

West Los Angeles Unit #562  
Unit Board Minutes – January 8, 2007

Present: Peter Benjamin, Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Nancy Heck, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Candy Scott, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Karen Byrd, Roger Clough, Fred Mautner

Guests: Ed Feldmann, Phyllis Mory

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Cash on hand as of 1/8/07: \$33,527.67.

BUT, OFFICER... - The Board elected the following officers: President, Howard; Vice President, Karen (replacing Tom Moore); Treasurer, Fred; Secretary, Jordan.

ASSUME THE POSITION - The Board made the following appointments: District Representatives, Peter, Roger, Cecil, Barbara, Bill; Alternates, Howard, Carolyn; Disciplinary Chair & Recorder, Chuck; Tournament Coordinator, Peter; Hospitality Chair & Sunshine, Toby; Charity Chair, Cecil; Education Liaison and Novice Chair, Roger and Candy; Membership Chair, Roger; Publicity Chair, Mario; Bridge News Reporter, Candy; Immediate Past President, Sam

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter reported that the LAX Plaza is being renovated and will not be available for the May sectional (and possibly the Labor Day sectional). Peter and Cecil will check out Santa Monica College and Hollywood Park and are authorized to enter into a contract with either of those locations or the Culver City School District for the May sectional, up to a maximum cost of \$950/day. The flyer must be in the Bridge News by February 15 to run in March and April.

MARY JANE FARELL – Howard reported that he visited Mary Jane in the hospital. She can sit up but still cannot walk. She believes she will be in the hospital for another month and would welcome visitors at 580 S. San Vicente, Room 220C.

HEAD OF THE CLASS - Candy has classes running on the Bundy campus, including a beginner class with 14 new students ranging in age from late 20's up. She also has an intermediate group who enjoy having experienced players visit and play with them. The classes run for an hour once a week for six weeks. The Board passed a motion to subsidize one-half of new ACBL memberships for those of Candy's current students who wish to join the league. Peter mentioned the possibility of running classes at the Culver City Teen Center; he and Candy will pursue this opportunity with the help of Howard and Carolyn.

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE - Toby sent cards to Cecilia Guttenberg on the death of her husband, Jack; to Mary Jane; and to Milton Garrett.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR - Next meeting: Mon. February 5, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

West Los Angeles Unit #562  
Unit Board Minutes – March 5, 2007

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Nancy Heck, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Howard Einberg, Sam Haveson, Fred Mautner, Bill Schreiber

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Bob Gish

REGIONAL RECAP – Peter reported that attendance at the February Regional at the LAX Hilton was poor: approximately 800 tables. We will not be returning to that site. Two new sites have been proposed: the San Pedro Doubletree and the Pasadena Convention Center. More news to follow.

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE – Toby reported that she received a thank you from the family of Milton Garrett and sent a card to the family of Barbara Reichman, who passed away. On the plus side, Mary Jane Farell is back at the bridge table.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter reported that the Sectional Committee has chosen the Kayne Eras Center, 5350 Machado Road, Culver City, for the spring (May 4-6) sectional (Friday night at Barrington). The site is located at Sepulveda and Jefferson by the post office and not far from the old club. There are approximately 100 parking spaces on-site and many more across the street. The Board voted to print 3200 white flyers and insert them in the April Southern California Bridge News. Mario has written an article and will submit it to editor Jennifer Einberg. The Board voted to give each unit Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs winner a pin and a voucher for a free play to his/her choice of sessions on Saturday. Howard will decide how and when the winners will be recognized. Sam will mail out the awards and vouchers.

PRO-AM MA'AM – Jeri Berger has once again volunteered to coordinate this event. It will be held at Barrington. The Board proposed the date of Sunday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m.

MENTOR TELEPATHY – Karen, Nancy, Carolyn and Marcia will serve on a newly formed Mentoring Program Committee designed to bring people into bridge (and keep them moving up). They will speak with the coordinator of a highly successful mentoring program in Thousand Oaks.

ALACBU HOO – Roger reported that because of our membership numbers, we are only entitled to four District Representatives, not the five we elected in January. Since Bill is already an officer of ALACBU, the Board voted to re-designate Bill an Alternate District Representative.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR - Next meeting: Tues. April 10, 6:15 p.m., Barrington

West Los Angeles Unit #562  
Unit Board Minutes – April 10, 2007

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow (late), Sam Haveson, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Toby Green, Nancy Heck, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber

Guests: Jeri Berger, Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of April 9, 2007: \$32,144.69.

SECTIONAL HEALING – The free session for Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney winners will be the second (afternoon) session. Howard will again make the poster recognizing the winners.

PRO-AM MA'AM – Jeri spoke to the Board about the Pro-Am game, which is set for Sunday, June 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Barrington. The event will be similar to last year's. The Unit will pay for food and prizes, at an anticipated cost of several hundred dollars, while the club will supply the directors and retain the card fees. Within these guidelines, Jeri will have broad authority to organize the event as she deems fit.

MENTOR TELEPATHY – Carolyn, Karen and Marcia reported that the Mentoring Program Committee has sent out e-mails and put up fliers at Barrington and Beverly Hills seeking mentors and mentees. They plan to use the Pro-Am game as a springboard. Thereafter, mentor/mentee pairs will play three to five games, Wednesday nights at Beverly Hills, using a special format. Mentees (up to 199 MP's) will pay both players' card fees; mentors (LM or equivalent and up) may also receive free plays or other gifts. All are invited to contribute their input and their time and effort to this highly worthwhile endeavor.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR - Next meeting: Mon. May 7, 6:15 p.m., Beverly Hills

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Unit Board Minutes – May 7, 2007

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Nancy Heck, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum

Absent: Howard Einberg, Mario Mory, Bill Schreiber, Carolyn Taff

Guests: Jeri Berger, Marcia Fisher, Manny Krupin

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of May 9, 2007: \$30,833.42.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter reported that attendance at the spring sectional was down 2% from last year and the event netted little or no profit. The Board voted to hold the Labor Day sectional at the Kayne Eras Center (with Friday evening at Barrington), and discussed adding food options for future tournaments. The sectional committee will consist of Barbara, Cecil, Howard, Karen and Peter (tournament manager).

PRO-AM MA'AM – Marcia prepared flyers to advertise the June 10 pro-am game. Jeri will buy food. Free plays good at any unit club will be awarded to the winners. Jeri was given a total budget of \$350.

MENTOR TELEPATHY – The mentoring games Wednesday evenings at Beverly Hills will be publicized, including at the pro-am game. Each will be an abbreviated game with a lesson beforehand. All are encouraged to contribute their time and expertise to this highly worthwhile effort.

PARTY TIME – Suggestions were solicited for the Unit Party.

GAME, SET, MATCH – Mario is involved in organizing a series of intramural matches between our unit and Long Beach involving four pairs of various experience levels from each unit. The first match will be Thursday, August 2.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR - Next meeting: Mon. June 4, 6:15 p.m., Beverly Hills

West Los Angeles Unit #562  
Unit Board Minutes – June 4, 2007

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow (ten demerits), Nancy Heck, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Candy Scott, Bob and Fern Seizer

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of June 4, 2007: \$32,696.93.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter reported that the Kayne Eras Center is available for the Labor Day Sectional. The Board voted to move the start times to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE – Toby will send cards to Agnes Snowden and our own Bill Schreiber.

LET'S TRUMP M.S. – Bob and Fern Seizer asked the Board to recommend to Rand Pinsky that \$4,000 of the District's \$20,000 charitable allowance be donated to the Southern California chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The Board so moved, but it was noted that Rand has absolute discretion in the allocation of the charitable allowance.

FREE TO BE YOU AND ME – Certain teachers have requested that the Board subsidize all or a portion of their students' first-year memberships in the ACBL. Some Board members felt that the students should pay for at least a portion of their memberships so as to feel a sense of investment. A decision was tabled until the Board obtains more information about the cost.

PRO-AM – Carolyn has volunteered to assist Jeri Berger with the purchase of items for the Pro-Am on Sunday, June 10. The Board voted to subsidize the card fees of Am's who are full-time students. A decision about the number and payment of directors will be coordinated with the Barrington Bridge Club.

MENTOR TELEPATHY – Marcia solicited volunteers to act as mentors for the Wednesday night mentoring program at Beverly Hills beginning June 13.

GAME, SET, MATCH – Mario is working on coordinating our unit's intramural match against Long Beach.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Tuesday, July 10, 6:15 p.m., Barrington

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Unit Board Minutes – July 10, 2007

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Nancy Heck, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Mario Mory

Guest: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of July 10, 2007: \$32,329.42.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter reported that we have a contract with the Kayne Eras Center for the Labor Day Sectional. Peter will have flyers printed up for the August Southern California Bridge News. The ladies of the Board are arranging for a very nice layout of food.

GAME, SET, MATCH – Plans are firming up for the first intramural game between our unit and Long Beach. Their representatives will come up here on August 2; our representatives will go down there on August 9. Please contact Mario if interested in playing on either Thursday evening.

MENTOR TELEPATHY – Under the guidance of Carolyn, Karen, Marcia and Betsy Lutz, the mentoring program is a tremendous success. Ideas for the future include giving free (or partial) free plays to participants, an abbreviated game with pre-duplicated hands and an expert speaker to go over the hand records afterward, and a team game toward the end of the program, which is scheduled for early August. The organizers deserve a big round of applause.

PARTY HEARTY – Discussion of the annual party was tabled.

ALACBU WOO-HOO – Board members elected to leadership positions within ALACBU are Bill (President) and Roger (Treasurer). Congratulations to both of them.

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE – Toby has sent cards to Jerry Aronow (bypass) and Alan LeBendig (gallbladder).

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Wednesday, August 1, 6:15 p.m., Beverly Hills, preceding the mentor game

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Unit Board Minutes – August 1, 2007

Present: Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Nancy Heck, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Peter Benjamin

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Candy Scott

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 8/1/07: \$31,931.76.

ELECTION DAY – An election for the WLA Unit Board, if one is necessary, must be conducted between October 1 and December 31. A nominating committee was appointed, consisting of Sam (chair), Karen, Mario and Toby.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Volunteers were solicited to help with set-up and clean-up. The flyer is now up on the District 23 website.

GAME, SET, MATCH – Mario reported that the intramural match against Long Beach has been cancelled. Plans are in the works for a unit-by-unit competition in which players will be placed into numerical categories by masterpoint holdings and each unit's team will be limited to a certain number of category points.

MENTOR TELEPATHY – Marcia solicited help in procuring food for the final week's game and party. The organizers will meet to plan how to continue the program in the future.

PARTY HEARTY – Candy Scott will coordinate the site selection process for the annual party, including finding out whether the LAX Plaza Hotel, Kayne Eras Center and any other locations are available and viable.

POY POLLOI – A committee of past winners was appointed to nominate candidates for this year's Player of the Year.

CANDY'S BRIDGE CLUB – Candy reported that her Tuesday and Thursday afternoon game has been evicted from its current location and that the search for alternative locations is running dry. The game is therefore cancelled for now. Unit-wide championships, which require three simultaneous clubs in play, will not be possible until and unless another game springs up, although an agreement is in place with the ACBL to allow already scheduled UWC's to proceed.

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE – Toby reported that John Fox, Marilyn Gams and Charles Yen all passed away. Annie Corea was sick with a congested heart.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Tues. Sept. 11, 6:15 p.m., Barrington

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Unit Board Minutes – September 11, 2007

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Nancy Heck, Fred Mautner, Bill Schreiber

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Candy Scott

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Cash on hand as of 9/11/07: \$30,775.46.

ELECTION DAY – Sam will put sign-up sheets up until mid-October to solicit potential candidates for the Unit Board. If an election is necessary, Sam will coordinate the joint mailing of ballots with invitations to the holiday party.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter reported that attendance was good on Friday and Saturday but poor on Sunday and Monday. Overall, the fall sectional made only as much profit as the spring sectional lost. Therefore, the sectionals were a financial “wash” this year, rather than the profit source they have been in years past. The winners of the Mary Jane Farell and Jill Meyers trophies are, respectively, our own Carolyn Taff and Peter Benjamin. Congratulations to both of them! With a view to next year’s sectionals, Peter will compare rates at the Kayne Eras Center against those at the renovated airport hotel.

PARTY HEARTY – Candy presented a detailed proposal for the holiday party, calling for a “sock hop” at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 9, at the Kayne Eras Center. A detailed budget, time schedule, and other information, as well as flyers, were distributed to the Board. Some members expressed concerns about the logistics involved in eating and then playing bridge in the same space, whether the site was appropriate for a party, and whether the event would be successful and well-received. Ultimately, a motion to proceed with the event in “approximately” the format presented was passed. The Board will work with Candy to coordinate the logistics.

ZIP IT! – Cecil reported that the ACBL has asked District 23 to demarcate units by zip code. However, some zip codes include members in multiple units. Cecil asked for, and received, the Board’s authorization to communicate with the other units to protect our interests.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Tues. Oct. 9, 6:15 p.m., Barrington



West Los Angeles Unit #562  
Unit Board Minutes – September 26, 2007  
Special Meeting re Unit Holiday Party

Present: Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Nancy Heck, Mario Mory, Bill Schreiber, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Roger Clough, Chuck Fonarow, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Candy Scott

The Board voted at its last regular meeting (on September 11) to approve Candy's proposal to hold the Unit holiday party at the Kayne Eras Center. Howard convened this special meeting because, subsequent to the meeting, he heard several complaints about Candy's plan.

The issues Howard raised, and the Board's discussion of them, are set forth below:

- Insurance: The ACBL only provides insurance for regionals and sectionals. Therefore, we will have to obtain event liability insurance. Cecil will look into the availability and cost of such insurance. If it is not available or prohibitively expensive, the party will not be held at the Center.
- Entertainment: For a variety of reasons, many people felt that spending \$1,800 to have the Mighty Echoes perform for forty minutes is inappropriate.
- Logistics: Much discussion was devoted to the logistics of the transition from the luncheon to bridge. A suggestion to use square tables for both portions of the event, and to combine them in groups of two and three for the luncheon, received support.
- Miscellaneous: Some felt that the Center is not conducive to a "party" atmosphere. A perhaps related concern is that alcohol cannot be served. Finally, many expressed dissatisfaction with the edible centerpieces.

A decision was made to stay with Candy's plan, subject to the availability of affordable event liability insurance. The Mighty Echoes will perform after lunch rather than before lunch. The Board will work with Candy to make the decorations and centerpieces more festive. Carolyn presented a color flyer that will have to be revised to conform to the new schedule.

The Board discussed backup plans if affordable insurance is not available for the Kayne Eras Center. One possibility is an event at a Unit bridge club. Another is a party at the Beverly Hills Tennis Club, either a buffet on Sunday or a sit-down meal on Saturday. It was suggested that if no action is taken until the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting on October 9, the Saturday option would likely be lost but the Sunday option would likely remain available.

West Los Angeles Unit #562  
Unit Board Minutes – October 9, 2007

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Nancy Heck, Fred Mautner, Bill Schreiber

Absent: Chuck Fonarow (10 demerits), Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Carolyn Taff

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Candy Scott

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Cash on hand as of 10/9/07: \$33,906.34.

ELECTION DAY – It appears unlikely that an election will be required as nobody new has signed up to run so far.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter was asked to schedule the Kayne Eras Center for the May sectional, as it appears unlikely that the hotel renovation will be completed in time to make the necessary arrangements.

PARTY HEARTY – Candy updated the Board on the preparations under way for the Unit holiday party.

ZIP IT! – Cecil reported that he has spoken with the Torrance unit about the zip codes in which our unit and theirs overlap. The Board concurred with Cecil's suggestion that he offer Torrance Inglewood in exchange for Playa Del Rey and Westchester.

MENTOR TELEPATHY – Marcia reported that many of the mentees who participated in the mentor program are now taking a lesson series Wednesday evenings at BHBC.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Mon. Nov. 5, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

West Los Angeles Unit #562  
Unit Board Minutes – November 5, 2007

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Nancy Heck, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow (10 demerits)

Guest: Candy Scott

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Cash on hand as of 11/5/07: \$32,614.25. The ACBL bill for labels has not been received. The PIP (printing) bill has been paid.

PARTY HEARTY – Peter has not received a contract with the Kayne Eras Center. He will speak with Julio (or his supervisor) to make sure that we have a firm commitment for December 9. Candy has signed a contract with the caterer and has given them a \$500 deposit. Howard will obtain pre-duplicated boards. The tables will arrive at approximately 9:30 a.m. Peter Knee will direct and Howard is working on getting a second director. The Board voted to use travelers rather than pick-up slips. Flyers will be distributed and Betsy Lutz will be asked to give them to the mentees. Howard and Peter Knee will set up at the party. Toby and Barbara will greet guests and distribute nametags. Candy will hold a final planning meeting at Barrington on Wednesday, December 5 at 6:15 p.m. with Nancy, Barbara, Carolyn, and either or both Einbergs. Howard will serve as master of ceremonies at the party. Peter's contact for event insurance gave an estimate significantly higher than Cecil's, so Cecil will coordinate event insurance for the party through his contact at a cost of \$250 to \$300.

POY POLLOI – The Player of the Year committee nominated Alan LeBendig, Jan Nathan (posthumously), and Rand Pinsky as candidates for Player of the Year. Nancy nominated Jill Meyers. The Board voted, a winner was determined, and the Player of the Year will be announced by Howard at the party.

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE – Toby reported that Bessie Rosen and Veronica Schwartz passed away.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Monday, January 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sam and Sandi Haveson, 224 S. Anita Ave. in Brentwood. Officers will be elected. Bridge to follow.