

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2021 at Temple Beth Torah and via Zoom

“Bridge for Everyone”

Present: At Temple Beth Torah: Larry Pelletier, Margie Butler, Barry Brenner, Kay Mendel, Lorraine Salvatore, Rose Buckley and Mark Eckout. Doug Hahn attended via phone.

- 1) Lorraine called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. She noted the 10:45 starting time will be a standing policy until our meetings are shorter. The next meeting will be October 14th. It was suggested we could move the meeting to the first Thursday of the month, but it was decided we keep meeting on the 2nd Thursday.

Old Business

- 2) The minutes of the 8-12-2021 Board Meeting were reviewed. Lorraine requested her name be corrected in Item 1. Margie moved that they be approved as corrected. It was seconded by Mark. All were in favor of approval. (MSA = Moved, seconded and approved).

The minutes of the 8-17-2021 Special Board Meeting were reviewed. Larry moved to approve. MSA Thank you Mark for recording and preparing those minutes.

Regarding pending items from the special meeting; Monday and Friday are the selected days for games in Camarillo; Don Cline and Rosemary Reitz were contacted regarding their help at Tuesday and Wednesday games at Temple Beth Torah (TBT); the keys for the Johnson storage units are currently held by Susan Lang, Dennis Charles and Lorraine (reassignment of the keys was differed).

- 3) Kay presented the financial statement for August 2021. The unit is currently running at a loss.
 - Kay had included information on fees/costs pre-COVID from 2019 which showed healthier activity and lower losses.
 - Kay also included a start on a list of tangible items owned by the Unit. The Board discussed some additional items and will provide more information to Kay.
 - Kay requested copies of recent agreements for the Camarillo venue, TBT and the Johnson storage units. Lorraine and others will forward those documents to Kay.
 - In lieu of a free meal at the awards session (Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney), Free Plays will be offered to the Ace of Club winners.
 - Doug moved for the approval of the August statements. MSA
- 4) Club Operations and Management and Face to Face Working Group.
 - A discussion ensued on enforcing compliance with venue health requirements and other requirements of our club membership during games.

- We are currently being asked to wear face masks inside our venues and to not eat inside. There have been some club members not complying, therefore the following policy was decided on:
 - 1st warning by the Director; or a Board Member, who informs the Director of the warning.
 - 2nd warning by the Director clearly informing the offender that they will be asked to leave the game and the venue, if they don't comply.
 - 3rd time the Director asks them to leave and informs them if they return at another day, their privilege at playing at this venue will be suspended for two weeks if they continue in non-compliance.
 - Members who return after previously been asked to leave, will not be afforded warnings, but will be immediately asked by the Director to leave and will be suspended from the venue for two weeks upon non-conformance with the venue's health policy.

We need to honor our venues' requirements. We need to honor decisions and directives of our Directors.

- Margie and the Board will help and support our Directors. The Directors must find ways to get the full room's attention before making announcements, such as, the above policy, the silencing of cell phones and other safety information. For example they could ask for a raise of hands for those that can hear and waiting till all are quiet.

Old Business

5) Equipment Purchases.

- A Dealer4 machine owned by the 750 Club is available. Mark moved we purchase the machine for \$1750. MSA
- Margie was authorized to purchase, as needed, cards, cases, hinged boards, and cases to augment or replace the Unit's current supply to complete 10 full sets (in accordance with the Unit's guidelines). Purchases over \$100, but under \$300 can be approved by Lorraine.
- Rosemary Reitz has offered to sell a set of Bridgemates; Margie will ask her wait for a short period, until we confirm the attendance at our TBT and Camarillo venues.
- Margie will coordinate with Rosemary on updating Bidding Box inserts.

6) Lorraine mentioned Gary Feldman had requested a display of his new book at our TBT games. The Board decided to not officially support merchandizing by members.

7) Lorraine noted we have a new Director in our Unit, Stan Snyder. Teryl Burke has also expressed interest in director training.

- 8) Lorraine alerted the Board of the need to fill two positions. Announcements for soliciting a Hospitality Leader and Specialty Games Coordinator will be made. Names mentioned for Hospitality were "CJ" and Linda Foresythe. Lorraine will ask Susan Lang, if she would come back for supporting Specialty Games.
- 9) Meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted: Douglas Hahn, Secretary