

Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
ACBL Unit 540, San Luis Obispo County  
January 17, 2020

The annual membership meeting, held at the SLO Senior Center, was called to order at 12:20 pm by Vice-President Bill Ringbom (President David Gillette was absent).

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Vice-President Bill Ringbom read minutes of the previous Annual Meeting of the Unit, which was held on January 12, 2019.

Annual Treasurer's Report. In the absence of Treasurer Judy Obermeier, Vice-President Bill Ringbom summarized the financial report which showed a year-end cash balance of \$11,087.19.

Board member Jan Zinner offered a vote of thanks for his service to retiring Board Member Bob Karriker. A vigorous round of applause followed.

Election of New Officer to the Board. Board member Deb Cameron headed up a nominating committee which selected Gayle Larson as a nominee. Gayle had agreed to serve on the board. Vice-President Ringbom then invited nominations from the floor, but none were forthcoming. The membership vote to accept candidate Larson as a member of the board was unanimous.

Inasmuch as there was no further business, it was moved, seconded and approved by voice vote at 12:30 pm to adjourn the meeting to a place and date in January, 2021, to be determined later.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Zinner  
Board Member – Unit 540

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Unit 540 Executive Board  
January 17, 2020

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Bill Ringbom, who distributed copies of the meeting Agenda. Members David Gillette and Judy Obermeier were absent
2. Review and Approval of the November, 2019 minutes. Secretary Bob Karriker submitted the minutes for approval. Approval was moved by Bill Ringbom, seconded by Jack Phirman, and the minutes were approved without objection.
3. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Judy Obermeier was absent from the meeting but provided a copy of the Treasurer's Report for December which contained the following information: the Unit reported income of \$264.00, with expenses, including payments to SLODBC (\$50.75), luncheon at Unit Game (Heidi - \$79.56) and Director's fees for 3 months, of \$240.00), for total expenses of \$370.31, a net deficit of \$6.31 for the month.  
Annual financial statistics are as follows: Balance 12/31/18 – \$9956.30; Balance 10/31/19 (last reported data due to cancellation of December, 2019 meeting) – \$11,193.48 and final balance as of 12/31/19 – \$11,087.17.
4. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS. Jan Zinner announced that she had utilized an ACBL resource which was available at the time, at no cost to the Unit, to send out an e-mail notification of the 2020 Sectional schedule to a total of 3,540 members within approximately a 100-mile radius of San Luis Obispo.  
Deb Cameron noted a possible conflict with ACBL rules regarding number of directors necessary. We have advised ACBL that we do not envision more than the 33 tables they will approve for a single director.  
Jack Phirman noted many of the playing tables at the 5 Cities club venue are in poor shape. After discussion, a proposal for the Board to partially fund some level of repair and maintenance was tabled for further discussion.
  - B. REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.
    - 1) Jan Zinner also reported that non-member Rosemary Heath had Proposed scheduling a committee 'brainstorming session' to identify additional possibilities for moving SLODBC and Unit 540 games into our own facility.
    - 2) EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. It was noted that John Fields, Jr. was holding a series of lessons on "The Laws of Duplicate Bridge" which is open to all interested persons, and is required attendance for any person desiring to direct games at SLODBC.
    - 3) In a discussion of the "educational" goals espoused by the Unit as an object for fund-raising, Deb Cameron noted the availability of Marjorie Michelin, a noted speaker at ACBL events, to hold a 2-day workshop on any topic or topics the Unit might feel to be of benefit to the general membership. After extended discussion, Jan Zinner moved that the Board authorize an amount up to \$700.00 as 'seed money' to explore the possibility of having such an instructional tutorial some time this summer. Upon second by Deb Cameron, the motion was unanimously approved.
    - 4) Deb Cameron also noted an agreement in principle with Los Angeles area attorney Mitch Dunitz to 'pay' students at Cal Poly to take a 'class' in bridge, either through the university, or as an option to holding down a part-time job. One example brought forward would be for Mr. Dunitz to pay each student a 'stipend' of \$12/hour in class, plus providing pizza for all in attendance. This will be followed up in the near future by the new Board.
1. NEW BUSINESS.
  - A. The proposal for a 'new' dealing machine for 5 Cities DBC. Noted that SLODBC owns 2 dealing machines and would like to sell one to 5 Cities DBC. The negotiated price for the used machine and 8 sets of boards has been set at \$2300.00. 5 Cities has requested that the Unit offset a portion of the costs. After discussion, it was moved by Jan Zinner that the Board authorize funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 to assist in the purchase. Following subsequent talks, in which it was stipulated as a condition of the assistance that 5 Cities DBC continue to provide pre-dealt sets of boards for the games held in Santa Maria, the motion was seconded by Jack Phirman, the motion was approved
  - B. Points Award Ceremony. After some discussion, in which it was noted that scheduling the ceremony during the February, 2020 Unit Game would possibly result in incorrectly honoring someone, it was moved by Jack Phirman and seconded by Rose Will to hold the ceremony during the March, 2020, Unit Game. The nature of 'prizes' will be discussed further during the February, 2020 Board Meeting.
  - C. The nominating committee constituted to identify replacement persons for outgoing Board members presented Gayle Larson as the sole nominee to replace resigning Secretary Bob Karriker. The recommendation was accepted by acclamation.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned until 11:30 AM, Friday, February 14, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by *Bob Karriker*, Unit 540 Secretary

Unit 540 Executive Board  
February 14th 2020  
11:30 am

1) Meeting called to order by David Gillette at 11:30. Copies of Meeting Agenda were distributed by the President David Gillette. Bill Ringbom and Rose Will were absent.

2) January Meeting minutes reviewed. Motion to approve by Jan Zinner. Seconded by Jim Borland. The minutes were approved without objection.

3) Treasurer Report by Judy Obermeier was present and submitted a report from the January 2020. Motion to approve Jan Zinner. Seconded by Gayle Larson.

4) OLD BUSINESS:

A) ELECTION RESULTS: Gayle Larson appointed Secretary. Judy Obermeier will continue as Treasurer. Motion made by Jan Zinner, seconded by Jack Phirman without objection or discussion.

B) REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE REPORT: Jan Zinner reported results of the brainstorming session on February 12<sup>th</sup> 2020. A long discussion took place on the possibility of consolidation of all SLO bridge clubs. If the SLO clubs decide to create one club w one governing body this would provide a pathway to moving SLODBC and Unit 540 to one location. Board agreed to continue to next Unit Board meeting.

C) SECTIONAL DISCUSSION AND ANY ACTION ITEMS  
NECESSARY

Sectional to be held at AG Women's Club. \$2200.00 fee paid by Judy O.

D) POINTS RACE AWARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
JZ reported that coffee mugs and certificates would be a good idea. Debra Cameron has other regional tournament gifts. In general the board was not too enthusiastic. Gayle Larson likes

the idea of repeating cards gifts personalized with name, rank and race winner. Gayle Larson also brought up the idea of medallions and key chains. Ultimately the board agreed on medallions for the Mini Mckinney and Certificates for the Ace of Clubs along with one free play. Motion made by JZ, seconded by Jack Phirman and passed unanimously.

E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

JZ requested \$25.00 for Educational Survey. Motion made by Gayle Larson, seconded by Jack Phirman and passed unanimously.

5) NEW BUSINESS

F. Election of officers: David Gillette to remain President for 2020–2021. Bill Ringbom wants to step down as Vice President. Jan Zinner will be Vice President. Gayle Larson nominated as Secretary. Judy O. will remain Treasurer. Membership Chair and Education Committee lead by Jan Zinner. Motion made by JZ, seconded by Debra Cameron and passed unanimously.

G. Allocation of Unit Championship sanctioned games  
SEE SEPARATE ATTACHMENT

H) New Meeting Time

Debra Cameron suggested increasing the meeting time to 11:00 am. Gayle Larson suggested meeting at 11:15. More discussion included the need to add time for integrating SLODBC. David Gillette said that this was the role of committees and reports are to be brought back to the Unit Board. A follow up email by Bill Ringbom agreed with David's feedback. The board agreed to move meeting time to 11:15 am for the next few months to see how that goes. A motion was made by Gayle Larson, seconded by Jack Phirman and passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

### Unit championship notes for 2020

The STaC in March is the week before the unit game

The Grass Roots in May

The STaC in July

The STaC in December

January Unit Championship

February Unit Championship

March Local Charity – Unit game

April ACBL Charity

May STaC or Grass Roots

June Unit Championship

July STaC

August Unit Championship

September Unit Championship

October ProAm

November Unit Championship

December STaC

This leaves 17 Unit championships to be allocated to the clubs.

The next issue is whether or not the Wednesday game in 5 Cities and the Tuesday game in Black Lake should be awarded a unit championship. The allocation has been based on 2 per weekly game. As such, without the novice games, you get:

SLO: 3 games per week or 6

Five Cities: 1 game per week or 2

Morro Bay: 1 game per week or 2

Paso Robles: 2 games per week or 4

Black Lake: 0.5 games per week or 1

This leaves 2 Unit Championships unallocated. Depending on what we do in May, we might also have a charity game left. In the future, we might want to make the January game a Junior Fund game.

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Unit 540 Executive Board  
April 9, 2020

Meeting held via Zoom was called to order at 10:35 am.

Present were Bill Ringbom, Deb Cameron, Jack Phirman, Jim Borland, Rose Will and Jan Zinner.

Since our last meeting, two board members have resigned. They are President David Gillette and Treasurer Judy Obermeier.

A motion was made by Jim Borland and seconded by Jack Phirman to appoint Jan Zinner president to fill out David Gillette's term. The vote was aye unanimously. A motion was made by Deb Cameron and seconded by Rose Will to elect Jack Phirman Vice President. The vote was aye unanimously.

A motion was made by Deb Cameron and seconded by Jim Borland to appoint Carol Raimondo and Fred Strong as new members of the Unit Board. The vote was aye unanimously. A motion was made by Rose Will and seconded by Jack Phirman to appoint Carol Raimondo treasurer to replace Judy Obermeier. The vote was aye unanimously.

There was discussion about an online bridge club which previously had been approved via an email vote. There were no further motions regarding this project.

There was discussion about the upcoming longest day project scheduled for June 21. The Unit board concluded that our participation should be cancelled because it is unlikely that we will be returning to onsite bridge by June 21<sup>st</sup>. Jan Zinner was tasked to speak with Mary Wegis about that decision, and Den Cameron will talk to the folks at the Community Center in AG to lay the groundwork for cancelling this event and getting our site deposit returned. A motion to cancel the event was made by Bill Ringbom and seconded by Jim Borland. The vote was aye unanimously.

A motion was made by Jack Phirman and seconded by Bill Ringbom to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 am.

No further meetings were scheduled at this time.

Minutes submitted by Jan Zinner in the absence of our Secretary.

**Minutes**  
**ACBL's Unit 540 Virtual Board of Directors**  
**Meeting**  
**Friday, May 8, 2020, 3:30 p.m.**

Meeting called to order at 3:32 pm. Fred, Jim, Deb, Carol, Jack, Rose, Gina, Gayle Present.

1) Special Out of Order Item:

Accept resignations and elect replacements followed by replacement of resigned Officers: Jack Phirman Defacto President resigned. Gina K nominated Fred Strong President. Jim B. seconded. Unanimous consent.

2) Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes reviewed and approved from April 12th.  
Motion by Jim and second by Deb. Carried.

3) Treasurer's Report: Carol C gave Treasurer Report. See attachment.

4) Old Business: None

5) New Business

a) Virtual Game Manager confirmation, report, clarification and action if needed: John Fields Jr. did not get time or have time to report to board regarding happenings of the new VC. Board unanimously consented for John to be VC Manager. Further dicussion regarding compensation to John. John will submit hours to Treasurer Carol.

b) Statement and suggestions of New President with action to adopt recommendations if necessary and as they may be amended. There was a long report by Fred Strong w email that followed. I will refer to that email and include in the minutes. Gina Kirk followed with many comments that were not included in the new business. Please see attached email(s).

6) Club Reports: None due to COVID19.

7) Executive Committee:

Fred/Gayle/Deb/Carol nominated. Motion by Gina. Second by Jim.  
Unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 pm. Next Meeting June 12th 2020 at 3:30 pm. Fred will send out Zoom ID and Passcode.



## **Unit 540 Meeting Friday, 6/12/20**

Meeting via Zoom called to order at 3:43 pm. Strong, Larson, Cameron, Raimondo, Borland, Phirman, Kirk present.

Minutes of May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting reviewed. Motion to pass by Phirman, second by Cameron. Passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer Report:**

See attached report.

Manager Salary

John compensation

\$300.00

\$200.00

\$50.00 per game. Motion by Cameron, second by Larson. Passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

#### **1) Virtual Club**

John Junior Report carried over report from last month.

After Silver Linings week attendance is down. All games meeting minimum requirement. Break even point is 4 ½ tables . Let JJ decide what the break off point is to play or not to play(3 tables or less?).

No known issues re: ACBL.

Debra Cameron reported that she had discussions with Santa Barbara and Central Gold Coast would like partner w Unit 540.

Many clubs are pooling and incentive to play.

Deb can work w John to further discussions on pooling clubs.

#### **3) Executive Committee Report:**

Discussed VC dynamic.

### **New Business:**

#### **1) President's Report**

Fred requests President report adopted (see attached email). Raimondo and Larson suggested to focus on VC for now. Report tabled for now.

## **2) Unit 540 Bylaws**

Defer to later.

## **3) Website Update**

D22 launching new website July 1st.

Bud will continue submitting Unit 540 Recording reports to the D22 website. Cameron will send Borland the link new D22 site. D22 will link directly to Unit 540 website. Bill Ringbom will make minor modifications for now regarding website.

Jim Borland will work w Bill Ringbom to update website.

## **4) Appointments Education Chair**

Leda has recommended Gina to be Ed Coordinator

## **5) I/N Chair**

Jim Solomon

## **6) ACBL Longest Day**

Unit 540 is listed at 16 out of 20 as top donors. June 20/21st LD for Unit 540. ACBL will donate 100% of table fees to Alzheimer's Association.

Motion:

\$10.00 fee for LD games and pay director fee out of Unit Budget. Motion by Larson, second by Raimondo,

Unanimous consent.

**Next meeting July 10th 2020 3:30pm**

## Unit 540 Meeting Friday, 7/10/20

Meeting via Zoom called to order at 3:43 pm. Strong, Larson, Cameron, Raimondo, Borland, Phirman, Kirk present.

Minutes of June 12th meeting reviewed. Motion to pass by Kirk, second by Cameron. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Extra fee paid to John Fields of \$300.00 for start up costs on BBO. Carol reports that Don Alderman informed her that the PO Box is shared with 5-Cities, SLO and Unit 540 at \$35.00 annually. Motion: Kirk moved that we continue to resource SLO/5Cities on the PO Box. Second Larson. Unanimous. Motion to approve report passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

(1) Virtual Game Manager's Report and action: Attendance is good most of June. Drop off after Silver Linings week. Avg 3 weeks 4.5 tables. Deb Cameron suggests that the number of games are diluted due to no stratification and lack of competition. John reports that several pairs play 5 times per week but there are only 3-4 tables. Possibly consider adding 499er game once a week. Gina suggests reducing games to 2-3 a week and advertise "the heck out of it" and holding off on the 499er game for now. Deb reminded the board that our main competitor is BBO and members are playing in the \$1.75 game on BBO. Gayle suggests reducing the fee to \$3.00. John reports that reducing the fee to \$3.00 limits the access to certain BBO tools. Deb requests board members to submit ideas to her and will create a proposal and report with ideas to the Executive Committee.

(2) Longest Day Report: June 23rd 2020. Cameron reports that Mary Wegis collected \$8,100.00 from Unit 540 Members this year.

### **New Business:**

Kirk reports on tentative Central Coast Sectional 2021. Proposed March 25-27th 2021. Cameron reports that CC application for Sectional not received yet. Cameron reports that as Tournament Coordinator she is not scheduling any sectionals through 2020 but put something on the calendar with the option to cancel. Motion by Raimondo to apply for sanction for Sectional next year. Second Cameron. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 pm. Next meeting August 14th 2020 at 3:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Gayle Larson, Secretary.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN LUIS OBISPO UNIT 540

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order on Zoom by President, Fred Strong. Present were Deb Cameron, Jim Borland, Jack Phirman, and Carol Raimondo. Absent was Bill Ringbom.

Gina Kirk and Gayle Larson have submitted resignations to the Board. Motion was made and seconded to accept the resignations. Four members voted to accept Gina's resignation; one voted not to accept the resignation. Gayle's resignation was accepted unanimously. It should be noted that Gina will remain on the Board as a nonvoting member as the only past president of the Unit Board willing to serve in that capacity. (More recent past presidents have declined to serve.)

The next item on the agenda was to elect new Board members. After discussion, Jack Phirman nominated Kathy Borland and Mike Hughes to vacant positions on the Board. The motion was seconded by Deb Cameron, and a unanimous vote of acceptance followed.

The President noted that we have two offices vacant, Vice President and Secretary. The President moved that we elect Deb Cameron to the office of Vice President and Mike Hughes to the office of Secretary. Nominations were seconded by Carol Raimondo, and there was a unanimous yes vote.

Fred will contact Gayle Larson to arrange for transfer of the paper and electronics records of the Unit to the new Secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11.22am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Raimondo

Acting Secretary

## Unit 540 San Luis Obispo

### Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Date:** August 14, 2020

**Call to order:** 3:36 PM

**Present:** Fred Strong, (president); Deb Cameron; (vice-president); Carol Raimondo, (treasurer); Mike Hughes (secretary); John Phirman; Kathy Borland; Jim Borland

**Quorum:** A quorum of directors was present.

#### **Minutes:**

- Jack moved, and Mike seconded the motion that the minutes of the board meeting of 8/8/20 be approved. Motion carried.

#### **Treasure's Report:**

- Carol reported that there is \$11,538.16 in the Unit's account after \$478.64 for the Longest Day games.
- Mike moved, and Deb seconded the motion that the Treasurer's report be approved. Motion carried.

#### **President's Report:**

- Fred reported that the Virtual Game Committed is formed. The virtual game is going well with good feedback. The committee will next meet next Thursday at 3:35.
- Fred will give Mike the "Secretary's Box" wherein is the PO Box key.
- All meetings of the board via Zoom will have the same meeting ID and password:
  - ID = 6893412377
  - p/w = 2vp6SA
- The District 22 website is: [www.d22acbl.com](http://www.d22acbl.com)
- The Unit 540 website is: [www.slobridge.com](http://www.slobridge.com)
- ACTION: Board members will send their phone numbers to Fred.

#### **Old Business:**

1. **Virtual Game** – Carol explained why the virtual game is under Santa Barbara's club number and that we are in partnership with rather subordinate to the Santa Barbara club. She explained that we share revenues and get paid for our players. There was discussion as to how directors are assigned.

- a. **ACTION:** Jim will put on the website how to notify the director when a player is unable to get into a game.
  - b. **ACTION:** Carol will include these instructions in her email to the Unit.
  - c. Carol and Mike have agreed to provide support to people that are having trouble with BBO. Each has agreed to have their phone number on the website for this purpose.
2. **Vacant board positions** – Carol moved and Mike seconded the motion that the following new board members fill vacancies as below:
    - a. Rose (2020) – remain vacant
    - b. Gina (12/21) – replaced by Kathy Borland
    - c. Gayle (12/21) – replaced by Mike Hughes
  3. There is no Sectional Planning report.
  4. **Standing Committees** – Kathy asked about the status of standing committees and assignments. Fred asked to be informed of any people involved in these committees
    - a. **Virtual Game** – Deb & Carol
    - b. **Education** – headed by Gina. **ACTION:** Fred will verify.
    - c. **Membership** – open
    - d. **Tournament** – headed by Art.
    - e. **Intermediate/Newcomer coordinator** – Jim Solomon. **ACTION:** Fred will verify.
    - f. **Webmaster** – Jim Borland.

#### **ADDENDUM – Board Positions**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Term expires</b>	<b>Position assumed</b>
Fred Strong - President	12/20	David Gillette
Deb Cameron – Vice-President	12/20	
Carol Raimondo – Treasurer	12/21	Judy Obermeier
Mike Hughes – Secretary	12/21	Gayle Larson
Jim Borland	12/21	
Kathy Borland	12/21	Gina Kirk
Jack Phirman	12/21	
Art Herbon	12/20	Bill Ringbom
Rose Will - Vacant	12/20	

**Next Meeting:** Meeting is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday: September 11, at 3:45 PM via Zoom.

**Adjourned:** 4 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mike Hughes, Unit secretary

## Unit 540 San Luis Obispo Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Date:** September 11, 2020

**Call to order:** 3:48 PM

**Present:** Fred Strong, (president); Deb Cameron; (vice-president); Carol Raimondo, (treasurer); Mike Hughes (secretary); Jack Phirman; Kathy Borland; Jim Borland; Art Herbon

**Quorum:** A quorum of directors were present.

**Minutes:** Jim moved, and Deb seconded the motion that the minutes of the membership meeting of 8/14/20 and the attached table describing each position on the board, its expiration date, and who vacated that position be approved. Motion carried.

### **Treasure's Report:**

- Carol reported that there is \$11,643.23 in the Unit's account. [copy of: "Copy of 2020 Profit and Loss.xls"] on file.
- Mike moved, and Jim seconded the motion that the Treasurer's report be approved. Motion carried.

### **President's Report:**

- Fred reported that he received an email regarding guest memberships.

### **Old Business:**

#### 1. Virtual Game Committee

- a. Deb reported that the virtual game is going well with good attendance by Unit 540 members. She explained that Unit 540 is earning the larger share of the proceeds because of our good turnout.
- b. Carol announced Club Championship Week (Sept. 21 – 27). There will be double points with 25% gold and 75% black.
- c. The committee is considering adding additional limited games in the morning. Santa Barbara members are making up the majority in the limited games. The board agreed that the committee should add new games as they deem appropriate.

#### 2. Board Vacancy

- a. Mike moved, and Deb seconded the motion that Art Herbon be appointed to fill the position vacated by Bill Ringbom. Motion carried. It was pointed out that the term for this position is up next January. Art agreed to accept a nomination to be reelected in 2021.

### **New Business:**



1. District 22 Goodwill Award
  - a. Carol is nominated for this award by unanimous decision. Submissions are closed Sept. 30. **ACTION:** Deb will craft the nomination letter.
2. Unit 540 Post Office Box key
  - a. It was proposed that we coordinate the checking of the Unit PO Box with the Five Cities and SLO Clubs as they share it with us. Deb averred that it should be checked every two weeks for ACBL communications. Kathy agreed to hold the key. **ACTION:** Mike will mail the key to Kathy. Kathy will contact Don Alderman to coordinate.
3. Nominating Committee for 2021
  - a. There was discussion about what the election procedures should be. Fred noted that Board members who are up for reelection may not be on the committee. Kathy will head the Nomination Committee and will work with Carol to propose election procedures in the age of COVID and to recruit two more members to the committee. It was noted that Deb will seek reelection; Fred will not seek reelection but will serve as non-voting member; Art will seek reelection. This leaves two positions to be filled—one vacated by Fred; One vacated by Rose Will.

Members of 2021 Board	Term expires	Position assumed
- President	1/21	Fred Strong
- Vice- President	1/21	Deb Cameron
Carol Raimondo – Treasurer	1/22	Judy Obermeier
Mike Hughes – Secretary	1/22	Gayle Larson
Jim Borland	1/22	
Kathy Borland	1/22	Gina Kirk
Jack Phirman	1/22	
	1/21	Art Herbon
	1/21	Rose Will

4. Jim Solomon will chair the New Members Committee.
5. Gina will chair the Education Committee.
6. Recruiting Players to the Virtual Game
  - a. Kathy agreed to coordinate efforts to reach out to Unit 540 members who have not been playing in BBO. **ACTION:** Carol will reach out to the S.B. treasurer and ask for the list that marries BBO names with real names. Members are asked to review lists and help split up the names for contacting them.
7. In order to give us more than the 30 minutes allowed by a free Zoom account, Art has volunteered to host the meeting on his account. Copy and paste the link below into your browser or click the link emailed from Art.

**Next Meeting:** Meeting is scheduled for October 9 at 3:45 pm via zoom.

**Follow this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84688438015?pwd=RC9yeIEwL252a0JzK0dkZlVvbzlxZz09>

**Adjourned:** 4:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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Mike Hughes, Unit secretary

## Minutes

### Unit 540 San Luis Obispo Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Date:** October 10, 2020

**Call to order:** 3:54 PM

**Present:** Fred Strong, (president); Deb Cameron; (vice-president); Carol Raimondo, (treasurer); Mike Hughes (secretary); Jack Phirman; Kathy Borland; Jim Borland; Art Herbon

**Quorum:** A quorum of directors was present.

**Minutes:** Kathy moved, and Art seconded the motion that the minutes of the membership meeting of 9/11/20 be approved. Motion carried.

#### **Treasure's Report:**

- Carol reported that there is \$13,985.01 in the Unit's account, which is a \$2,897.84 increase from last month, much of which are proceeds from the virtual game. [copy of: "Copy of 2020 Profit and Loss.xls"] on file.
- Mike moved, and Art seconded the motion that the Treasurer's report be approved. Motion carried.
- Disbursement of virtual game proceeds to clubs. Fred noted that the Unit made assurances to the clubs that proceeds from virtual games would be shared. Deb noted that we are keeping track of the data regarding individuals' participation in virtual games according to home addresses, which may be used to determine to which club participants belong.

Jim moved and Deb seconded the motion that we:

1. Share the proceeds from virtual games with clubs;
2. Disburse the proceeds according to set percentages per club;
3. Postpone a decision about how to allocate clubs' portions to a future meeting.

Motion carried.

#### **President's Report:**

- Fred reported that he will email his report to members at a later date.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Virtual Game Committee.
  - a. Deb reported that there has been a steady increase in participation in virtual games over the last three months (897 in August and 1092 in September—some of which may be attributable to the special event).
  - b. The games show a net profit of \$1,691.54.

- c. She noted that there will be a special event at the end of October (Jane Johnson Club Appreciation). Points will probably be sectionally rated.
  - d. There are plans to have 99er games Monday-Thursdays. Club managers are asked to encourage players to opt in.
  - e. Fred pointed out that working people are unable play in the daytime and asked if a Wednesday night open game could be created.
  - f. Ways to empower Directors to intervene with/sanction players who violate zero tolerance and who refuse to follow BBO/ACBL rules were discussed. Deb noted some of the actions BBO is planning. Meanwhile, players are asked to report incidents to the committee. Deb noted that the mechanism for reporting suspicious hands to ACBL has been described in the September 2020 BULLETIN.  
**ACTION:** Jim will post email addresses for Deb and Carol to which complaints may be reported. Carol will include this information in her next email blast.  
**ACTION:** Kathy will send the board a copy of the Zero Tolerance Policy that the San Luis Board developed.
2. Board Vacancy
- a. There are two vacancies. Kathy reported a list of potential nominations. The committee recommends limiting final nominations to equal vacancies. (Write-in nominations will be accepted.) The top nominee declined. Two more names were proposed. The process of contacting these individuals and getting their agreement to run continues. The timeline and mechanism for conducting the Annual Meeting and electing members to the board will be decided by the board after we gather more information about how other units/clubs are doing it. Jack has agreed to help Deb in this matter.

**New Business:**

- 1. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
  - a. Fred noted that the anniversary is next September. He requested that members be thinking about what we want to do.
- 2. In Memoriam
  - a. How to commemorate the departed is deferred to a future meeting.

**Adjourned:** 4:45 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Meeting is scheduled for November 13 at 3:45 pm via zoom.

**ID** 826 5791 1502

**PW** 243707

Respectfully submitted:

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Mike Hughes, Unit secretary

## Minutes

### Unit 540 San Luis Obispo Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Date:** November 13, 2020

**Call to order:** 3:55 PM

**Present:** Fred Strong, (president); Deb Cameron; (vice-president); Carol Raimondo, (treasurer); Mike Hughes (secretary); Jack Phirman; Jim Borland; Art Herbon

**Quorum:** A quorum of directors was present.

**Minutes:** Art moved, and Carol seconded the motion that the minutes of the membership meeting of 10/11/20 be approved. Motion carried.

#### **Treasure's Report:**

- Carol reported that there is an ending bank balance of \$ 16,500.07 in the Unit's account, which includes \$2,515.06 net received in October. [copy of: "Copy of 2020 Profit and Loss.xls"] on file.
- Mike moved, and Deb seconded the motion that the Treasurer's report be approved. Motion carried.
- Carol noted that some of the clubs have received some monies directly from ACBL for the Support Your Club virtual games. These sporadic checks are not from the unit. She reported that we get a check from BBO every month for our member participation.
- She suggested to general agreement that we send a hand-written acknowledgement to Ronnie Morris via USPS for all the work he does keeping financial records and other statistics. **ACTION:** Mike will call Carol for details and will hand-write a thank-you.

#### **President's Report:**

- Fred announced that it is time for clubs to renew their yearly sanctions fee. No action from the Unit is required.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Virtual Game Committee.
  - a. Deb reported that there has been a 20% decrease in the number of players in October, largely due to there being no special games.
  - b. The games show a net profit of \$2,515.06, with 9,452 plays.
  - c. She noted that the committee has been sending out personal reminders requiring players to complete convention cards prior to playing. The committee is considering sanctions for failure to comply.
  - d. She noted that some rude behavior has been successfully addressed with individuals.

2. Nominating Committee Report

- a. Kathy was not available to give a report, so Deb provided a summary of the committee's discussions.
- b. There was discussion about how best to fill this year's vacancies.

3. Annual Meeting

- a. After discussion, Deb moved and Jim seconded the following motion:
  - i. Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> should be the date of the annual meeting.
  - ii. An email should be sent to members announcing the meeting, presenting the candidates for director positions (including incumbents), and providing an opportunity to write in nominations. The deadline to return any nominations to Mike via email should be December 10, 2020.
  - iii. At the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the board should review nominations received and set the voting procedures for the annual meeting. Write-in candidates should be contacted to verify their willingness to serve.

Motion carried.

**ACTION:** Deb will draft the email and send to Kathy who will send it to the directors for review. When approved, Kathy will send to all club members.

**New Business:**

1. Preparations for returning to *in vivo* club play
  - a. It was agreed that it is too early to make any specific plans.
2. District 22 Goodwill Award
  - a. Deb congratulated Carol on receiving this richly deserved award.
3. Dynamo
  - a. Deb asked for recommendations.

**Adjourned:** 4:40 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Meeting is scheduled for December 11 at 3:45 pm via zoom. **ACTION:** Art will send out meeting link via Calendar.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Hughes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mike Hughes, Unit secretary

## Minutes

### Unit 540 San Luis Obispo Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Date:** December 12, 2020

**Call to order:** 4:01 PM

**Present:** Fred Strong, (president); Deb Cameron; (vice-president); Carol Raimondo, (treasurer); Mike Hughes (secretary); Jack Phirman; Jim Borland; Gina Kirk; Kathy Borland

**Quorum:** A quorum of directors was present.

**Minutes:** Kathy moved, and Deb seconded the motion that the minutes of the membership meeting of 11/13/20 be approved. Motion carried.

#### **Treasure's Report:**

- Carol reported that there is an ending bank balance of \$ 18,329.85. Net increase equaled \$1,829.78. [copy of: "Copy of 2020 Profit and Loss.xls"] on file.
- Mike moved, and Jim seconded the motion that the Treasurer's report be approved. Motion carried.
- Mike reported that he sent a thank-you card to Ronnie Morris via USPS signed with 1st names of the directors including a handwritten acknowledgement of his work keeping financial records and other statistics.

#### **President's Report:**

- Fred provided a written report as follows:

"We are nearing the end of the year and anticipating rapid developments in the changing nature of our society and lifestyles. While the pandemic is escalating so are the activities to provide immunizations for this and, possibly, anticipated mutations thereof. While we have 266 current members of Unit 540 including 77 life masters of various colors and designations, we also have far less than half of our current membership playing in our virtual games.

It is unwise I think to try to browbeat any of them into doing what they believe they have very good reasons not to do ... just as we have a significant percentage who think it is unwise to play in person now and, possibly, in the future.

Despite all of our difficulties we have a member from Arroyo Grande who deserves our congratulations for attaining the rank of Life Master. That is Ted Mirwald. Congratulations to Ted.

As a Unit Board we represent all of the members and have a role to play in the success of our club members. I am very hopeful that in that regard we can see our way clear to create a committee today to develop suggestions for an eventuality



when the clubs may once again be holding live, in person, games in addition to, or instead of, virtual games. With the same being true for our Unit games.

Since safety and good experiences are primary goals of all of us, I am hoping that a careful consideration can be given to suggested ways in which this might happen, without being overbearing in any way as to how we proceed.

Of course, at least equal attention must be paid to our virtual games and their development and success. I believe this Board has survived some very difficult times and experiences in 2020 and looks forward to less contentious times in the future. I believe we have attained a degree of normalcy under challenging circumstances and gotten through many difficult situations with consideration, empathy, and wisdom.

My congratulations to all of you for your perseverance and willingness to give of your time and talent to this very worthwhile activity. My fond hope is that we do not leave anyone behind in our efforts to promote the playing and understanding of Duplicate Bridge.

Thank you for your support and for standing up for what you believe in. Let us go forward in a positive way. I still look forward to participating in a non-voting "senior statesman" manner in the future."

### **Old Business:**

#### 1. Virtual Game Committee.

- a. Deb reported that the number of players dropped slightly from 864 to 845.
- b. There was general agreement that there is a desire to continue to reach out to non-playing members, but not to be too aggressive about it.
- c. There was discussion as to whether evening games should be reinstated. Given that previous evening games were not adequately attended, the general consensus was that there is insufficient demand to justify setting up new evening games. Deb noted that the evening 99'ers games are highly successful.

#### 2. Education Committee.

- a. Gina reported that three Unit members are actively providing combinations of bridge classes and mentoring.
- b. Gina proposed that the Unit support the establishment of a Cal Poly bridge club. There was general agreement that this is a good idea. The board approved \$100 to be used by Gina for promoting this idea (ad in the MUSTANG, for example). Deb noted that there is a generous bridge professional interested in developing and supporting financially a college bridge class who may be interested to helping establish a Cal Poly bridge club.

#### 3. Nominating Committee Report

- a. Kathy & Mike reported no responses to the nomination ballots. Nominations are closed. The slate of nominees is:
  - Deb Cameron - incumbent
  - Art Herbon - incumbent

- Linda Seifert
- Bud Zeuschner

4. Annual Meeting

a. It was agreed that:

- i. There will be a regular Zoom meeting of the board on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 PM after the virtual game. One agenda item will be agreeing on the structure of the Annual meeting of members.
- ii. The annual meeting of members will occur via Zoom on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 PM. **ACTION:** Mike will send out an email to the membership list one week in advance informing members of the annual meeting of date, time, and Zoom link.
- iii. There will be a special meeting of the board immediately following the annual meeting to induct new directors and establish officers.

5. Preparations for returning to *in vivo* club play

- a. Fred offered to chair a committee that would provide guidance and support to clubs at such time as face-to-face games resume. Mike suggested that each club will have individual requirements for resuming live play and that the Unit can provide support to clubs as needed upon request. Gina noted that ACBL has posted guidelines for COVID19-related issues. [see: <https://web2.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/F2F.pdf>]. It was agreed that Unit-level support for clubs is a worthwhile idea, but a dedicated committee is premature.

**Adjourned:** 4:52 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Meeting is scheduled for January 8, at 3:45 pm via zoom.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Hughes", written in a cursive style.

Mike Hughes, Unit secretary