

WLA Unit Board Minutes - Jan. 5, 2016

Attendees: Cyma Aronow, Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Lee Hausner, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Missing in Action: Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Brana Hall, Stephanie Young

A big thank you to Lee Hausner for inviting us to her lovely house!

Elections! President - Jordan Chodorow...Vice President - Karen Byrd...

Treasurer - Roger Clough...Secretary - Candy Scott

Appointments...

ALACBU Board... Pete Benjamin, Cecil Cook, Roger Clough, Candy Scott Alternates 1st Barbara Nusbaum, 2nd Howard Einberg, 3rd Jordan Chodorow (Bob Shore being ALACBU Recording Secretary has an automatic vote)

Membership Cyma Aronow

Disciplinary Chuck Fonarow

STAC Bob Shore

Electronics Roger Clough

I/N Karen Byrd

Publicity Candy Scott

Sanctions Sam Haveson, Cyma Aronow

Unit Columnist Bob Shore

Web Master Nancy Heck

Recorder Gene White

Sunshine Jeri Berger

I forgot his position Howard Einberg

Treasurer's Report... Roger reported cash in hand 25,758.32

Sectional?? Pete reported that getting a date has been impossible. The only feasible dates are May 21-22. Long Beach is holding an I/N Sectional that Sunday and we need their permission to have those dates. Bob will talk to Kevin Lane and see if they will let us. If they agree Pete will go ahead with getting a contract with Barrington.

2016...Candy passed out calendars with proposed Unit games and possible conflicts. We have 24 Unit games a year.

Presidentially speaking...Jordan brought up that we should buy a session ( \$100) in honor of our Player and Volunteer of the Year. Motion passed and carried. Pete said since we won't be having a Fall Regional and maybe not a Spring Regional in 2017, it may have to wait until Summer 2017.

For our next Party...Candy with Lee's help will search out possible places to hold the Holiday Party.

Next meeting...Monday Feb. 8 at BHBC. Unit Championship and Chinese New Year.

WLA Unit Board Minutes Feb. 8th, 2016

Attendees... Jordan Chodorow, Karen Byrd, Roger Clough, Candy Scott, Cyma Aronow, Pete Benjamin, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Brana Hall, Lee Hausner, Barbara Nusbaum, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff, Stephanie Young

Absent... Chuck Fonarow

Guests... Kevin Lane, Marcia Fisher

Kevin Lane mentioned that the ACBL is giving this District \$30,000 for charity/or charities of our choice. Part of this money is going to the Scholarship fund and the rest to charities suggested by the units. Barbara and Candy are on the committee to discuss previous to the ALACBU board meeting our recommendation.

Treasurer's Report handed out with no discussion.

Candy agreed to be new Membership Chairman.

The Long Beach Unit moved the Intermediate/Novice tournament so we could use the weekend of May 21-22 for our sectional. On Saturday two Pair games and a Compact KO. On Sunday Swiss Teams and a Pair event. Gametimes 10:30 and 3:15. Liang Fan will do the fliers for us. DIC Pete Knee. Motion to give Pete the authority to proceed. Passed.

Carolyn and Brana are checking out sites for the Holiday Party. Suggestions were made and there will be a further discussion next month.

Candy passed out a 6 month calendar. Motion to have 2 special NAP parties at BHBC in which the Unit will pay for the extra dollar entry to the NAP. If Barrington is still running the Thursday night game in June we will hold our meeting there and again pay for the NAP dollar. Passed.

Sunday March 6 at BHBC have a Party welcome the new Management Board .

Marcia Fisher has returned as the BHBC liaison, Welcome back!

Howard mentioned the GNT will be on April 16 & 17 A&C and Open & B on May 1 at Long Beach.

Jordan is getting an ad hoc committee together to discuss issues within the unit.

Pete asked help talking up the upcoming Regionals.

Next Meeting March 9

Meeting adjourned.



WLA Unit Board Minutes 3/9/16

Attendees... Jordan Chodorow, Karen Byrd, Roger Clough, Candy Scott, Brana Hall Carolyn Taff, Barbara Nusbaum, Lee Hausner, Chuck Fonorow, Bob Shore, Stephanie Young, Cyma Aronow

Absent... Pete Benjamin, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg

Guest Marcia Fisher

Meeting called to order at 6:15.

Jordan handed out copies of ALACBU officers and committee members. Jordan was erroneously mentioned as ALACBU Representative instead of Cecil Cook. (Has been reported as per instructions 3/10/16)

Treasurers Report: Cash on hand 25,961.31. Roger asked if the money spent on the Unit Championship/Party welcoming the new BHBC Board was a club or Unit responsibility. The Board voted that the money spent was to be paid by the Unit.

Sam Haveson has set up a site on the ACBL website to get the info on results of Unit Games. Jordan will email the directions on how to retrieve this .

Charity: Candy has been in contact with other Units making their choice of charity the ALACBU Scholarship Fund. This way the Scholarship Fund will get at least half of the \$30,000 dollars the District is getting from the ACBL. The decision on how this money will be ultimately be dispersed is up to Kevin Lane. Candy moved that WLA makes a request to have our charity be the ALACBU Scholarship Fund . Carried.

Unit Championships: The week that was proposed for the Week long Unit Champs conflicted with SFV Sectional. The dates have been changed to March 31, Thursday evening at Barrington, April 4, Monday afternoon Unit Wide, April, 5 Tuesday afternoon Unit Wide and Evening MDR, April 6, Wednesday afternoon Unit Wide, April 7, Thursday Evening Swiss Teams BHBC, April 8, Friday afternoon Unit Wide, April 9, Saturday afternoon BHBC, April 10, Sunday afternoon BHBC. Cyma will get the sanctions and Bob will put it in the column.

THE PARTY! : Brana and Carolyn have found a site. Due to Lee's connection with the Brentwood Country Club they are willing to have us on Nov. 20. The maximum amount of people they can hold is 108, which is what we have had the last couple years. The buffet brunch is \$38 per person with a \$2 drink fee. This is much cheaper then all other venues. The menu is similar to the BH Country Club. The fees will likely be raised from \$55 to \$60. Will going forward the final decision is tabled until next month when the numbers will be crunched.

Ace of Clubs/ Mini McKinney: The winners will be sent a card giving them a free play at our sectional and the A. of C. awards will be given out and the Mini Mac winners will be announced. This will be done the second session Saturday. Only one free play per person. Anyone not there will be mailed their certificate.

Membership: due to a lot of misplaced Zip codes in our District, Candy has gotten the ACBL to send her the Unit boundaries and then get together with all the other Unit membership chairs and anyone else to solve this problem. Players can belong to any unit they wish, even if they live in another unit's boundaries. Candy will represent WLA, but anyone is welcome to join. It was a headache 20 years ago, time to update.

Next meeting Monday April 11 6:15 BHBC.

Meeting Adjourned.

Let me know what needs to be added or subtracted in Draft #2. candy

WLA Unit Board Meeting April, 11, 2016

Present: Jordan Chodorow, Chuck Fonorow, Barbara Nusbaum, Stephanie Young, Karen Byrd, Pete Benjamin, Cyma Aronow, Candy Scott, Carolyn Taff, Brana Hall, Bob Shore

Absent: Howard Einberg, Cecil Cook, Lee Hausner, Roger Clough

Guest: Marcia Fisher

Meeting called to order at 6:16

Minutes for April approved

Treasurer Report delivered by Pete Benjamin. Cash on hand \$25,534.82

Regional: Jordan received a note from Mike Marcucci about the Regional and that the District needs the Units help to encourage players for the Long Beach Tournament. Pete took over the discussion saying that the October Regional is canceled,. The Four Points Sheridan wants us to return in Feb. and are working on improving the lighting, parking, carpeting and food. There were multiple complaints about the food and without in and out privileges this is a major problem. At the LAX Regional we lost \$5000, but we expect Long Beach to make \$10,000. Pete has 2 professionals searching out new places to see if we can find a place, hopefully one in the valley , for 2017 Fall Regional.

Sectional: Stan Holzberg emailed Jordan wanting to make a master list of Unit Sectionals. WLA's dates for 2017 are May 6 & 7 and Sept. 2 & 3.

Unit Championships: We have 10 left. We intend to use all remaining Championships. Suggestion we have a weekend Unit game that we run and collect fees to add to our funds.

PARTY! Carolyn brought a comparison of last years and projected cost of Brentwood Country Club. BCC will be about \$400 cheaper than last year. We do not need a deposit and the date of Nov. 20 is saved for us. Motion passed to go

ahead with the party at BCC. Motion passed to keep the same fees as last year, \$50 before a date to be set later and \$55 thereafter. Maximum count is 108 people, flyers will state that seating is limited.

New Players: Marcia Fisher got an email suggesting that we have a welcoming committee and give new members free plays. This has been done by the membership chairman for many years. Also it was suggested that there be a Mentor program. The Unit Board was enthusiastic and Carolyn suggested a Big Brother/Sister type of idea.

WLA Sectional: Discuss the Sectional at the May meeting. Dates May 21-22. Flyers are out. Food will be special and Pete and committee may end up spending more than \$200.

ABA/WLA Game: Will be June 5 at the ABA Club at 134 Market St. 12:30 food and 1:30 gametime. Stephanie has flyers. Candy will get the sanction and make sure the Director have that #. Candy will bring the District Roster to fill in any ACBL numbers. We will check with Wayne Karson to help getting everything to the ACBL in a timely fashion.

Next meeting Wed. May 4.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07.



West Los Angeles Unit Board Minutes May 3, 2016

Attendees: Jordan Chodorow, Karen Byrd, Candy Scott, Roger Clough, Pete Benjamin, Brana Hall, Carolyn Taff, Cecil Cook, Chuck Fonorow, Bob Shore, Stephanie Young, Barbara Nusbaum

Absent: Lee Hausner, Cyma Aronow, Howard Einberg

Guest: Marcia Fisher

Meeting called to order 6:15

Treasurers Report: Cash on hand 25,411.13. Roger said that the \$44.25 bill to Nancy Heck for our Web site was a once a year fee. Roger then mentioned that the Sanction fees for Unit Games went up from \$1.25 to \$2.25. Discussion ensued whether we should continue paying this amount since we don't get any of the revenues of these games. Whether this practice continues or the clubs pay all or part of this extra dollar is tabled until next month when we can get feedback from the clubs.

Sectional Speaking: Pete said everything is going forward and Adrienne is having it announced at the club. Our rent is very reasonable and we pay Ralph \$75 per session (\$300) plus \$8 per set of boards duplicated. Food budget is about \$200, but may go a bit over. Ace of Clubs and Mini-Mac winners all got letters and free plays for the Sat. 3:30 session where we will give them the certificates. The Sept. Sectional is being put on hold until after this Sectional.

Party!!!: Nothing until next month. Will discuss and find out about a no host bar.

Up and Coming: Candy brought in a May thru Dec. Calendar. Sanctions have been gotten for the ABA game. Will be emailed to Stephanie and Wayne Karson. Stephanie handed out flyers. The calendar includes all of BHBC NAP qualifiers. We will hold meetings opposite the evening games as we have in the past. On Sat. afternoon July 9 we will have a special pizza and pay for everyone's extra dollar and on Aug. 7 an ice cream social, again paying for the extra dollar. This was voted on in the Feb. meeting and now we know the dates. Karen was pleased part of her work was done so quickly, but still needs to get Barrington's dates. She then asked about Marcus Evans being the one in charge of the NAP, and Candy mentioned he just moved out of this District. Don't know if he's still in charge. We have nine Unit champs left for this year and have five scheduled games. Some of the four may be used as special Unit Games that we run and collect the fees as suggested last month. October opposite where the Regional was may be a good option.

Marcia's Report: Tonight we have a new director Jim Perkins. There is a new 299er game Thursday at 12:30 and Marcia handed out flyers.

Next meeting June 1, and first chance to qualify for the NAP.

Meeting adjourned 6:57.



WLA Unit Board Minutes - Sept. 7

Attendees...Jordan Chodorow, Karen Byrd, Candy Scott, Roger Clough, Carolyn Taff, Howard Einberg, Barbara Nusbaum, Chuck Fonarow, Stephanie Young, Lee Hausner  
Absent...Cecil Cook, Pete Benjamin, Brana Hall, Cyma Aronow, Bob Shore  
Guest Marcia Fisher

Meeting called to order 6:25

Minutes Approved

Financial Report - Roger Cash in bank 27,173.28

Section financial -343.57. A new bill for \$8 came in from Candy which made the total to - 351.57. Discussion on how to approve attendance. The Sectional is well run and those who came enjoyed themselves. The Labor Day Weekend is no longer working for us. There was no email blast. We need a marketing Committee who can bring ideas to Pete. Julie Kimelman volunteered to help us. We will contact her ASAP.

Unit run Championship..Earned \$82. Is worth another try in the future. Probably try Saturday night. Party - Carolyn... Carolyn handed out flyers. There is a new start time 11:30 and gametime still at 1:00. Flyer approved. Maximum seating 108! Two card rooms. The reservations will be mailed to Howard. Jordan thanked Carolyn and her committee for all their work.

Election sign-up is out with the end date Sept. 30. How many interested people will determine the mailing for the party. Howard will be in charge of getting the ACBL list and do the mailing.

ABA there are still problems with the ACBL points. Working on it. In future we will have to work on it. We should get the District involved in the ACBL side of the ABA/ACBL game. Decided it's too late for us to host the ACBL game. Decided maybe better once a year , even # years ABA, odd # years ACBL. Talk to Mike Marcucci.

Unit Fee Hikes, Candy's letter she brought last month will be published by the ACBL in November. She is going to contact the 300+ units to get them to talk to their District Board Chairman, so that when Kevin Lane brings it up again will get a better reception.

Next meeting Monday Oct. 10 BHBC

Meeting Adjourned 7:01

# WLA Unit Board Meeting October 2016

Attendees: Jordan Chodorow, Karen Byrd, Candy Scott, Carolyn Taff, Lee Hausner, Bob Shore, Roger Clough

Attended by Phone: Stephanie Young, Barbara Nusbaum

Absent: Pete Benjamin, Cyma Aronow, Chuck Fonarow, Cecil Cook, Brana Hall, Howard Einberg

Guest: Marcia Fisher

Meeting Called to Order at 6:25

Minutes read and approved

Treasurers Report: Roger...Cash in Bank 26,685.81

Sectional: Pete emailed that Betty Bratcher was contacted and approved our moving the Sept. Sectional off Labor Day. We discussed the dates after Irving Regional and before the High Holidays. Weekend we came up with was Sept. 16 and 17, 2017. Players complained that our strats are too high and we discussed how to fix that. Proposed Schedule...Saturday Stratified Pairs both sessions- 0 - 750, 750 - 2500, 2500+ and Compact KO's. Sunday Teams A-Ax 5000+, BCD 0 - 750, 750 - 1500, 1500 - 3000

Plus morning Stratified Pair game (same strata as above). Talk to Jeff Grotenhuis about whether to add 299er game.

Party: Carolyn...Directors are Pete Knee and Tom Ciacio. Flyers are ready to mail. Unit Sanctions have already been gotten. Decorations coming together.

POY.. Due to trying to get the POY game in the July 2017 Bridge Week Schedule the Committee met early by phone and chose Penny Barbieri. Bob shore wanted to add another name, Mike Savage. Board voted for Mike Savage. Next year POY will be decided in by Sept. meeting. VOY will be brought up next meeting.

Election.. Judy Hasin-Brumshten was the only volunteer. Cyma expressed a desire to leave the Board, so no election necessary. We will ask Cyma whether she wants to continue until the end of the year or have Judy start immediately. Either way we will invite Judy to our next Board meeting.

The District wants to have a special game for Pete Benjamin. Discussion with BHBC about date.

Next meeting Wednesday, November 9 6:15 BHBC.

Meeting adjourned 7:00