

## MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2021 via Zoom

*“Bridge for Everyone”*

Present: Rose Buckley, Mark Eckhout, Larry Pelletier, Lorraine Salvatore, Charles Clarke, Margie Butler, Barry Brenner, Parker Mann, Susan Lang, Jody Shapiro, Chris Gillmon and Doug Hahn.

1) Lorraine called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

### Old Business

2) The minutes of the 5-13-2021 Board Meeting were reviewed. A few edits were noted and agreed to. Rose moved that they be approved as revised. It was seconded. All were in favor of approval. (MSA = Moved, seconded and approved)

(Note minutes for the special meetings held April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> have been distributed to board members; their approval is still pending.)

3) Charles presented the financial statement for May 2021. He had a few items that he brought to the Board's attention:

a) With Face to Face (FTF) games approaching, insurance needs to be in place again and Charles had obtained a quote. Larry moved that the insurance payment (\$643) be authorized. MSC

b) To avoid risk in collecting cash at FTF games it was suggested Directors could be allowed to mandate exact change. This item was deferred to the Working Group for initiating FTF games.

c) Our past verbal agreement with the Temple for leasing their facilities, involved covering the property taxes incurred by their religious organization resulting from our secular organization's use thereof. Larry moved:

Our Board approves to settle past arrears with Temple Beth Torah and authorize Charles Clarke to negotiate a new agreement for our continued use of the Temple's facilities. MSC

d) Mark moved for the approval of the May statements. MSA

4) Club Operations and Management. Barry lead a discussion which touched on ACBL sanctioning, NAP Games and other items. Barry as our Manager and Lorraine as our Board President will continue to deal with these issues.

- 5) Margie reported on progress of her Working Group for initiating FTF games. Progress is being made, but negotiations with the venues are ongoing. Storage is an issue for the Camarillo Senior Center and property taxes during the shutdown had been an issue with the Temple (see item above). They have been successful in the most part in coordinating schedules, but Fridays at the Senior Center may be a challenge. Margie will send draft schedules and safety protocols to the Board for review. Payment for director services was discussed; Charles will provide a copy of the agreement we had prior to the FTF shutdown.
- 6) With Rose's pending personal issues, Margie and Chris agreed to temporarily take on the duties of Director Coordinator.

### **New Business**

- 7) Lorraine noted District 22 is creating two new committees for Education and Membership. She will nominate Raeann Koerner and Barbara Fitzgerald to these positions, respectively.
- 8) Lorraine reminded us to think of nominees for the District 22 Dynamo Award and to send recommendations to herself.
- 9) Prior to the shutdown, the unit had provided hard copies of calendars and other notices. It was suggested we discontinue or limit that practice to save costs. No directive was made, but Susan will check if we can still obtain a discount for printing at Office Depot.
- 10) The date has been set by Josh Rosenbluth for the Valentine Sectional for February 12, 2022. It may be held at Cross Point Church with both 499 and open games. Josh had suggested two options for the Strawberry Section for either April 8-10 or April 22-24. The board noted that the interference with Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, should not be an issue.
- 11) Dr. Gary Feldman has a new book and has asked the Unit to help in promoting it. There was some reticence on the Board for outright promotion, but it was suggested that a feature on the life of Gary as a member, noting this new book could be included in an article or news item.
- 12) The merger is in the court of Unit 532. In a coming meeting they may opt to donate their remaining funds to the Longest Day charity and dissolve their unit. Their members are already receiving our communications and will be encouraged to attend our pending games in Camarillo. If they dissolve, we could request ACBL to add additional Zip Codes to our unit. (Note: after our meeting the Unit 532 Board has approved this option of donation and dissolution.)
- 13) Meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

*Respectfully submitted: Douglas Hahn, Secretary*