

## WLA Unit Board Meeting January 11, 2017

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

Meeting called to order 7:45

Jordan thanked Marcia and Barry Fisher for their wonderful hospitality!

Minutes ... Bob noted there was not a quorum last meeting and moved that we ratify the last meeting. So moved and passed

Minutes approved with a couple changes.

Treasurers We got two reports two months...23,691.68

year end initial cash...25,758.32 ending cash... 23,691.68

Now that's done elections and committees

President... Jordan Chodorow

Vice President... Karen Byrd

Secretary ...Candy Scott

Treasurer...Roger Clough

Membership...Candy Scott

Electronic...Roger Clough

Web...Nancy Heck

Disciplinary...Chuck Fonarow

Business Manager...Pete Benjamin

Sanctions ...Sam Haveson

Publishing...Yehudit Hasin

Hospitality...Barbara Nusbaum

NAP...Karen Byrd

GNT...Howard Einberg

STAC Bob Shore

Recorder ...Gene White

Unit Reporter Bob Shore - Barrington Contact...Stephanie Young - BHBC Contact...Lee Hausner

Tournament Chair Pete Benjamin - Committee...Yehudit Hasin

Party Committee...Carolyn Taff, Brana Hall, Lee Hausner, Marcia Fisher

ALACBU Reps...Pete Benjamin, Candy Scott, Barbara Nusbaum, Howard Einberg

ALACBU Alternates...Bob Shore, Roger Clough, Stephanie Young, Jordan Chodorow

Party...The cost was about \$1000 more than expected. We didn't have a contract and will have one this year. Brana and Jordan thought there was \$600 that we could dispute, but Lee felt strongly that we not argue with them. Roger brought in the 2015 party bottom line and the two were the same. Talked about raising the fees \$5.00. Also mentioned having it on a Saturday. Flyer must be clearer on confirmation and that there is limited seating. We still need to pay sanction fees and Jordan will check with ACBL.

Youth program...Yehudit would like to see energy from the board to work on teaching kids to play bridge. While the problem is still getting a Staff member of a school to sponsor it, we are going to try to see what is out there. Suggest we talk to John Jones.

Roster.. Candy handed out the 2017 Unit Board Roster and made many mistakes. Will correct by next meeting.

2017 Calendar...Candy handed out the calendar with all dates of surrounding tournaments. For our Sectional, Pete is settling with Adrienne about May 6 and 7. The fall Sectional date is likely to be August 19 - 20. Off Labor Day weekend and into a month with few tournaments. Stephanie will check with ABA about the ABA/ACBL game. What we would like is to hold it at their club and provide financial help.

Next meeting Monday February 13 at BHBC  
Meeting adjourned Too tired to check the time

## WLA Unit Board Meeting April

Attendees: Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Candy Scott, Howard Einberg, Barbara Nusbaum, Carolyn Taff, Lee Hausner, Bob Shore

Guest: Marcia Fisher

MIA: Stephanie Young, Chuck Fonarow, Karen Byrd, Cecil Cook, Brana Hall, Yehudit Hasin. Pete Benjamin

No Minutes

Treasurer's Report: No big change, Paid Pete Benjamin \$100 for 2 months of printing ALACBU News.

Sectional May 6-7. Pete not here. Jordan: FYI, Adrienne is saying she doesn't want to continue running our Sectional at her club. This maybe our last year. Candy suggested that we check with other Units to run a combine Sectional with them.

ABA Game, Still no points.

Candy's protesting the ACBL fee hike's by not running Unit Championships: The Pomona Covina Unit is running Unit Championships again. We will continue to hold off running Unit Championships, because the players don't seem to care and it doesn't seem to be worth the time and money. Put our resources elsewhere, as in...

Getting New Members! Unit Board members and Marcia will announce to the beginning players on Saturday about the ACBL. Mention the Magazine, Online support, Pro-Am and workshops at the Regional, etc. Unit Board members help by volunteering for the Supervised Play on Saturday at 10:30 & 12:45.

BHBC is holding Charity Games all month.

Candy announced she is leaving and moving to Albuquerque in August. She will need to train whoever to do the things she does. She will still be available through phone and email for whatever help she can give. She will be attending the Holiday Party.

Next meeting : MAYDAY! Monday at BHBC at 6:15.

## WLA Unit Board Minutes May 1, 2017

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

Absent: Cecil Cook

\Guest: Marcia Fisher

Meeting Called to order 6:18

Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Handed out. Nothing new. Going to remove some money from checking to CD. Asked whether needed money for down payment for party. Last year it went on Lee's account so we didn't need down payment. Likely the same this year.

Scholarship: Barbara is the new Chairperson of the ALACBU Scholarship. In trying to get things together, we are need in money due to the lack of money coming in from the failing Regionals. Long Beach should be producing an income, but need more. Barbara requested that WLA Board help her think of ways to raise money. Yehudit raised her hand and was volunteered to be part of the committee. To be continued...

Sectional: Everything is going well. Adrienne seems to be willing to continue holding our Sectional as long as they are at least 4 months apart. Jeff Grotenhuis has talked his 299ers to come to our Sectional the 2nd Saturday Session. Candy moved that we give the Ace of Clubs and Mini Mac winners free plays and hand them awards on that 2nd Saturday Session. Approved. She will make out awards and phone all participants.

Party: Lee and Jordan are meeting with Brentwood CC and will have a written agreement. The date is the Sunday before Thanksgiving. More next month.

BHBC News: Marcia relayed that there will be Tuesday evening games starting next week. That help is needed to keep the Saturday afternoon supervised play going.

Membership: Candy added to this that she now has instant Membership Forms to facilitate getting these new players to join. She has three pads a (the most the ACBL would send her). One will go to Barrington with Pete and the other 2 to Nancy Heck for the new students. In January WLA Membership was 1008, February 1013, March 2016. We need to stay over 1000 to continue having 4 ALACBU Board Members.

Meeting Adjourned 7ish

Next meeting Monday June 13 BHBC 6:15

## WLA Unit Board Meeting June 2017

Attendees: Jordan Chodorow, Karen Byrd, Candy Scott, Lee Hausner, Brana Hall, Barbara Nusbaum, Pete Benjamin, Chuck Fonarow, Bob Shore, Howard Einberg

Absent: Cecil Cook Roger Clough, Yehudit Hasin, Stephanie Young, Carolyn Taff

Guest: Marcia Fisher

Meeting called to order 6:22

Minutes read and after small correction approved.

Treasurers Report: Roger Clough is not here, but gave Pete the Sectional Report and he will give it at the time of the Sectional Report. Jordan had an additional report about invoices sent by ALACBU Treasurer Joe Viola for WLA Unit's 2016 and 2017 voluntary \$2 per member assessment for the ALABU News. This hit will take our finances down to about \$20,000 (guesstimate since Roger's not here). We are not sure we can keep paying that much of a hit. We want to know what other units are feeling about this and the general feeling of the ALACBU Board. It was moved that we pay the 2016 amount of \$2004 and table paying 2017 amount of \$2032 until after the ALACBU Meeting in July. Passed. We will tell Mike Marcucci to put it on the agenda.

Sectional Report: Bottom line we made \$797.33! There are things we can do to improve on that bottom line, but Adrienne is balking at holding our Sectional. Pete canceled our Fall date with the ACBL, but if he can get Adrienne to agree we will put it back in. Talked about, if the office space next door is still unrented, maybe we could use that space.

Party!! We have a contract same as last year. Discussion about Director. Check around for Director, who will give us an answer about availability early, do advanced table assignments (seeding), and work with second Ida Simms. Names brought up: Jim Perkins, David White, Brandon Shoemaker. Motion to raise the fees to \$65 early registration and \$75 late. 6 yes 3 no. Passed.

NAP: Candy asked if we are doing what we did last year for the clubs for the NAP? Answer: No.

Next meeting Monday July 10th at BHBC.

Meeting adjourned 6:13.

## WLA Minutes July 10, 2017

Attendees: Jordan Chodorow, Karen Byrd, Roger Clough, Candy Scott, Stephanie, Chuck Fonarow, Barbara Nusbaum, Howard Einberg, Bob Shore, Lee Hausner

Absent: Cecil Cook, Carolyn Taff, Brana Hall, Peter Benjamin, Yehudit Hasin

After a lively pre-meeting discussion about the future of bridge the meeting was...  
Called to order at 6:25

So. Cal. Bridge News: Continuing our discussion from last month, the ALACBU members told what reaction there was from the rest of the District. Some Units seeing our point, thought this should be brought up at their next meeting. The bottom line was if we pulled out the SCBN would fold. After a discussion of how much we felt our members got out of the SCBN, as opposed to what we could do with the money there was a motion... We will pay this year and that we are strongly considering this our last year. 9 ayes 1 nay

Party: Carolyn and Brana couldn't make it. Brana sent note she is still looking for a Head Director.

Scholarship: Barbara reported on her report to the District and in trying to get feedback from the Units about the lack of funds to continue, it was thrown back to the Scholarship Committee. Barbara is asking us that which she wanted other Unit Boards to consider, should we put the Scholarship Foundation on hiatus until the outstanding scholarships are paid off. At that time we can give a one time gift to our District Scholar of the year. Board thought that sounded reasonable.  
Meeting adjourned 6:58

Next meeting Tuesday, August 8 at BHBC

## WLA Unit Board Minutes August 2017

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

Meeting called to order 6:14

Minutes: Read and approved

Treasurers Report: read and approved

Sectional: Pete Benjamin...Sectional approved for October 7-8. Kevin Lane helped clear these dates for us, will send a thank you note with a free play for the Sectional. Yehudit is working with electronic early registration. Julie Kimelman will help with the food and email blast. Next year may be a problem getting Barrington at all. Lee Hausner is checking with Crossroads School as a possible site.

Party: Brana Hall...everything's fine. Directors Jim Perkins and Ida Simms. Jim can't get bridgemates or cards, will have to talk to Barrington. Flyer will be ready for October first.

Membership: Candy Scott... up 9 players from last month. To keep 4 ALACBU Board members must stay above 600 members.

Player of the Year: Discussions on the qualities one has to get the award. Some wanted award limited to WLA Unit. Motion to chose vote to this meeting.(so winner could be printed on Bridge Week Flyer)  
6 Aye 2 Nay, carried. 6 names voted on. Due to secrecy of winner, we voted and came up with a winner.

Sent Candy out of the room to set up party for her soon departure. Candy will (and has) confirm the date. Positions for Secretary and Membership need to be filled by October. No volunteers. Not showing up for the next meeting may mean bad news.

Next meeting: Monday, September 6, BHBC at 615.

Meeting adjourned 7:08

## WLA Minutes Sept.2017

Attendees...Jordan Chodorow, Karen Byrd, Candy Scott, Barbara Nusbaum, Carolyn Taff, Yehudit Hasin, Peter Benjamin, Chuck Fonorow, Bob Shore(quorum appeared)

Absent...Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Stephanie Young, Lee Hausner, Brana Hall

Minutes and Treasures reports approved

Trying to make it easier to get a quorum. Suggestions that we change number needed for a quorum or change number of board members. Barbara suggested that with Candy leaving, Cecil finds it hard to make meetings and she is considering resigning at the end of the year, that would cut the board down to 12. All these ideas requires a change in bylaws. Committee headed by Roger with Bob and Yehudit (Jordan if needed) will look into making changes in the bylaws and come up with proposal(s).

Party: Carolyn brought in draft of flyer. Moved 10th of November cut off date for discount and cut off date for RSVP 12th. Need supplies. BCC has bid boxes for 1 room. Contact Robin Thayer for supplies she may have. Also Contact Barrington for supplies and boards.

Motion by Jordan for the Player of the year..."In nominating individuals for determining the winner of the West Los Angeles Unit Player of the Year award, both the POY Committee and the Unit Board shall make every effort to select members of the WLA Unit. A non-member shall be nominated/selected only if (a) no member of the Unit is deserving an (b) the non-member, having made significant positive contributions to the WLA Unit, is so clearly and extraordinarily deserving of the award that an exception must be made. In no event shall there be two consecutive non-member winners. Approved Motion that we reconsider last months nominee/winner and vote again. Approved. Nominees listed and vote taken.

Bob mentioned that while ACBL dues have risen the amount the Units get has not increased. He has talked to Kevin and he will bring it up at the next meeting.

Candy was presented a gift for her years of service to the Unit and wish her well in Albuquerque.  
This ends my last minutes.

Next meeting Mon. Nov. 6th