

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
October 14, 2021 at Temple Beth Torah and via Zoom
“Bridge for Everyone”

Present: At Temple Beth Torah: Larry Pelletier, Margie Butler, Rose Buckley and Mark Eckout and Doug Hahn. Barry Brenner joined us near the end of the meeting.

1) Margie called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Old Business

- 2) The minutes of the 9-9-2021 Board Meeting were reviewed. There was a brief discussion regarding mask rules. Rose moved to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Larry. All were in favor of approval. (MSA = Moved, seconded and approved).
- 3) The September financial statements (provided by Kay Mendel) were reviewed. Doug moved for the approval of the September statements. MSA
- 4) Club Operations and Management were discussed. Margie will provide a printed schedule for the front table at Temple Beth Torah (TBT). Margie will help coordinate and communicate set-up requirements for Directors with set-up team. The Tuesday table set-up volunteer at TBT will be offered a free play for their service.
- 5) Mark presented an I/N/B Report.
 - The Tuesday Newcomers class is well attended and includes a 0-20 game or informal bridge depending on attendance.
 - Raeann Koerner is leading a successful “intermediate” class on Wednesdays at TBT and is charging \$5 a lesson.
 - Mark is looking to expand guaranteed partners to all games. People are volunteering; Mark has a sign-up chart that our membership can use to register. The Wednesday volunteer at TBT is encouraged to help Raeann with her class.
 - The 499 game in Camarillo has not drawn enough players to be viable. The Camarillo open games have ranged from 2 to 5 tables.

New Business

- 6) The Nominating Committee for 2022 Board Members and other Unit positions was discussed. Mark volunteered to chair the committee and to recruit other committee members from the general membership. Positions that are open include President, Tournament Director, Hospitality, and Publicity.

- 7) Changes in the Bi-laws of the Unit (attached) were presented. Mark moved to approve. It was seconded and approved with one abstaining vote.
- 8) It was noted that Annual Meeting planning should be an agenda item for our next meeting.
- 9) Barry shared briefly on a couple operations issues.
- 10) Approaches to improve attendance and viability of the Camarillo venue could include more publicity, special bridge lessons, pre-registration, party-like themes and refreshments served outside.
- 11) Meeting was adjourned at 12:25.

Respectfully submitted: Douglas Hahn, Secretary