

## **MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING**

**November 11, 2021 at Temple Beth Torah**

***“Bridge for Everyone”***

Present: Lorraine Salvatore, Larry Pelletier, Parker Mann, Margie Butler, Barry Brenner, Rose Buckley, Susan Lang, Josh Rosenbluth, Mark Eckhout, Kay Mendel and Doug Hahn.

- 1) Lorraine called the meeting to order at 10:51 a.m.
- 2) Nancy Hall had requested to reduce her fee for directing at the Camarillo games. The Board felt she is entitled to the full fee and took no action.
- 3) Bob Gruber, as a director, had reported in an email to the Board two recent incidents at our Thursday game at Temple Beth Torah (TBT). There was some discussion. The consensus of the Board is our Membership needs to respect our Directors and the Board supports our Directors in enforcing ACBL rules. Margie agreed to ask our Directors to consider allowing the completion of boards in play after the round has been called at the end of the session. A couple Board members volunteered to talk with individuals involved in these incidents.

### **Old Business**

- 4) The minutes of the 10-14-2021 Board Meeting were reviewed. Mark moved to accept minutes with a correction of his name, it was seconded by Larry. All were in favor of approval. (MSA = Moved, seconded and approved).
- 5) The October financial statements were reviewed. Kay noted that our new Director Stan Snyder had donated his \$100 fee, stipulating it was to be used for a new Unit Laptop computer. Margie moved that Parker be authorized to purchase a new laptop at a price of \$600 or less. Requirements for the laptop are to be coordinated with Margie. Spending more than \$600 for the laptop and related items requires the approval of the President. Larry seconded the motion. MSA Doug moved to approve the October financial statements. MSA
- 6) Club Operations and Management were discussed. Barry noted attendance at TBT has been good and steady. Participation at the Camarillo venue has been sub-par. Discussion on continuing the Camarillo games was deferred to later in the meeting. The 99er game has had a few players exceed the 100 point level and its viability is in question. Larry moved the 99er game (Wednesdays at TBT) be changed to 199er games. MSA
- 7) The quorum involved in the approval of the new Section Bylaws at our October meeting was questioned. To assure approval, Larry moved to approve the Proposed Bylaws for District 22. MSA

- 8) Mark led a discussion related to the nominating committee. It was noted that Rose, Larry and Lorraine will be leaving the Board at the end of the year. Our Club Manager, Barry Brenner has also expressed his desire complete his service at the end of the year. The goal is to have 8 voting members on the Board. Kay has an interest in being a voting Board Member. A couple other names were mentioned including Linda Forsyth, Craig Kavin and Iris Acutt (not 2022, maybe 2023).
- 9) Lorraine led a discussion on recruiting committee chairs. New chairs for Tournaments, Hospitality, Publicity and Communications are needed, but the time critical positions are for the chair of the February and Strawberry Sectionals. Susan being present was asked and she conditionally accepted co-chairing the February event, if another co-chair could be found. (Subsequent to our meeting, Chris Gillmon volunteered to be this co-chair). Other people were mentioned and Board members were encouraged to recruit people from our membership.
- 10) Near the beginning of the 12:30 game, before addressing new business or deciding on the contract renewal for the Camarillo games, the meeting was discontinued with a special meeting scheduled for 10:30 AM on the next Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Respectfully submitted: Douglas Hahn, Secretary*