

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – January 5, 2011

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Roger Clough, Mario Mory

THE HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST -- The Board thanked Barbara for hosting the meeting and offered to pay her expenses, but Barbara graciously declined and treated the Board to a delicious dinner and desserts.

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 1/5/11: \$30,526.55.

BUT, OFFICER... -- The following officers were elected and positions filled:
President -- Howard; Vice President -- Bob; Treasurer -- Fred; Secretary -- Jordan; Membership Chair -- Roger; Disciplinary Chair -- Chuck; Recorder -- Gene White; Tournament Coordinator -- Peter; STaC Coordinator -- Cecil; NAP Coordinator -- Karen; GNT Coordinator -- Howard; Electronic Contact -- Roger; Business Manager -- Peter; Publicity Chair -- Mario; Hospitality Chair -- Candy; Intermediate/Newcomer Chair -- Karen; Charity Chair -- Barbara; Education Liaison -- Candy; Web Master -- Cecil; Sunshine Chair -- Toby; Party Chairs -- Brana and Carolyn; ALACBU Representatives -- Barbara, Carolyn, Cecil, Peter; ALACBU Alternate Representatives -- Bob, Brana, Candy, Howard, Roger, Toby. Candy will take a break from writing the Unit column after the next issue and Bob will take over her duties. The Board thanked Candy for her many excellent years of service as Unit columnist.

SECTIONAL HEALING - A sectional committee to be chaired by Peter will meet and determine a site for the spring sectional. The Kayne Eras Center is a likely possibility, but there may be others, possibly including the Marina Del Rey hotel that housed the October regional.

UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND -- Candy distributed a proposal for a Unit Championship Weekend that would consist of a series of games of different types with Unit-wide championship rating. The Board will take up discussion of the ideas at the next meeting.

LONG ARM OF THE (BY)LAW -- In advance of a vote at the next meeting, Bob and Cecil will distribute language for proposed amendments to the bylaws. In addition to some clerical and fat-trimming amendments, their main proposal is to allow one Board member in each "class" (i.e., election year) from the five categories of "forbidden" members, up to a maximum of two.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at Barrington Bridge Club.

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Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore

Absent: Carolyn Taff

Guest: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 2/8/11: \$30,432.24.

FUN AND GAMES -- Candy presented detailed proposals, as well as flyers, for a number of games to be held this year. First up are afternoon and evening Unit-Wide Championships on February 15. Candy will work with Marcia to determine whether Beverly Hills will host a Unit Pro-Am Swiss on April 7 in lieu of their weekly Thursday night Swiss. Discussion of the remaining games was tabled to next month. Ways to enhance turnout for the Unit-Wide games were discussed, including e-mail blasts, the district website, and promotion at the clubs.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- Peter distributed copies of the final flyer for the spring sectional.

PARTY HEARTY -- The Board authorized last year's committee to recommend dates for this year's party.

LONG ARM OF THE (BY)LAW -- Bob and Cecil's proposed amendments to the bylaws passed without a dissenting vote. If Fred joins the board of Beverly Hills, he will be the Class of 2011 Unit Board member within one of the "limited" categories.

WHAT DO YOU WANT, A MEDAL? -- The Board authorized the purchase of medallions and sectional free plays for Unit Mini McKenney winners in all categories, and certificates for Unit Ace of Clubs winners in all categories.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE -- Condolences were expressed upon the passing of Vicki Eagle.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held Monday, March 7 at 6:15 p.m. at Beverly Hills Bridge Club.

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – March 7, 2011

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg,
Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy
Scott, Bob Shore

Absent: Jordan Chodorow, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Carolyn Taff

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 3/7/11: \$29,046.57.

FUN AND GAMES -- The dates proposed by Candy were approved. The Board decided that four classifications will be used for the "Ten is Enough" game.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- Toby will handle hospitality with help from either Karen or Mario. Mario will handle partnership. Candy will handle food. Caddies are not needed until Sunday.

WHAT DO YOU WANT, A MEDAL? -- There are now medals and sectional free plays for Unit Mini McKenney winners in all but the top categories (due to the additional cost), and certificates for Unit Ace of Clubs winners in all categories. Letters will be sent.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held Monday, April 4 at 6:15 p.m. at Beverly Hills Bridge Club.

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – April 4, 2011

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Fred Mautner, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Brana Hall, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum

Guest: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 4/4/11: \$28,905.09. Fred noted that a number of checks remain to be written and we may be at risk of having to liquidate a certificate of deposit.

FUN AND GAMES -- Candy distributed dates and budgets for her additional events later on this year's calendar.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- PDF's will be sent so the flyer can go on the ACBL and District 23 websites. Karen will arrange an ACBL e-mail blast. Howard and Peter will man set-up. Candy and Carolyn will take care of the food.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE -- Lou Levy suffered a stroke while playing at Beverly Hills and died soon thereafter. Our condolences to Gloria and the rest of Lou's loved ones. We also recently lost Paula Oliver, who frequently staffed the partnership desk at tournaments.

SEVEN COME ELEVEN -- Several participants voiced comments on the Lucky Eleven game held Sunday evening at Beverly Hills. The Board needs to be more involved in publicizing such events so they draw more people. Different possibilities regarding food were discussed, including a short food break (rather than having food out throughout), as well as more savory and healthier options. The masterpoint categories need some tinkering. The event came in under budget and was a nice (free) gift to the bridge community. Thanks to Candy for all her hard work.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10 at 6:15 p.m. at Barrington Bridge Club.

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – May 10, 2011

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Mario Mory, Barbara Nusbaum, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Toby Green, Candy Scott

Guest: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 5/10/11: \$29,099.19.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- Peter reported that we were down slightly in attendance. Our ALACBU reps will consider how best to approach the District for reimbursement for allowing the District to hold the Regional at Sea over our sectional weekend. The air conditioning was still too cold on Saturday morning. For subsequent sectionals, we will turn the thermostat up and advertise that we have solved the temperature problem. Seats were somewhat cramped due to layout. We will keep the same site and schedule for next time, but may add a 99'er game involving Pat Banks' students. Howard will prepare a flyer and distribute it to select recipients for comment.

THE PR SQUAD -- Various proposals for promotion of Unit events were discussed, including \$1-off coupons for 299'ers and the selection of a logo to be used in all advertisements for Unit events. Brana, Bob, and Carolyn will work on promotion of the Unit events Candy has planned for the remainder of the year, including the Unit Championship Weekend of Friday and Saturday June 10 and 11.

PARTY HEARTY -- The party committee will meet with the Beverly Hills Country Club catering manager on May 19 to cut out some of the excess food offerings and reduce our cost for this year's event. The date for the party is Sunday, November 20.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE --A card was sent to Gary King, who recently underwent surgery and will begin chemotherapy next week. Gary expressed his thanks to the Board via e-mail.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held Monday, June 6 at 6:15 p.m. at Beverly Hills Bridge Club.

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – June 6, 2011

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Roger Clough, Brana Hall, Mario Mory

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Rand Pinsky

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 6/6/11: \$29,099.19. No receipts or disbursements since the last meeting.

HAIL TO THE CHIEF -- Rand Pinsky gave the Board an update on a number of matters of local and national concern. The organizers of the annual Eddie Kantar MS game have applied for and will likely receive a \$5,000 grant from ACBL to be announced at this year's event. Rand is involved in the search for a new ACBL CEO, and told us the final candidates are extremely impressive. Rand is the chair of the Audit Committee and treasurer of the Educational Foundation, and also serves on the Bridge and Finance Committees. The ALACBU slate of candidates was discussed, but has not been finalized. Ellen Kent has been elected to the Board of Governors. The Regional at Sea brought in receipts of approximately \$18,800; for future years, the league is accepting applications from travel agencies to organize such Regionals, which will be limited to one per year for each of three geographic regions. Our complete block of rooms at the Pasadena Hilton has already sold out for Bridge Week.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- We will advertise the fall sectional in the July and August Bridge News and on the District 23 website. Cecil will send an announcement to ACBL to send out. The flyer went around for edits.

PARTY HEARTY -- Brana, Carolyn and Marcia met with the catering director at the Beverly Hills Country Club and obtained a large reduction in the price by eliminating a few superfluous food options. There will be a musical theme to the party, and Loree Myers will perform. The colors will be blue, black and silver (or red, black and white). There will be balloons. The terrace wall will be converted into a musical scoreboard. A preliminary flyer went around for edits. Carolyn was given a \$500 deposit to deliver to the club, and will put together a budget by the next meeting. We will be able to accommodate a maximum of 150 guests.

UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND -- This weekend's events were discussed. The Pro-Am at Barrington Friday evening is budgeted to cost approximately \$575 net, while the Barometer at Beverly Hills Saturday evening is budgeted to bring in approximately \$170-\$370 net.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE -- Edith Bishop passed away. Howard thanked the Board and the

members for the cards and wishes sent upon the passing of his beloved mother.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 12 at 6:15 p.m. at Barrington.

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – August 1, 2011

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Toby Green, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore

Absent: Mario Mory, Carolyn Taff

Guests: Marcia Fisher, Rick Turner

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 8/1/11: \$30,047.56.

PARTY HEARTY -- Marcia distributed a sample invitation and received suggestions re minor changes to the layout. Invitations will be sent by e-mail and snail mail by early October. The entertainment will last ~20-30 minutes. Rodger Harbin will direct and will consult regarding a second director.

ELECTION DAY -- Sign-up sheets will be put up in clubs, with sign-ups due by September 26. If an election by mail is required, party invitations will be sent out in the same mailing.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE -- Mort Futterman passed away. Loree Myers sent the Board a card thanking us for the card we sent upon her daughter's passing.

BOARD GAMES -- Barbara, Candy, Cecil and Howard will constitute a committee to oversee the special games put on by the Board. Candy expressed frustration with the Board's decision to charge \$5 for the ice cream social and has chosen not to chair the event. Several members thanked Candy for her hard work in organizing events and stated that the events remain Unit events put on by the entire Board and subject at all times to the decisions of the Board. Bob and Howard will meet separately to discuss the ice cream social.

TRICK OR TREAT -- The Halloween individual has been scheduled (and advertised) for Sunday, October 30. However, Rick advised that he was not aware of that date and would have to take up the matter with the BHBC board. If the game is held, Rodger will direct, and we will have standbys on hand to ensure an optimal number of tables in play.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14 at 6:15 p.m. at BHBC.

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Unit Board Minutes – September 14, 2011

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

Absent: Fred Mautner, Mario Mory

Guest: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Chuck (for Fred) reported cash on hand as of 9/14/11: \$31,861.34.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN -- Cecil and Howard will find a director for the individual game; Rodger Harbin declined an offer to direct. Candy will be in Minneapolis on the day of the event, so either Barbara and/or Sandy Einberg will co-chair and handle day-of duties. Bob will get a PDF of the flyer to Kevin Lane to post on the District 23 website.

THE P.O.Y. POLLOI -- Barbara, Cecil, Howard, Peter and Roger will form the Player of the Year Committee and will bring nominations to the next meeting.

THE V.O.Y. POLLOI -- Carolyn, Mario and Jordan will form the Volunteer of the Year Committee and will meet to choose a winner and decide on a gift (\$50 budget).

SECTIONAL HEALING -- Peter reported a decrease in table count, which he attributed largely to the decline of the Friday evening game. Peter made the following recommendations: 1.) Do not hold a Friday evening game. 2.) Abandon the Kayne Eras Center, as their fee of \$68/hour is too expensive. 3.) Either drop one of our two sectionals per year or replace it with a sectional tournament at clubs. The winners of this year's trophies are Ryan Wessels and Peter. Peter made a motion that the open trophy named for Jill Meyers be renamed for Barbara and Cecil. The motion was voted on and passed, and the trophy has been renamed the Nusbaum-Cook (or Cook-Nusbaum) Trophy. Bob, Cecil, Howard, and Peter will form the Sectional Committee.

PARTY HEARTY -- Brana sent around a flyer. Candy suggested it be revised to state that the Player of the Year will be announced at the party. This suggestion was taken under advisement. The flyer will be sent out in early October, along with election ballots (if necessary). Candy noted that next year's party may have to be moved from November due to the NABC in San Francisco.

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE -- Marshall Cherkas passed away. The Board sends its condolences to his loved ones.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Barrington.

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Unit Board Minutes – October 4, 2011

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

Absent: Toby Green

Guest: Peter Knee

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 10/4/11: \$30,213.49.

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN -- Mario submitted a letter thanking the Board for the opportunity to serve and resigning from the Board. The Board thanks Mario for his many years of meritorious service and wishes him and Phyllis all the best. David Raphael will assume Mario's seat, obviating the need for an election.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN -- Candy passed around the deck-of-cards giveaways she created to advertise the game. Barbara and Sandy Einberg will handle day-of-event duties. Denny and Brian will direct. Marco will help out. Peter Knee will do an e-mail blast.

THE P.O.Y. POLLOI -- Cecil presented the list of nominees recommended by the Player of the Year Committee. An initial vote was conducted and, in the absence of a majority vote-getter, a runoff between the top two candidates was held. A winner was determined and will be announced at the holiday party.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- Peter has not had any luck in finding a viable alternative to the Kayne Eras Center. He will continue to investigate possible sites. Cecil will prepare a budget for running a STaC. The Board might consider turning our spring sectional into this format.

PARTY HEARTY -- Flyers will be ready Thursday. Large card-stock flyers will be posted at Barrington and Beverly Hills. The party committee will meet tomorrow re decorations. It is intended, if possible, that Rodger will direct, with Denny as second director.

TROPHY CASE -- Bob was commissioned to prepare for submission at the next meeting a broad-view analysis of the issue of the naming of Unit trophies, which may include one or more motions for the Board's consideration.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 9 at 6:15 p.m. at Beverly Hills.

West Los Angeles Unit #562
Unit Board Minutes – November 9, 2011

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Chuck Fonarow, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Barbara Nusbaum, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Jordan Chodorow, Roger Clough, Toby Green, David Raphael

Guest: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Fred reported cash on hand as of 11/9/11: \$30,385.30

HAPPY HALLOWEEN -- Candy reported that she spent \$371 on the party. There was a discussion about charging participants next time so that there can be savory foods, not just desserts.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- Cecil prepared and distributed a WLA Unit STaC proposal. Cecil will be the coordinator. There will be a \$7 fee per table, though clubs can charge more.

PARTY HEARTY -- Denny Seltzer will direct at a fee of \$150. Colin Gordon will act as second director at a fee of \$100. Brana and Carolyn were thanked for a wonderful job. Barbara and Jordan will man the hospitality and registration booth. Lunch is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. with play to commence at 1:15 p.m.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. at a location to be announced later.

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Unit Board Minutes – December 6, 2011

Present: Peter Benjamin, Karen Byrd, Roger Clough, Cecil Cook, Howard Einberg, Brana Hall, Fred Mautner, Candy Scott, Bob Shore, Carolyn Taff

Absent: Jordan Chodorow, Chuck Fonarow, Barbara Nusbaum, David Raphael

Guest: Marcia Fisher

SHOW ME THE MONEY – Some expenses have yet to trickle in, but the holiday party came close to breaking even (net cost under \$1,000). There were 132 paid admissions and 120 players.

WELCOME ABOARD -- Toby Green has decided to leave the Board. The Board thanks Toby for her many years of meritorious service. Colin Gordon was appointed to replace Toby. The Board welcomes Colin.

SECTIONAL HEALING -- The spring sectional will be an in-club sectional. The Board will decide whether to charge the clubs \$6 or \$7 per table. Cecil will coordinate with the clubs.

PARTY HEARTY -- Feedback on the holiday party was generally favorable. Food selections were deliberately trimmed from last year, a move that was mostly well received. Due to last-minute sick calls, the facility was understaffed, which organizers will address for next year.

A SITE TO SEE -- Bob suggested that we hire someone to create and maintain a Unit website. His wife may be interested. Bob will place a note in the next Unit column soliciting candidates, and will submit a proposal from his wife as well.

FUN AND GAMES -- All are invited to propose events for 2012. Candy suggested a Mixed Pairs event to take place on or about Sadie Hawkins Day.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR – The next meeting will be the election party. It will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. at a location to be announced later.