Deb Cameron, (president); Kathy Borland; (vice-president); Carol Raimondo, (treasurer); Mike Hughes (secretary); Jack Phirman; Jim Borland; Art Herbon, Linda Seifert; Bud Zeuschner

Gina Kirk; Gail Lapins

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

**Minutes:** Kathy moved, and Deb seconded the motion that the minutes of the membership meeting of 1/8/21 and 1/9/21 post-annual-meeting-meeting be approved. Motion carried.

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

- Carol reported that there is an ending bank balance of \$25013.28 (including January). She noted that not all profits belong to the unit as some will be distributed to the clubs. She noted that the virtual club has been very successful generating a net income of 12,272.70. [copy of: "2021 Profit and Loss.xls" on file.]
- The issues surrounding how to handle the unit monies and what a budget might look like for the unit were discussed. **ACTION:** Carol will gather input and put together a draft budget for board discussion.
- Linda moved, and Bud seconded the motion that the Treasurer's report be approved. Motion carried.

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

- Deb asked that the board promote reading of the District 22 newsletter.
- Deb noted the 25 Districts are being reorganized from 25 National District Directors to 13. This means that although districts will retain their geographical footprint, many districts will be aligned for the purposes of representation.
- Online Swiss Teams events were proposed to Deb. This idea is on hold because there are too many bugs reported by people who are currently doing it.
- Deb announced the new "0-20" game that is happening Monday-Thursday nights (she sent an email promoting them). She noted that players must have ACBL Membership to play.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Virtual Game Committee.
  - a. No report
2. Education Committee.
  - a. No report.

**New Business:**

1. The Longest Day. [The week of the 21<sup>st</sup> of June] Gina acknowledged that the past events have been highly successful. This year's team is registered and John Fields is hired. Everything is ready depending on availability of the Arroyo Grande Senior Center. A website has been set up. There was discussion about the COVID-19 tier system for opening back up and speculation whether we will be able to resume face-to-face play in the Center. There will be an auction to raise money for Alzheimer's and possibly to play with a pro. Gina opined that we should be focusing on setting up virtual games for now. Planning will proceed for both tracks. The board asked Gina to proceed with these plans.
2. Mini-McKinney awards. Gail described an issue about some people meeting the point count for a particular level but not having met the requirements for life master. She described how people leading in the "uncolored" point totals will be acknowledged. The board gratefully accepted her offer to organize an event and auction.
3. Use of the Unit Email List. There was discussion as to when and where it is not OK to use the Unit mailing list to distribute information not directly related to bridge or unit business. The desire not to "spam" the mailing list was expressed. The value of sparingly using the list for info not directly related to unit business was expressed.

Art moved and Jack seconded the motion that occasional info not directly related to unit business may be disseminated via the unit email list with majority vote of the board. Motion carried.

4. Sectional. Deb announced that ACBL has officially cancelled sectionals and regionals until Aug 1<sup>st</sup> and Oct 1<sup>st</sup> respectively. It was generally agreed that we should not rush to create our own sectional without having an idea of what attendance will look like. She noted that 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in March 2022 is our next date. The board discussed several ideas for locations. The board accepted Art's offer to begin the planning process with Arroyo Grande and report next meeting.
5. SLO Club. Kathy reported that the membership of the club's board is in flux (down to two members currently). She reported that they are on top of the issue of SLO Senior Center insurance.

**Adjourned:** 4:42 PM.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

1. Next regular meeting of the board: April 9, at 3:45 pm via Zoom. Art will send out Google Calendar reminder.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mike Hughes, Unit secretary

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

**Date:** May 14, 2021

**Call to order:** 3:47 PM

**Present:** Deb Cameron, (president); Kathy Borland; (vice-president); Carol Raimondo, (treasurer); Mike Hughes (secretary); Jim Borland; Art Herbon, Linda Seifert; Bud Zeuschner; Fred Strong (emeritus)

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

**Minutes:** Fred noted that he should be listed as a non-voting board member. With that correction, Jim moved, and Kathy seconded the motion that the minutes of the board of directors' meeting of 3/11/21 be approved. Motion carried. There was no April meeting.

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

- Carol reported that there is an ending bank balance of \$28,612.44. She noted that the virtual club continues to be very successful generating a net income of \$5525.69 to date representing the participation of 2555 players. [copy of: "2021 Profit and Loss.xls" on file.]
- **ACTION:** Carol will analyze the distribution of virtual club participation monies and report next meeting.
- Deb moved and Bud seconded the motion that the board pre-authorize \$500 to be disbursed to any club that requests it for operating costs prior to actual distribution of virtual club participation monies. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Virtual Game Committee.
  - a. Linda reported that Santa Barbara is proceeding with a "soft opening" in June. As a result, Monday virtual games will be cancelled beginning after the Longest Day (June 21). Santa Barbara will operate at 50% capacity, require pre-registration, install an air filtration system, and require proof of vaccination.
  - b. The "**Monday am 499er**" game will continue until Santa Barbara opens F2F. (They do not have a specific date, however, feel it will be directly after June 21. They have not publicly named a date.)
  - c. The Sunday virtual game(s) will discontinue their regular schedule after May 30th. Both the 299er and the open games will be added for any special point events.
2. Face-to-face play.

- a. Fred reported that the Paso Robles Senior Center will reopen for the North County Club (NCDBC) in July and that live play will likely resume at that time. Fred noted that the NCDBC is requiring players to sign in for home-play sessions, which includes a waiver of liability.
  - b. Deb noted that neither ACBL nor the Unit has authority over when and how clubs reopen.
  - c. Deb noted that, for their protection, ACBL currently is not permitting employees to work in live-play events, so no regionals or sectionals are scheduled. She noted that their recommendations for live-play precautions include requiring masks, proof of vaccination, and 8-foot distance between tables.
  - d. Kathy stated she will contact SLO Parks & Rec. RE. their plans for reopening and keep the board updated.
  - e. Art recommended that we should shoot for a March 27/28, 2022 sectional. He will report next meeting.
3. Longest Day.
- a. It was generally agreed that we will not be open in time this year for a live-play event. A fall event is being considered.
  - b. Deb will contact Gina RE. fund-raising options and ask her to coordinate with Jim.
  - c. The board approved use of the Unit's email list for fund-raising for ACBL-related events.
4. Education Committee.
- a. No report.

**Adjourned:** 4:33 PM.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

1. Next regular meeting of the board: June 18, at 3:45 pm via Zoom. Please note this is the THIRD Friday.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mike Hughes, Unit secretary

# Minutes

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

**Date:** June 18, 2021

**Call to order:** 3:35 PM

**Directors Present:** Deb Cameron, (president); Kathy Borland; (vice-president); Carol Raimondo, (treasurer); Mike Hughes (secretary); Jim Borland; Art Herbon, Linda Seifert; Bud Zeuschner

**Guests:** Bill Donovan

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

**Minutes:** With wording corrections by Deb, the minutes of the board of directors' meeting of 5/14/21 were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Carol reported that there is an ending bank balance of \$28,828.84. She noted that:
  - There was a net income of \$8,563.53;
  - The virtual club attendance has seen some decline;
  - \$500 of the Paso club's share of the virtual game proceeds have been disbursed to them.
- [copy of: "2021 Profit and Loss.xls" on file.]
- Carol presented the following proposal for disbursing the virtual game proceeds:

CC&F FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH 12/31/20	10,326.17
CC&F FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH 4/30/21	8,347.13
Total	18,673.30

Suggested carve-out of funds for future education programs (1650 plays by 99ers from our unit)	<u>3,000.00</u>
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Net amount to distribute	15,673.30
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Suggested unit retention to compensate for 8 unit games not held	<u>800.00</u>
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Balance to clubs	<u><u>14,873.30</u></u>
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Suggested %

Paso Robles	13%	No allocation to Blacklake as they are not continuing as a Club & also had very little participation in the CC&F games. Deb confirmed that with Eli.
Morro Bay	12%	
SLO	51%	
AG	24%	

Bud moved and Mike seconded the motion that a final plan for disbursement should be delayed until unit membership has reviewed this proposal. The board is particularly interested in feedback from the 99-er club. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

1. Virtual Game Committee.
  - a. No report.
2. Sectional
  - a. Art reported that he reached out to Arroyo Grande and has proposed March 25-26, 2022 dates. Owing to ACBL's table-spacing requirements, Art estimated only 18 tables would be possible in the current venue. He opined that this will be insufficient for the Unit to make a profit. It was agreed that profit need not be the determining factor, as a sectional would support the unit's goal of providing interesting bridge opportunities in the area. **ACTION:** Art will apply for sanction to hold the dates. Final decisions will wait until the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.
3. SLO Club
  - a. Kathy reported that the SLO Senior Center is re-opening July 5<sup>th</sup>. Bill Donovan is coordinating communications with the center with the goal of reserving as many days and times as possible including Wednesday evenings and the second Saturday afternoon of each month for the Unit game. It looks as if we might re-open in mid-July. There was a collective sigh of relief that the kitchen will not be available.
4. Jim's email to the board
  - a. Jim proposed that the board not take a position on whether to require vaccines for in-person play. After discussion, it was decided to survey the membership for their thoughts and feelings about this and other potentially controversial requirements.
    - i. **ACTION:** Mike & Bud will collaborate on drafting a survey that will go out via SurveyMonkey. The draft will be submitted to the board members via email for review.
    - ii. **ACTION:** Once the survey is completed, Mike will draft an email announcing to the membership that a survey has gone out and to check spam/junk folders.
5. Longest Day.
  - a. No Report
6. Education Committee.

- a. No report.

**New Business:**

1. Upon Deb's suggestion it was agreed that the unit will establish a "70%" club to honor players with 70% -or-higher games. **ACTION:** If someone provides him with names, Jim will set up something on the website to acknowledge these players.
2. Deb reported that Five Cities is meeting to develop plans for re-opening.
3. Bud bade birthday wishes to members Janice Wang and Barbara Hardin.
4. Kathy announced that Bill Donovan and Linda Seifert have agreed to serve on the SLO Club board.

**Adjourned:** 4:59 PM.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

1. Next regular meeting of the board: July 9, 2021 at 3:45 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mike Hughes, Unit secretary



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

**Date:** July 30, 2021

**Call to order:** 3:45 PM

**Directors Present:** Deb Cameron, (president); Kathy Borland; (vice-president); Carol Raimondo, (treasurer); Mike Hughes (secretary); Jim Borland; Art Herbon, Linda Seifert; Bud Zeuschner; Jack Phirman

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

**Minutes:** Approval tabled for next meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- The treasurer's report was approved.
- [copy of: "2021 Profit and Loss.xls" on file.]

#### **Old Business:**

##### 1. Virtual Game Committee

- a. Deb reported on her deliberations with the Committee regarding our continued participation. She noted the scheduling conflicts and how our issues differ from SB's. She also noted that there is no more point multiplier, so incentive to play virtually is lessened. Deb moved and Bud seconded the motion that the board endorse the following proposal:
  - i. SB assumes full ownership and administration of the virtual club including ability to schedule games and set rates;
  - ii. We will receive \$1.50 each time a player from Unit 540 that participates in their virtual game; and
  - iii. Our members will be allowed to bring guests and the unit will receive money for their participation.

Motion carried.

- b. Deb raised the idea of a limited virtual game in conjunction with the live game. She approached John F. to organize and direct such a game. We are waiting for his response.

##### 2. Sectional

- a. Art has reserved the Women's Center for March 25-26th and paid a \$600 deposit.
- b. **ACTION:** Art will submit an application to ACBL.

##### 3. Club Reports

- a. SLO
  - i. Kathy reported the SLO Board met today and voted to have only vaccinated people play. The club is working on getting ready for their opening on Monday, August 2nd. Don set up PayPal as our payment method. The Board has purchased liability insurance which includes Director and Officers coverage. Linda asked the Unit Board to consider looking into purchasing a D&O policy for all club boards.
  - ii. **ACTION:** Linda will check with ACBL to see if they offer insurance.
- b. Morro Bay
  - i. Fred reported they are looking for a location and considering the Senior Center which is in the Community Center.
- c. North County
  - i. Fred reported they are fully open and have been for months. The Senior Center in Paso does not charge them any fees and the club helps them with small projects. They have been averaging 3 ½ - 4 tables/game. Jim Solomon is the substitute director when Fred is not available. Jim Park used to direct but has been unavailable. They do not move their bidding boxes.
  - ii. Fred brought up the issue is people renewing their annual membership to ACBL. Some people do not know how to use the internet. Deb suggested having a laptop available to help those who need it renew their membership.
- d. 5 Cities
  - i. Deb reported the Wednesday game is running about 6 ½ tables. Director arriving late is an issue, otherwise the players are very positive.
  - ii. Thursday game they have a seating program problem which will get worked out. They have a time constraint issue since they cannot enter the building til 12:05pm and the game starts at 12:30pm.
- e. Blacklake
  - i. Yoli has contacted Deb about getting a monthly game started at Blacklake.
  - ii. **ACTION:** Yoli is working on it.

### **New Business:**

#### 1. Unit Game.

- a. Deb moved and Mike seconded the motion that we should have a Unit game on Saturday, August 14 at 12:30 in the SLO Senior Center with the following provisos:
  - i. The first game is free and will be \$7.00 at subsequent games. \$1 will be added for non-members of the Senior Center.
  - ii. Vaccinations are required to play.
  - iii. There will be no food provided.
  - iv. Senior Center waivers will be available and are required to be completed.

v. Advance registration is required.  
Motion carried.

**Adjourned:** 5:14 PM.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

1. Next regular meeting of the board: August 13, 2021 at 3:45 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mike Hughes, Unit secretary

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

**Date:** August 13, 2021

**Call to order:** 5:23 PM

**Directors Present:** Deb Cameron, (president); Kathy Borland; (vice-president); Mike Hughes (secretary); Jim Borland; Linda Seifert; Bud Zeuschner; Jack Phirman

**Guests:** Fred Strong (emeritus)

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

#### **Minutes:**

- Jim moved and Bud seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 6/18/21. Motion carried.
- Linda moved and Jim seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 7/30/21 with correction. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- The treasurer's report was approved.
- [copy of "2021 Profit and Loss.xls" on file.]

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

- Deb noted that all directors must be registered with ACBL and asked that directors provide her with their ACBL numbers and contact phone numbers.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Unit Games
  - a. Deb announced that we have a sanction for the Unit games and explained the fee structure and payment method.
  - b. We are entitled to 24 games/year, one/month. So, we have 19 games available to be distributed amongst the clubs minus the SLO games.
  - c. It was agreed that seven (7) games will go to the SLO club and six (6) games each to Paso Robles and Arroyo Grande.
  - d. Deb asked that club managers give her a calendar of dates (taking into consideration their local special games) and she will apply for sanctions.
2. Virtual Game Committee
  - a. Deb reported that BBO has changed its position and that points will be multiplied by 1.25 in virtual club games.
3. Club Reports

- a. SLO
  - i. Deb reported on the SLO game.
- b. Morro Bay
  - i. Fred reported that they may not reopen until September. He noted that there are issues with table sizes and set up.

**New Business:**

1. Email to promote Merzon's party.
  - a. Kathy moved and Mike seconded the motion that we should allow the Unit email list to be used to announce Jim Merzon's "bridge friends" group dinner at Mistura in SLO with the provisos that:
    - i. COVID precautions be included in the email; and
    - ii. It be made clear the event is not affiliated in any way with the Unit 540.

After strong discussion, motion carried. Linda expressed concern about personal liability and requested that the voting be published. [Yea: Kathy, Jim, Mike, Jack. Nay: Deb, Linda, Bud.]

**ACTION:** Jim will draft the email and send to directors for input and approval prior to publishing it on the Unit email list.

**Adjourned:** 6:09 PM.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

1. Next meeting of the board: TBA.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mike Hughes, Unit secretary

## Minutes

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

**Date:** October 15, 2021

**Call to order:** 5:03 PM

**Directors Present:** Deb Cameron, (president); Kathy Borland; (vice-president); Mike Hughes (secretary); Jim Borland; Bud Zeuschner; Jack Phirman, Art Herbon

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

#### **Minutes:**

- Jim moved and Kathy seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 8/13/21. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- The treasurer's report shows an ending balance of \$31,667.63 with a net profit of \$136.62 for September.
- Mike moved and Deb seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
- [copy of: "2021 Profit and Loss.xls" on file.]
- There was a brief discussion about the proceeds of the virtual games and their disbursement to the clubs. Given the state of flux of some of the clubs, the discussion was tabled.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Sectional
  - a. The questions were raised whether to cancel the event in March and whether to move it to San Luis. After discussion, the questions were tabled to next meeting.
  - b. **ACTION:** Art will check on our deposit with AG.
  - c. **ACTION:** Upon hearing from Deb RE. conflicts with STaC games, Kathy will reserve the SLO Senior Center for this date.
2. Virtual Game Committee
  - a. Deb reported that the committee is now dissolved, but that the games are still a source of income for the unit.
3. Club Reports
  - a. Five Cities
    - i. Deb reported that their facility will not allow the club to mandate COVID vaccination and require proof, so no games are being held. She holds that the club will reopen eventually.

- b. SLO
  - i. Kathy reported that there are 5-6 tables per game and that Tom Snow will resume teaching beginners' classes on Mondays. Deb moved and Jim seconded the motion to pay Tom \$15/ (per weekly lesson) for 12 weeks to support new player development. Motion carried.
  - ii. There is discussion about expanding the 99-er's game to 149.
- c. Morro Bay
  - i. Mike reported that there is a question about Morro Bay's continued existence as a club. The North County board is in communication with the M.B. board about the possibility of continuing the availability of a Tuesday game in Paso Robles (the Senior Center is free) should the M.B. club fold.
- d. North County
  - i. Mike reported that the club is struggling to have more than 4 tables in the Monday and Thursday games. Deb suggested that North County consider having Tom Snow come to Paso to teach beginners' classes and invited them to submit a proposal to the Unit for financial support of this endeavor.
- e. Blacklake
  - i. It was reported that there is a will to reopen, but no action has been taken.

**New Business:**

- 1. District Bylaws.
  - a. Jim moved and Jack seconded the motion that we approve the proposed changes (a summary of which was emailed by Deb to members). The motion carried with Art abstaining. Art said he would read the bylaws and then vote. He has voted to approve by email. Carol voted to approve by email. Linda voted to approve by text. Unanimous vote.
- 2. Convention Card Holders
  - a. Bud moved and Art seconded the motion to purchase 100 of the metal-cornered convention card holders that Deb located to be given to clubs to give to their members as a promotion for attendance (one holder per member; no purchasing holders for others). The motion carried. **ACTION:** Deb will ask Carol to order them.

**Adjourned:** 6:04 PM.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- 1. Next meeting of the board: Friday, November 12, at 5PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mike Hughes, Unit secretary



## Minutes

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

**Date:** November 12, 2021

**Call to order:** 5:06 PM

**Directors Present:** Deb Cameron, (president); Kathy Borland; (vice-president); Mike Hughes (secretary); Carol Raimondo (treasurer); Jim Borland; Linda Seifert; Jack Phirman, Art Herbon, Fred Strong (non-voting emeritus),

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

#### **Minutes:**

- Deb moved and Linda seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 10/15/21. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- The treasurer's report shows an ending balance of \$31,395.16 with a net loss of \$272.47 for October.
- Mike moved and Kathy seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
- [copy of: "2021 Profit and Loss.xls" on file.]

#### **Old Business:**

1. Sectional
  - a. Art announced that the check has been returned uncashed. The sectional dates of March 25 & 26, 2022 are still open. There was agreement to add the 27<sup>th</sup> to these dates. **ACTION:** Kathy will follow up with this request.
  - b. Kathy reported that there is no answer yet about the SLO senior center. We are waiting for the official appointment of the Senior Center president.
  - c. Deb opined that the only way we will be able to have a sectional is if we use a local director.
  - d. Discussion tabled until the January meeting.
2. Virtual Game Committee
  - a. This item is removed from the standing agenda.
3. Club Reports
  - a. Five Cities
    - i. Deb reported that there is no change. The city will not allow the club to mandate vaccination unless it pays full rent for the venue, which is cost prohibitive. Deb noted that Five Cities is determined to resume live games.

- b. SLO
  - i. Kathy reported that there were a couple of issues regarding mask compliance that were dealt with. She noted that SLO tried a 149er game and then a 99er game, neither of which worked. The SLO board will reconsider in January whether to re-attempt to start these games.
- c. Morro Bay
  - i. The club is essentially dormant until January.
- d. North County
  - i. Fred reported that the Monday and Thursday games have been averaging about 5-6 tables. He noted that North County has established an ACBL sanction for a Tuesday game and that the No. County board is considering whether to start a game on that day. Mike noted that no Tuesday game will be started in No. County if Morro Bay decides to continue their Tuesday games.
- e. Blacklake
  - i. No change.

**New Business:**

1. Allocation of Virtual Club Monies.

- a. Carol provided several options for allocation of this money. It was agreed that the money generated by the 99-er game should be given to Five Cities. Art moved and Deb seconded the motion that \$3,000 should be retained in the Unit, earmarked for the support of educational activities and that the remaining monies be allocated according to the following schedule:

No. County .....	10.40%.....	\$1,775.55
Morro Bay .....	9.50%.....	\$1,621.89
SLO.....	40.10%.....	\$6,846.09
Five Cities.....	40.00%.....	\$6,829.02

\$17,072.55

Motion carried. **ACTION:** Carol will cut the checks forthwith.

2. Election of Directors.

- a. Deb reported that Gary Yant has agreed to be nominated for election to the board.
- b. The bylaws require an annual meeting of the members to be by held in January at which an election to fill director vacancies will be conducted. Carol and Mike agreed to set up an election committee (1 board member and 2 members at large). **ACTION:** Mike will research the records and report via email how many and which positions are becoming vacant in January.

**Adjourned:** 6.26 PM.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

1. Next meeting of the board: Friday, December 10, at 5 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mike Hughes, Unit secretary