

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

May 11, 2023, at Temple Beth Torah (TBT)

Board Members Present: Kay Mendel, Mark Eckhout, Craig Kavin, Raeann Koerner, and Suzanne Brenner Absent: Margie Butler, Parker Mann, and Sue Houk

Guest: Steve Gross, Susan Lang, and Chris Gillmon

Meeting was called to order at 10:51 a.m. by Raeann Koerner

Order of Business

Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Kay Mendel to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2023 meeting, and 2nd by Mark Eckhout, M/S/A.

Treasurer's Report

Kay had previously emailed three reports:

Monthly Income and Expense

BBO Detail

TBT Detail

We had 97 tables this month compared to 170 tables last month. We had 91 tables in April 2022.

Mark Eckhout made a motion to accept the treasurer's report for April 2023, and 2nd by Suzanne Brenner, M/S/A.

Club Operations and Management- Report given by Raeann for Parker.

Discussion of whether to have additional team games and/or Pro Am games. All in agreement that we would like to pursue this in the future. It was suggested that we could consider different formats for the Pro Am games: possibly play a few boards and then discuss, rather than wait until the conclusion of the entire game, but this seemed complicated because other tables would learn about the boards possibly. One suggestion was to have an experienced volunteer that could discuss boards/answer questions at the conclusion of the game; or even a panel of volunteers. Another suggestion was to possibly have a volunteer that could assist with the 499 group during the team play to assist with clarifications as necessary. It was stated that during the most recent team game that the information that Craig had shared prior to the game was a helpful warmup in clarification of the strategy in playing as a team and hoped that could occur again.

Chris Gillmon will check with Dave White to see if he has the type of software that can be used on the Bridgemates that we could utilize during our team play activities.

Old Business

Status of recent and upcoming Tournaments (Mark)

Mark had emailed a report prior to the meeting highlighting what he planned to discuss at our meeting.

Mark shared that tournament was a success, but final financial information was not yet completed and will be reflected in Kay's financial report. There were 117.5 tables, 10% over 2022. The survey conducted during the tournament showed that people were interested in team and pair games and liked having an open and limited game over two days. And it was confirmed that participants preferred a two-day event.

It was discussed that we needed to select a date quickly for our Fall Sectional in order that we could ensure access to a venue (Camarillo Senior Center) for a desired date. It was decided that our first choice would be Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 for a two-day event, 1 day to be pairs and the other for teams. Our 2nd choice of dates are Sept. 23rd & 24th.

Susan Lang came to discuss the possibility of additional theme games either at our local games and/or the possibility of games to be held at the Camarillo Senior Center. The consensus was that we were interested in pursuing and Susan would investigate possible dates.

Mark has contacted Dave White in regard to the purchase of Bridgemates and he is awaiting more details from Dave.

The status of a new venue for bridge activities was tabled for further discussion in the future.

Storage Locker

We will not make any changes to our current storage locker agreement based on the feedback from Sue Houk, and this can be revisited in the future if the need seems warranted. Margie has a light that can be used to provide light within the unit.

New Business

Tournament Director

It is unknown if the Tournament Coordinator needs to be a board member. Raeann offered to discuss with Josh what all the responsibilities are, and Mark Eckhout volunteered to take on this role.

Mike Gaddis Retirement

Discussion as to how to proceed due to Mike's resignation and the need to immediately cover all that Mike had been responsible for.

Raeann offered to speak with Mike as to whom he thought might be able to help.

Raeann will ask the directors if they would be willing to make the coffee on their game day and offered to pay them an extra \$10.

Kay will change the GP calendar to include a place for people to volunteer to do the door duty.

It was discussed that a free play will be given to an individual that does door duty, just as is done for the GP. It was agreed that Lynda Forsyth will be given a free play on the days that she plays due to the amount of responsibility she is providing to the daily games.

Raeann will announce at today's game the need we have for volunteers to assist with the door duty and set up of tables.

Raeann will speak with Doug about doing set up for next Tuesday, and he will receive a free play in appreciation.

After discussion, a motion was made by Kay Mendel that Mike Gaddis may play at our club at no cost for perpetuity, and 2nd by Mark Eckhout, M/S/A.

It was discussed that we would like to have the opportunity to honor Mike for all his service with a cake on a game day once we know when he is able to return.

It was also discussed that we would like to honor and say goodbye to Josh Rosenbluth for his service prior to his moving. Raeann will speak with Josh about his plans.

Raeann, acting as President, adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary