

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – January 13, 2015

Present: Cyma Aronow, Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Brana Hall, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff, Stephanie Young

Absent: Chuck Fonarow, Barbara Nusbaum, David Raphel, Candy Scott

Hosts: Marcia and Barrie Fisher

THANK YOU - A huge thank you to Marcia and Barrie Fisher for graciously opening their home to the Board for the meeting and a delicious dinner afterwards. We are all most appreciative.

BUT, OFFICER... The following officers were re-elected: President - Bob; Vice President - Karen; Treasurer - Roger; Secretary - Jordan. All other appointments were reaffirmed. Cyma is added as a Tournament Coordinator and will provide Bob with reports from Barrington for the Unit column. Stephanie will work with Candy to promote Unit events.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Roger reported cash on hand as of 12/31/14: \$26,300.81. We are down approximately \$2,260 year-to-year.

THE HILLS OF BEVERLY -- Marcia will bring up to the BHBC board the concern that event flyers and the Bridge News are not receiving optimal distribution there. Thank you to Carolyn for providing cakes and the Certificate of Appreciation for Rick Turner's farewell game.

SECTIONAL HEALING - We have a sanction for the Spring Sectional, to be held on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 at Barrington. Peter will negotiate with Adrienne, and coordinate with Yehudit Hasin regarding the flyer. We will run a one-session side game along with the team game on Sunday. Peter will also make the decision, in consultation with Adrienne, whether to serve and charge for outside food. Peter reported that the VA will not work for the Fall Sectional. He and Brana will look into the viability of Temple Akiba, and with Stephanie will look into the old Westchester library. Kayne Eras is our backup, but several members have said they won't return to KEC, and we might get significant mileage from being able to advertise a new location.

MARY JANE - The Mary Jane Farell trophy needs minor repair. Peter would also like to acknowledge the winners in some way, as with a certificate. Howard's motion passed to limit the trophy to Unit members only, in conformity with the criteria for the Jill Meyers trophy.

PARTY HEARTY - Brana reported that we have a deposit and a date. She will ask Pete Knee to direct. We will have a new second director this year and will put endeavor to place each pair in the game best suited to them.

ABA HEY HEY -- The ABA game of the annual home-and-home series will be held on Sunday, June 7, at the ABA club at 134 North Market Street (near La Brea) in Inglewood. All are invited.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE - The Board sends its condolences to the loved ones of Elliott Marshall and Sandy Rink, who passed away. A memorial for Sandy will be held Thursday at Barrington.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR -- Next meeting: Monday, February 9, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – February 9, 2015

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

Absent: Cecil Cook, Brana Hall, David Raphel, Stephanie Young

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Kevin Lane

TREASURER'S REPORT - Roger reported cash on hand as of 1/31/15: \$26,888.42.

SECTIONAL HEALING - Candy will get out the spring sectional flyer within a few days.

A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE - Nancy Heck has agreed to serve as Unit Webmaster. Candy will get her content for the website, but all are asked to contribute to the effort.

PARTY HEARTY - The catering director has been promoted. Carolyn has worked with the new person in the position. Pete Knee will direct unless the date conflicts with a tournament.

ABA HEY HEY -- Candy passed out flyers for the game Sunday, June 7, at the ABA club at 134 North Market Street (near La Brea) in Inglewood. The ACBL half of the home-and-home series will be held Sunday, October 4, probably at Barrington.

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM - With Marcia's help, the Board and BHBC will endeavor to find a mutually agreeable date for a summer ice cream social and NAOP qualifier.

SAVE THE DATE - Candy prepared and distributed "save the date" flyers for general use.

KEVIN LANE - Kevin introduced himself as a candidate for District Director and invited anyone with questions or issues to communicate with him.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE - The Board sends its condolences to the loved ones of Stella Bernard, who passed away.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR -- Next meeting: Monday, March 2, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – March 2, 2015

Present: Cyma Aronow, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Brana Hall, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff, Stephanie Young

Absent: Peter Benjamin, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow (ten demerits), David Raphael

Guest: Marcia Fisher

TREASURER'S REPORT - Roger reported cash on hand as of 2/28/15: \$24,624.11.

SECTIONAL HEALING - Bob passed around for comments a bare-bones flyer with schedule of events. We will charge the session fee on the flyer previously distributed by Candy. Brana spoke again with Pete Knee. We would like to get Colin Gordon as the second director.

REGIONAL - There were complaints about the \$14 session fees and the late schedule. These may have been partly to blame for the low attendance at the Woodland Hills regional.

ABA HEY HEY -- The June 7 game is on schedule. Flyers have been out at tournaments. The ACBL half of the home-and-home will take place on October 4 at Barrington.

UNIT GAMES - BHBC does not want to hold an ice cream social. Candy suggested the Unit conduct events in conjunction with the District and distributed a sheet with several ideas. Candy also distributed a calendar of unit games. The games through May were approved. Discussion of the remainder of the 2015 calendar was tabled to the next meeting.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR -- Next meeting: Monday, April 6, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – May 11, 2015

Present: Cyma Aronow, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Chuck Fonarow, Brana Hall, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff, Stephanie Young

Absent: Peter Benjamin, Roger Clough, Howard Einberg

Guest: Marcia Fisher

WHO'S IN - WHO'S OUT - David Raphel stepped down from the Board. We thank him for his service to the Unit. An election was held and Bob Chen will serve the remainder of David's term. Welcome, Bob! The Board encourages Yehudit Hasin to participate in our meetings and activities and we look forward to welcoming her to the Board in the near future.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Roger (vicariously) reported cash on hand as of 4/30/15: \$24,368.35.

SECTIONAL HEALING - The sectional turned a net profit of \$1,106.75. The largest expense was the directors' fees and costs. Bob S. will ask Kevin Lane about these. There was some criticism of Ralph for putting out day-old food and not helping enough with set-up. Jordan spoke with Adrienne, who cannot accommodate us on Labor Day. The Board expressed serious reservations about proceeding with a split-site sectional in the fall.

PARTY HEARTY - Brana and Carolyn spoke again with BHCC, which has guaranteed all parties through the end of the year. We remain on the schedule for Sunday, November 22.

ABA HEY HEY -- Reminder: The ABA hosts the ACBL at its club on Sunday, June 7. Be there!

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE - The Board extends its condolences to the loved ones of Don Krauss and Charlotte Ukra, both of whom passed away, and to Sylvia Shallon, whose husband passed away.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR -- Next meeting: Saturday, June 20, 11:00 a.m., at the home of Bob Shore, 1600 Livonia Ave.; L.A., CA 90035. We hope to hear from District Director candidates Rand Pinsky (incumbent) and Kevin Lane.

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – June 20, 2015

Present: Cyma Aronow, Peter Benjamin, Bob Chen, Jordan Chodorow, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff, Stephanie Young

Absent: Karen Byrd, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Brana Hall

Guests: Kevin Lane, Rand Pinsky

THE HOST WITH THE MOST - Bob Shore welcomed us to his lovely home and served refreshments between halves of the meeting. The Board thanked Bob for his generous hospitality and approved reimbursement of the expenses he incurred in connection with the meeting.

WELCOME ABOARD - Bob Shore officially welcomed Bob Chen to the Board. Welcome!

TREASURER'S REPORT - Roger (vicariously) reported cash on hand as of 5/31/15: \$25,153.99.

SECTIONAL HEALING - We will use Barrington on Saturday and Temple Akiba Sunday and Monday for our Fall Sectional. We will hold the usual schedule of events, with 49'er pairs as attendance warrants.

UNIT GAME - There will be a "President's Day" game on July 21, the birthday of our President, Bob Shore.

ABA HEY HEY -- The ABA hosted the ACBL at its club on Sunday, June 7. It was a great game. Stephanie will procure a check in the amount of \$23.75 to cover sanction fees. We will cover the sanction fees for the corresponding game to be held at Barrington on Sunday, October 4. Candy will take charge of this game and we will purchase prepackaged sandwiches. Jordan will obtain Adrienne's signature on an agreement with the same terms as last year's.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR ELECTION - After a break for a light refaction, the Board reconvened to hear from the two candidates in the upcoming election for District Director: incumbent Rand Pinsky and challenger Kevin Lane. Each candidate gave a presentation outlining his qualifications and platform, and invited us to continue the conversation with them after the meeting. The Board thanks both candidates for their contributions to bridge and for taking the time to speak with us. The Unit Boards within District 23 will vote beginning in August.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR - Next meeting: Monday, July 13, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

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Unit Board Minutes – July 13, 2015

Present: Cyma Aronow, Peter Benjamin, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Chuck Fonarow, Brana Hall, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Karen Byrd, Bob Chen, Howard Einberg, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Stephanie Young

TREASURER'S REPORT - Roger reported orally. Cash on hand to be included w/next month.

SECTIONAL HEALING - We need a flyer. Games at 10 and 3. Prepared food will be brought in.

AIN'T LIFE GRAND? - Congrats to Mike Savage, who recently made Grand Life Master.

PARTY HEARTY -- The committee is working on the flyer with Stephanie's graphic designer. Will meet formally with catering director in September. Brana will confirm Pete Knee's commitment to direct and look into engaging Colin as second director.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR ELECTION - Board members will vote individually online in August.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR - Next meeting: Monday, August 3, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – August 3, 2015

Present: Karen Byrd, Bob Chen, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Cyma Aronow, Peter Benjamin, Brana Hall, Stephanie Young

TREASURER'S REPORT - Roger reported cash on hand as of 7/31/15: \$26,621.26.

SECTIONAL HEALING - Pete has put down a \$200 deposit and signed a contract with Temple Akiba. He will sign a contract with Barrington soon. Flyers are out. Start times are 10:30 and 3:15 to accommodate the large number of new players we expect Jeff Grotenhuis will bring.

PARTY HEARTY -- Carolyn passed out flyers with RSVP's. Price is \$55 or \$50 if postmarked by November 11. All RSVP's due by November 15. Mailing to go out in early October, along with ballot for unit board election if one is needed. Candy will create and post sign-up sheets.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR ELECTION - Online voting will begin approximately August 15. Jordan has telephoned ACBL to request a paper ballot for Barbara.

NAP SEMIFINAL - Mike Marcucci is looking for a place to have the game. Beverly Hills wants \$400. Barrington wants \$300.

ABA HEY HEY - Candy passed out a proposed budget. We will have two directors, preferably including an experienced ACBL director and ABA director. The price for the October 4 game is \$10, including lunch.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR - Next meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

Present: Cyma Aronow, Karen Byrd, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff, Stephanie Young

Absent: Peter Benjamin, Bob Chen, Jordan Chodorow, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Brana Hall

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Roger reported cash on hand as of 7/31/15: \$26,551.99.
- It was recommended that we consolidate our CD's and place them in One West Bank.

SECTIONAL HEALING:

- Peter needs help setting up on Sunday, September 6 for the sectional. Candy has Marco coming at 8:30 am to assist.
- We have full use of the Kitchen at Temple Akiba. Games start at 10:30 am.
- Need someone to assist with guiding the players to the proper entrance. Scholarship donations will receive a free cookbook courtesy of Candy.

PARTY HEARTY:

- Peter Knee confirmed as director; looking for a second director to assist.
- 1,200 flyers are being printed and will be available for distribution after Labor Day.
- Need to vote for Player of the year by November.

ABA HEY HEY:

- Candy has distributed flyers to all clubs and will pass out additional flyers at the sectional.
- Cyma has obtained sanction for the game and Stephanie will be responsible for the ABA section.
- Game will be stratified and it is our goal to have a 299ers game in the side room at Barrington.
- We are anticipating approximately 30 tables and Candy is working on securing two directors.
- Refreshments will consist of Costco sandwiches, chips, cookies, soft drinks etc. We should come in under our anticipated budget of \$500.00.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR ELECTION:

- Ballots are out and please vote.

New Business:

- Jennifer Einberg wants to develop a unit and district website at no cost; however, there would be an annual maintenance fee. The website would include, game schedules, game results, upcoming events, link to ACBL Website, members would be able to post comments and upload images, additional features would be welcomed as the website is constructed.
- It was also recommended that Nancy come to a board meeting to do a complete presentation on the current website.

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – October 5, 2015

Present: Cyma Aronow, Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Bob Chen, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Brana Hall, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff, Stephanie Young

Absent: Cecil Cook, Barbara Nusbaum

TREASURER'S REPORT - Roger reported cash on hand as of 9/30/15: \$26,751.79.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR ELECTION - Congratulations to Kevin Lane, who won the election.

ABA HEY HEY - The ABA/ACBL game was held at Barrington on Sunday, October 4, with 23 tables. Bob Shore, Candy, Jordan, Peter and Stephanie presented information and observations with respect to the events of Sunday. Peter expressed his view that the Board had not provided Candy with sufficient logistical support. Bob responded by reporting that on the morning of the event, Candy had told him that she had four people available to help her. Bob reported that at the time of the event he felt it necessary to relieve Candy of her responsibilities. Candy apologized for portions of her conduct but expressed frustration that the Board did not support her in her dispute with Adrienne. Jordan reported that Adrienne has made it clear both before and after this event that Candy is not to be anywhere near the kitchen at Barrington or to have anything to do with food at Barrington events. Adrienne has expressed extreme distrust of the Board in light of Candy's presence in the kitchen and involvement with the food at this event, as well as her re-shuffling of Ida's seating arrangements, and has indicated that the Unit will not be allowed to have future events at Barrington unless Adrienne is in charge of the food, with a budget agreed upon in advance by her and the Board. Stephanie reported that our ABA friends who attended the event enjoyed the game, but that some made a last-minute choice not to attend due to weather.

PARTY HEARTY -- The flyers have gone out. Get your RSVP's in quickly to assist with the head count (and to save \$5 per person). Board members will secure free plays from Unit clubs. The directors will be Peter Knee and Ida Simms. Early reviews on the new catering director (at the re-named Griffin Club) have been highly favorable.

UNIT BOARD ELECTION - We had one sign-up. If one Board member resigns, there will be no election. If none resigns, an election will be required.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR - Next meeting: Wednesday, November 11, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

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Unit Board Minutes – November 11, 2015

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Brana Hall, Lee Hausner, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Cyma Aronow, Cecil Cook, Stephanie Young

TREASURER'S REPORT - Roger reported cash on hand as of 10/31/15: \$27,242.59.

HELLO AND GOODBYE - Bob Chen has resigned from the Board. We thank him for his service. We are delighted to welcome to the Board in his place Lee Hausner. Welcome aboard, Lee!

THE POY (AND VOY) POLLOI - The Board selected winners of both the Player of the Year and the Volunteer of the Year awards after presentations by the respective committees. The winners will be invited to the holiday party, where they will be presented their awards.

PARTY HEARTY -- The count to date is approximately 65 signups. Many more to come. Everything has been set up with our two directors, Pete Knee and Ida Simms. Supplies have been procured, as well as See's Candies. The game will be a unit championship, for which we already have the sanction. The decorating committee will meet later this week to finalize centerpieces. We will want to make sure that players are placed in the games (open/299'er) of their choosing.

REGIONAL NAMING - The Board voted to pay to name a one-session event at the upcoming regional in honor of the late Sandy Rink.

SECTIONAL HEALING - We will aim for the weekend of April 16-17 for our spring sectional. The Board voted to authorize a food budget of \$200 to propose to Adrienne.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR - Next meeting: Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lee Hausner, 750 Holmby Ave., L.A., CA 90024. Parking instructions: "There is a street. You park on it."