

REVIEW MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 ANNUAL MEETING

January 26, 2023 at Temple Beth Torah

2022 Board Members Present: Parker Mann, Margie Butler, Mark Eckhout, Doug Hahn, Craig Kavin, Kay Mendel

2023 Nominees Present: Raeann Koerner, Suzanne Brenner and Sue Houk

Apron Brigade: Setting up the Hospitality Buffet

Guests: Roughly fifty additional members & friends of Unit 547.

President Margie Butler called the Meeting to Order at 11:43 a.m.

Margie's Presidential Message began with acknowledging the great turnout for our annual meeting which was met with thunderous applause.

Using a photo board as a visual, Margie proceeded to highlight all the volunteers in all the different areas that lifted our club out of the pandemic. Amongst the many successful areas, the Guaranteed Partner Program received special acknowledgement and applause.

Margie's Year in Review and Photo Board are clipped to the end of these minutes.

Kay Mendel, Club Treasurer, provided copies of our 2022 Year-End Profit/Loss Statement. The P&L will also be posted to the website.

- The year ended with a \$44.7K balance, an increase of \$4.6K over 2021
- It was pointed out that there is an unmet & unknown liability (property tax payment to TBT) that may be an amount similar to the 2022 net gain.

Parker Mann, Business Manager, reported on the performance of the Ventura Bridge Club including,

- Our table count at TBT is averaging 8.6 Tables/Day and is showing a gradual increase every month. For reference, our table count was 12.2 T/D pre-pandemic.
- Our club is also offering more Special Games (higher masterpoints). We've put on 96 Special Games this past year. ACBL is allowing more Special Games to promote F2F club games.

Mark Eckhout, Nominating Committee Chair, introduced the nominees for the 2023 Board of Directors.

Board Members completing the second year of their two year term are,

- Kay Mendel, 1st Term
- Craig Kavin, 1st Term
- Parker Mann, 2nd Term
- Mark Eckhout, 3rd Term

Board Member seeking a second two year term

- Margie Butler

Nominees seeking their first two year term

- Sue Houk
- Suzzane Brenner
- Raeann Koerner (a former Board of Director)

Election

Gary Feldman, from the floor, moved that we accept the nominees and approve their election by acclamation. The motion was seconded and a voice vote unanimously approved their election.

Memoriam

We remember Unit members who had passed this last year, including:

- Carol Howe
- Robert "RC" Carrier
- Margaret Bissell
- Evelyn Fox

In Closing

President Margie Butler; "I want to thank everyone for coming. The meeting is adjourned."

Respectfully submitted:

Mark Eckhout, Secretary (2022)

2022 Annual Meeting, January 26, 2023

Meeting Agenda

- President's Speech – Honoring our Volunteers
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Club Manager's Report
 - Nominating Committee Chairman's Report
 - Election of new Board Members
 - In Memoriam
 - Adjournment
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2022 Year in Review

January – Past president Rose Buckley chaired the 2021 Annual Meeting in place of President Lorraine Salvatore who moved to Florida in December. Lorraine's seat on the board was filled by Kay Mendel. The board lost three other board members at the end of 2021: Rose Buckley, Barbara Fitzgerald, and Larry Pelletier. Board nominee Craig Kavin was unanimously elected to fill one of the open positions. No other nominees came forward at the meeting, which left the board with two vacancies to fill at a later date.

February – The new board held elections. The result was: President – Margie Butler, VP – Doug Hahn, Treasurer – Kay Mendel (re-elected), Secretary – vacant. ... The Valentine Sectional took place in Camarillo on February 12. ... Plans and preparations began for the Strawberry Sectional which was downsized to two days. The venue was changed from Crosspointe Church to Camarillo Senior Center.

March – Linda Forsyth joined the board to fill one of the two vacancies. Mark Eckhout was elected to the position of Secretary. ... The board voted not to renew the rental contract with Camarillo Senior Center for the weekly Club games due to poor attendance at the games and the difficulty of having no storage space for game supplies. ... Diane Gunther agreed to be

Tournament Chair for the Strawberry Sectional. ... The mask mandate which had been in place since December 2021 was finally lifted.

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April – The board decided to have more ACBL Special Games (which award more points) in order to attract good players and be competitive with other clubs. To cover the ACBL surcharge for these Special Games, the board voted to increase the game fee per player from \$6.00 to \$7.00 (still a very low fee compared to other clubs). ... In a further effort to provide players with a good experience, the board decided to bring back indoor snacks which were prohibited when Covid protocols were more stringent.

May – The Strawberry Sectional took place on May 14-15 and it was a huge success! We received many accolades from many sources, including a letter that appeared in the Bridge Bulletin Magazine.

June – In response to player complaints about game length, the Wednesday 199er game was changed to a “Short Game” (12-17 boards). Because it was a shorter game, the fee was reduced to \$5. ... Minnie McKinney and Ace of Clubs awards were awarded at a small celebration before the game on June 30.

July – Richard Fox and Joanne Bowen requested the board’s approval to investigate advertising possibilities with the understanding that the board would be willing to pay for advertising of the club.

August – Susan Lang’s Beach Party Theme Game was held on August 13th. ... On Sunday August 14th the newspaper advertisement arranged by Richard Fox and Joanne Bowen appeared in the Ventura County Star.

September – Richard Fox arranged for a reporter from Ventura County Star to visit during one of our games and then do an article about our Bridge Club. The article appeared in the Star on Sept 6, 2022. ... The Fall 499er Sectional was held on September 17th.

October – On October 19th Craig Kavin gave a short class on Bridge Etiquette and Protocol. It was very well attended. ... The Halloween Regional was held October 24-30 at the Ventura Beach Marriott Hotel.

November – Planning began for end of year tasks and events.

December – The Holiday Party was held on Dec 8. ... Preparations began for the New Year's Party Theme Game to be held on January 7, 2023 and for the Annual Meeting to be held on January 26, 2023.



VOLUNTEERS



2022 Board of Directors



Marjorie Butler
President



Doug Hahn
Vice President



Kay Mendel
Treasurer



Mark Eckhout
Secretary



Linda Forsyth



Craig Kavin



Parker Mann

Vacant



SPECIAL EVENTS



Josh Rosenbluth
Tournament Advisor



Bob Gruber
Tournament Advisor



Mark Eckhout
Tournament Chair



Susan Lang
Hospitality,
Theme Game Organizer
Tournament Chair



Linda Forsyth
Hospitality



Sharon Matthews
Hospitality



Barbara (BJ) Fitzgerald
Hospitality



Maureen Moore
Hospitality



Rosemary Reitz
Game Supplies,
General Support



OPERATIONS



Parker Mann
Club Manager



Marjorie Butler
Director Coord./Liaison



Kay Mendel
GI Coordinator,
Table Cleaning Crew



Mark Eckhout
Intermediate/Novice/Beginner
Coordinator



Mike Gaddis
Game Equipment Setup,
Door Monitor/Greeter



Doug Hahn
Weekly Table Setup



Linda Forsyth
Game Day Snacks



Susan Lang
Table Cleaning Crew



Dinah Irino
Table Cleaning Crew



GAME DIRECTORS



Chris Gillmon



Bob Gruber



Nancy Hall



Jody Shapiro



Stan Snyder



COMMUNICATION/PUBLICITY



Mark Eckhout
Bridge Buzz



Jody Shapiro
D22 Club Corner



Barry Brenner
Webmaster



Bob Gruber
Member Directory,
Director Documentation,
Advisor/Consultant



Parker Mann
Email Coordinator



Richard Fox
Advertising



Joanne Bowen
Advertising



Susan Lang
Bulletin board



TEACHERS



Rose Buckley



Anne Cline



Don Cline



Craig Kavin



Rae Ann Koerner