

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – January 7, 2008

Present: Peter Benjamin, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Ed Feldmann, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Karen Byrd

Guests: Sandy Einberg, Marcia Fisher, Sandi Haveson, Phyllis Mory, Diana Schreiber, Candy Scott

“LOVE TRAIN, LOVE TRAIN / GET ON BO-O-ARD” – Howard announced that Nancy Heck has decided to leave the Board, but has generously offered to continue to help us with bridge activities as her schedule permits. In the absence of an election, Howard appointed Ed Feldmann to the Board. We all welcome Ed and look forward to having him on the Board.

“MONEY, THAT’S WHAT I WANT” – Fred reported cash on hand as of 1/7/08: \$31,099.23. The Unit subsidized the 2007 holiday party to the extent of approximately \$3,600; in prior years, the subsidy has averaged approximately \$4,000. Bill will report at the next meeting on what the Board must do vis-à-vis new IRS Form 990-N. Fred, Howard and Jordan are authorized to sign on the Unit’s checking account.

“WE LIKE TO PARTY / WE LIKE, WE LIKE TO PARTY” – The Board thanked Candy for her hard work in organizing the 2007 holiday party and several members expressed highly favorable impressions of the party. Candy reported that the paid attendance was approximately 130 people, although the actual attendance may have been a bit lower.

“I WANT SECTIONAL HEALING” – Peter Knee will be the Director in Charge of our Spring sectional, which will be held at the Kayne Eras Center. The Board voted for the 11 am and 4 pm schedule. The flyer will be put on the District 23 website. Ads will be placed in the March and April editions of the Southern California Bridge News. The sectional committee will consist of Peter (chair), Barbara, Howard and Mario.

HEAD COUNT – Roger reported Unit membership as of 1/1/08: 1,004 members.

FAWN HALL REDUX – Peter was given permission to destroy the old sectional results in his possession.

“JUST GO AWAY AND STAY AWAY” – Bill expressed the opinion that non-Unit members should generally be excluded from the Unit column unless they have done something special for the Unit, as other units do not generally include our members in their columns.

“WE’RE THE KIDS IN AMERICA” – On Cecil’s motion, the Board voted to make a \$500 contribution to the ALACBU Scholarship Foundation, of which \$200 will be used to fund the West Los Angeles Unit Player of the Year (Jan Nathan) game at the July regional.

“YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE, MY ONLY SUNSHINE” – Toby reported that Rick Turner has been in surgery. Our own Bill Schreiber recently suffered two broken arms and ribs. We are all delighted to see that Bill is on the road to recovery.

“WE’RE COMING UP ON RE-ELECTION DAY” – Officers were elected and other positions filled, as follows:

President: Howard

Vice President: Mario

Treasurer: Fred

Secretary: Jordan

Membership Chair: Roger

Disciplinary Chair: Chuck

Recorder: Gene White

Business Manager: Fred

Tournament Coordinator: Peter

Publicity Chair: Mario

Hospitality Chair: Karen

Novice Chair: Carolyn

Charity Chair: Cecil

Education Liaison: Roger

Unit Column: Candy

NAP Coordinator: Karen

ACBL Sanctions: Sam

ALACBU Representatives: Barbara, Carolyn, Cecil, Peter (alternates: Ed, Howard, Mario)

“SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR” – Next meeting: Monday, February 4, 2008 at 6:15 pm, BHBC.

“WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS, MY FRIEND” – The results of the post-meeting bridge game were only fitting, as our charming and gracious hosts, Sandi and Sam, teamed with Chuck and your humble correspondent to defeat both TECH (Toby, Ed, Carolyn and Howard) and MC² (the Morys, Candy and Cecil). Meanwhile, MC² defeated TECH in what Howard insists was the best match.

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Absent: Bill Schreiber

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Candy Scott

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 2/4/08: \$29,457.14.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter will arrange for the leases at Barrington and Kayne Eras for the spring sectional, and will find out whether any additional space can be used at Kayne Eras if needed on Saturday afternoon. Candy will provide snacks. Howard will place the flyer on the District and ACBL websites. Karen will arrange for ACBL to send out an e-mail blast. The flyer will run as an ad in the March and April Bridge News and as an insert in the April edition. Peter noted that the former host hotel remains under construction.

NOVICE UPDATE – Carolyn and Marcia will look into the National novice program and see whether it can be modified for our purposes. Candy suggested the idea of a “double potluck” as used at Culver.

DEATH AND TAXES – Toby reported the deaths of longtime Culver board member Doris Chambers, Ruth Seltzer, and George Yorg. Our condolences to their loved ones. Bill will advise next month on what we should do vis-à-vis new IRS Form 990-N.

UNIT COLUMN – Karen and Barbara expressed their opinion that non-Unit members should be included in our column, especially when they win events with Unit members.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Monday, March 3, 2008, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

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Unit Board Minutes – March 3, 2008

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory

Absent: Ed Feldmann, Sam Haveson, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Carolyn Taff

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Candy Scott

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 3/3/08: \$28,918.02.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter will sign the contract with the Kayne Eras Center this week for the spring sectional. He will also deal with Ken Dischner regarding the tables and will pay a reconnaissance visit to the former host hotel.

PRO-AM MA'AM – Howard will speak with Jeri Berger to see whether she is willing to coordinate this year's event. Stay tuned for exact date and location.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Toby reported that Nat Tolmach had surgery.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Monday, March 31, 2008, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

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Present: Fred Mautner, Karen Byrd, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Sam Haveson, Charles Fonarow, Peter Benjamin, Mario Mory, Toby Green

Absent: Jordan Chodorow, Bill Schreiber, Ed Feldmann, Carolyn Taff, Barbara Nusbaum

Guests: Candy Scott, Marcia Fisher

TREASURER'S REPORT - Cash on hand as of March 31, 2008 was \$28,683.62.

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT - We had a lengthy discussion regarding the upcoming sectional tournament May 2 - May 4. We do not have a contract with the Kayne Eras Center yet. The problem is that they will not sign a contract until we can provide them with evidence of insurance. We can't give them that yet because the ACBL's insurance runs from May 1 to April 30 and the League has not yet contracted for the new policy beginning May 1, 2008. If it gets close to crunch time and we still have no contract with Kayne Eras yet, Cecil Cook volunteered to contact the ACBL to get the evidence of insurance. Other than that, everything is in order. The tables will be delivered on Friday. Toby Green and Barbara Nusbaum will work the hospitality/partnership desk. Candy Scott will coordinate refreshments. She will also hire Marco to assist us. With Marco present and having some caddy experience we will need only one other caddy to be arranged by Bob Chen. Sam Haveson will send winners of the 2007 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards a letter telling them that we will be presenting those awards during the 11:00 game on Saturday, May 3 and inviting them to play as our guest that session.

PRO-AM GAME – Jeri Berger has agreed to organize the Pro-Am game again this year. The game will be held at the Beverly Hills Bridge Club on Sunday, June 8.

“I AM THE STUDENT BODY” – Howard had a discussion item regarding Brian Richardson's request for the Unit to give his beginning students some recognition (such as free plays or money) for players that complete lessons from him. After thoughtful discussion, no decision was made to provide funds for this effort.

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 6 at 6:15 at the Barrington Bridge Club.

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Unit Board Minutes – May 6, 2008

Present: Peter Benjamin, Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Ed Feldmann, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Karen Byrd, Roger Clough, Bill Schreiber

Guests: Jeri Berger, Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 5/6/08: \$30,047.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter reported that the table count at our just-completed Spring Sectional increased from 111 last year to 164.5 this year. Possible reasons include positive word of mouth from last year's event, the e-mail blasts put out by ACBL and Peter Knee, and the flyer and Mario's article in the Bridge News. Recommendations for next time include increasing the payment to Marco but also asking him to attend to the restroom facilities, and making sure to contact the Roll & Rye beforehand so they are prepared for the lunch rush. The starting times of 11:00 am and 4:00 pm were well received and will remain the same.

PRO-AM MA'AM – Jeri reported that preparations are underway for this year's Pro-Am Game, Sunday June 8 at 6:00 pm at Beverly Hills. The food and event committee will consist of Jeri, Barbara, Carolyn, Marcia and an Einberg to be named later, and will decide whether to serve Costco sandwiches or fried chicken from Dinah's. They will meet next Tuesday, May 13. Sign-ups were solicited for both life masters and non-life masters to participate in this annual tradition.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Toby reported that Anne Bernheim passed away.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Monday, June 2, 2008, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

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Unit Board Minutes – June 2, 2008

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Roger Clough, Howard Einberg, Ed Feldmann, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Chuck Fonarow (10 demerits), Toby Green, Sam Haveson

Guests: Jeri Berger, Diana Schreiber

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 6/2/08: \$32,539.70.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Howie passed around the flyer for the fall sectional at the Kayne Eras Center. An ad with the flyer will run in the July and August issues of the Bridge News, and a folded copy will be included in the August issue. Mario will also write a piece on the sectional for the August issue. Karen will do an ACBL e-mail blast and we will ask Pete Knee to do a local e-mail blast. Peter will look into getting a better caddy.

PARTY HEARTY – Carolyn will put together some possible options for the holiday party to present at the next meeting.

PRO-AM MA'AM – Jeri reported on final preparations for the Pro-Am game, Sunday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Beverly Hills Bridge Club. We are about a dozen LM's short, so a handful of the better non-LM's may be asked to play pro. The decision was made to serve sandwiches, wraps, and side salads from Costco.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Monday, July 7, 2008, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

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Present: Peter Benjamin, Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Roger Clough, Howard Einberg, Ed Feldmann, Toby Green, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Karen Byrd, Chuck Fonarow (10 demerits), Sam Haveson

Guests: Rand Pinsky, Candy Scott

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 7/7/08: \$32,510.70.

SECTIONAL HEALING – Peter will prepare a final profit and loss statement for the spring sectional. For the fall sectional, Peter has a contract with the Kayne Eras Center and will submit the deposit forthwith. He also has the required insurance paperwork. Both the ad and the flyer will run in the August Bridge News. Candy has prepared desserts.

‘SCBN NICE KNOWIN’ YA: The Southern California Bridge News is hemorrhaging money to the tune of approximately \$15,000 per year. This loss cannot be sustained without a corresponding increase in profit from the regionals. Some action will be taken within a matter of months to protect the solvency of ALACBU. The options under discussion include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: going electronic-only (e-mail and district website); distributing a limited number of paper copies to clubs; going bi-monthly; increasing the amount billed to the units; subscriptions; and raising advertising rates. Rand and Bill are canvassing the units to try to achieve a consensus position. They reiterated that, under any scenario involving billing, ALACBU would bill the units rather than individual members.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Monday, August 4, 2008, 6:15 p.m., BHBC

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Present: Peter Benjamin, Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Roger Clough, Howard Einberg, Ed Feldmann, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Karen Byrd, Bill Schreiber

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Sandi Haveson, Candy Scott

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 8/4/08: \$31,904.90.

SECTIONAL HEALING – The Kayne Eras Center is prepared to host us for the fall sectional. Peter will order a few more tables than last time. Cecil, Howard, Peter and Roger will set up on Saturday at 9 a.m. Barbara and Toby will man the partnership and hospitality desk. Sam will bring a microphone. Candy will hire Marco. Peter will hire an additional caddy (preferably not the same one as last time).

PARTY HEARTY – Candy and Carolyn have proposed Sunday, December 7 at the Kayne Eras Center for the holiday party. Carolyn will prepare a budget for the next meeting. Costs are expected to track last year's, though the caterer has quoted a price \$2.50 per person less. December 7 will be the last day of the Western Conference STAC, but the sentiment of the Board is to run the game as a Unit Championship instead because of the STAC's poor payouts. Sam will investigate further. Fred's motion to raise admission prices to \$40 for members and \$45 for nonmembers was tabled pending presentation of the budget at next month's meeting.

ELECTION DAY – Roger will chair the election committee, which will solicit sign-ups for candidates at all clubs. Sign-ups will close by early October and ballots, if necessary, will be mailed with invitations to the holiday party.

PRO-AM MA'AM – The Board approved by acclamation a motion to thank Jeri Berger again for her hard work in putting together the terrific Pro-Am event this summer.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Toby will send out cards to Karen, whose mother passed away, to Suzanne LeBendig, who is moving to San Diego, and to Barbara Lesser, who is ill.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 6:15 p.m., Barrington Bridge Club

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Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Roger Clough, Howard Einberg, Ed Feldmann, Toby Green, Barbara Nusbaum, Bill Schreiber, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Chuck Fonarow, Sam Haveson, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Candy Scott

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 9/4/08: \$35,242.75.

PARTY HEARTY – Candy updated the Board on plans for the Unit holiday party, Sunday, December 7 at the Kayne Eras Center. Invitations will go out four to six weeks in advance. An article will be submitted to the Bridge News for inclusion in the October issue. After review of the budget that was submitted, the Board voted to set the fee at \$35 for all attendees, regardless of age or ACBL membership. The net cost of the party is estimated to be \$2,900.

Assignments were made to the following individuals:

- Cecil – Insurance and tables
- Sam – Sanction for unit championship
- Howard – Director(s) and pre-dealt hands
- Peter – Contract with Kayne Eras
- Cecil, Howard, Roger – Set-up

ELECTION DAY – Roger has put up sign-up sheets and certain individuals have expressed interest in possibly joining the Board. All current members up for re-election are presently inclined to run again. Sign-ups will end in late September or early October and the election committee will determine whether a vote is necessary.

THE P.O.Y. POLLOI – Some or all of the past winners (Barbara, Cecil, Howard, Peter, Roger and Sam) will meet and discuss possible candidates for Player of the Year. Cecil was asked to set the meeting for the past winners.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Thursday, October 2, 2008, 6:15 p.m, BHBC

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

Absent: Chuck Fonarow, Fred Mautner, Bill Schreiber

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Candy Scott

SHOW ME THE MONEY – The Treasurer’s Report shows cash on hand as of 10/2/08: \$34,892.15.

PARTY HEARTY – We have paid a deposit to reserve the Kayne Eras Center for the Unit holiday party. We have a (single-site) sanction and a director (Rodger Harbin). We do not yet have insurance, a contract (in hand), or tables. Candy presented two draft flyers for the Board’s review. The Board offered recommended changes and Candy will prepare the flyers for mailing. Howie will order labels from the ACBL and procure envelopes and stamps. The mailing will go out by no later than November 5.

ELECTION DAY – Nobody has signed up; however, Howie has heard from three people who may wish to run, including one who may be willing to serve as President (next year or the following year). Howie will ask one or more of the less active Board members to resign to make room for the new blood.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE – Barbara passed along the recommendation of the Player of the Year Committee that the Board may wish to honor one or more individuals at the holiday party for their work for the Unit. It is anticipated that the individuals selected may not necessarily be bridge players of Player of the Year caliber. Carolyn, Mario and Jordan will meet to decide whom to recognize and how, and will present their recommendations at the next meeting.

THE P.O.Y. POLLOI – The Player of the Year Committee presented the Board with four nominees for Player of the Year. A preliminary round of voting was held to determine two finalists, and a run-off vote was held and a winner announced. The Player of the Year will be named at the Unit holiday party.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Toby will send cards to Bill and Diana Schreiber and to Sue Frishberg, whose husband passed away.

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

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Present: Peter Benjamin, Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Ed Feldmann, Toby Green, Sam Haveson, Barbara Nusbaum, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Karen Byrd, Roger Clough, Chuck Fonarow, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Bill Schreiber

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Sandi Haveson

SHOW ME THE MONEY – The Treasurer’s Report shows cash on hand as of 11/6/08: \$33,904.83.

PARTY HEARTY – Peter reported that although we have made a deposit and have been assured we have the date, we still do not have a contract with the Kayne Eras Center and Julio, the manager, has failed to respond to Peter’s communications. Carolyn and Howard will make the remaining arrangements with Kayne Eras. Deposits have also been made with the Mighty Echoes and the caterer. A party committee consisting of Candy, Carolyn, Howard and Marcia will meet at Marcia’s home at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3. Carolyn will purchase two enlargements of the flyer to put up at Barrington and BHBC. Food and desserts are taken care of. Cecil will procure the tables and other supplies. Toby and Barbara will staff the partnership desk and distribute nametags. Denny Seltzer will be the second director and there will be hand records. There will be prizes for section winners. Howard will oversee setup and cleanup.

ELECTION DAY – There are presently no vacancies on the Board. Should any arise, Howard knows of a few people who have volunteered to join the Board.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE – Carolyn reported that she met with Mario and Jordan and that two individuals were selected to receive the first annual volunteer awards and gifts. Their names will be revealed at the party.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE – Toby will send cards to the families of those who recently passed away: Jerry Dawson, Rodney Moss, and the mother of Jean Wilson.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – Next meeting: Monday, January 5th, 2009, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Sandy and Howard Einberg, 2620 Kelton Ave., L.A., CA 90064. Officers will be elected. Bridge to follow.