

Unit 547 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Temple Beth Torah

Board Members Present: Raeann Koerner, Bunny Raymond, Kay Mendel, Suzanne Brenner, Craig Kavin, Gerri Knilans, Gary Ansok and Jim Wall.

Guest Member: Mark Eckhout

The meeting was called to order by Bunny Raymond at 11:05 a.m..

Old/Continuing Business

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Kay Mendel to approve the minutes from January 14, 2025 and 2nd by Gerri Knilans, M/S/A.

Treasurer's Report (Kay Mendel)

Kay sent her report prior to the meeting to the board to review.

Sheet 1: Monthly Income and Expense

We had a loss of \$537 this month. This is due to the repair costs of one of our dealing machines along with the loss of income and extra expense for the annual meeting.

Sheet 2 TBT Detail:

We had a loss of \$227 this month for our games at TBT. This is due to the loss of income and the extra expense for the annual meeting. Please note that our meeting costs were \$349 compared to \$501 in 2024 because we used the leftover chicken from the holiday party to make chicken sandwiches avoiding buying sandwiches.

A motion was made by Suzanne Brenner to approve the Treasurer Report for January 2025 and 2nd by Gerri Knilans , M/S/A.

Club Operations & Management (Jim Wall)

Jim had sent the Unit 547 In and Out Report prior to the meeting.

Jim reported that he had compared the attendance from January 2024 to 2025 and Tuesday's game was slightly less, and Thursday's game had increased slightly.

Director Liaison Report (Gary Ansok)-

Gary reported that one of the dealing machines has been serviced and is currently being utilized. The second machine has been serviced and is currently in route to us. Team score sheets have been ordered. He will order the 2-sided score sheets and will utilize a discount/credit that we have.

It was confirmed that the change by the board that coffee is to be made for each game is the responsibility of the director of that day whether they choose to make it or have someone else be responsible. Anyone doing so should be trained how to correctly use the equipment.

Gary will coordinate a meeting with the directors and Craig to discuss how to best handle any issue that may arise at a table.

Gary and Raeann will speak with a member that has had complaints made about their behavior at recent games.

It was requested that the current announcements that directors give at the beginning of the game include that each partnership needs to keep a private score, and that each player should keep their scorecard private - not visible to other players.

New Business

Update on Valentine Sectional (Mark)

Mark reported that there is still much to do, but everything is under control at the time.

- Thank you to Gerri for offering to be responsible for the printing of the flyers, and donation of the printing costs, for the event.
- The flyers were distributed to individuals that ensured delivery to the Ventura Senior Center, the Goebel Center, Moorpark Senior Center, The 750 Club, and the Santa Barbara Bridge Club.
- The director for the sectional, Lynn Yokel, told Mark that she is comfortable with running the game by herself, not needing an additional director, which saves us an additional expense.

It was asked if Lynn might be interested in directing our next sectional possibly.

- Our caddy for the sectional will be Andrew Irino. Chris will be out of town for this event.
- Susan Lang will be responsible for our welcoming committee. The goal of the committee will be the promotion and marketing of our club activities - to encourage people to come back and play with us again. Raeann offered to

assist at the event in this goal.

- Rose Buckly has been responsible for the preregistration of the event. Currently we have over 50 players who have pre registered; 20 full tables for each event for each day.
- It was suggested that Joy Kobayashi be asked if she might be willing to help with the preregistration activities for these types of events.
- We need 4 sets of table mats for this sectional. Gary will order a set to meet the requirements.
- More Bridgemates are needed. Mark will ask Chris about borrowing approximately 10 Bridgemates.
- Mark suggested that we purchase a photo printer so that Susan and he can utilize photographs as a way to demonstrate the level of enjoyment at our club, in the interest of marketing our activities. He explained the costs of the printer, paper, etc. Kay Mendel made a motion that we purchase the printer and necessary supplies, and the motion was 2nd by Jim Wall. There were two abstentions, but the motion passed.
- Bunny Raymond made a motion that we purchase two easels not to exceed \$100.00, Kay Mendel 2nd the motion, M/S/A.
- PVRP auditorium clarified that we are unable to drop off items on Thursday evening as originally hoped. As a result, Mark and his crew will need to be ready to arrive at 7:00am on Friday morning to prepare. Mark is working on getting the necessary volunteers for the event and will go to the storage unit to get the materials he needs.
- Parking may be an issue on Friday, and Mark will have volunteers to assist in directing participants to where they should park.
- Mark shared that he may want to use the patio area, hopefully weather will cooperate, but this does entail additional costs. He proposed that possibly we can change our times utilizing the kitchen, with times using the patio, to economize our fees.
- Mark said that Chris will be preparing the boards for the game. Gary offered to assist.

Annual Meeting Jan. 30 Review - (Raeann)

All went well for the event as planned, but of course Raeann would have hoped that we would have had more volunteers come forward following her request.

Recruitment of new members to the board (Raeann)

At this time, we do not have any new potential board members; but all should continue to discuss the opportunity as possible. It was suggested that placing a notice on the bulletin board announcing our interest in potential board members should be done.

Hospitality Snack Coordinators (Raeann)

At this time Wednesdays and Thursdays are covered. We do not have someone who has committed to Tuesday's consistently. Kay has stepped in at this point, and is happy to do so if she is in attendance, but having another member be responsible is preferred.

St. Paddy's Game - (Raeann)

Susan Lang is ready for the upcoming event.

Bracketed Pair Games (Raeann)

Raeann announced that bracketed pair games were going to become a standard at regional games, and they will be used in San Diego this year.

Schedule of Games (Raeann)

Stan sent a letter requesting that special games be included on the schedule during his Wednesday games. Game schedules were discussed, and beginning in April there will be a change that will include addressing Stan's request.

It was suggested that Gary should have a meeting with all of the directors to ensure that all of their goals, interests, and issues are being addressed.

February birthday - (Raeann)

The birthday celebration for February will be on the 18th. Raeann is going to confirm if Sue will be getting the cake, or if Kay will.

Pianolo Blasts - (Raeann)

- Money needs to be added to the account. Raeann will take care of what is needed and will then submit the receipt for reimbursement.
- There is a concern as to our members being able to receive the Pianolo information, and in addition for those individuals that come to our club, but may not be members of our club and being able to receive the information as well. Raeann has inquired with the ACBL to see if they have the ability to assist us, and is awaiting a response.
- It was suggested that as a part of the directors announcements, that players be told that they should make sure that their personal information is current/accurate with ACBL because it can impact what they receive from us, as well as the ACBL; and specifically that they are able to receive general email communications.

Beginning Bridge Class (Raeann)

Raeann reported that her new class of beginner players consists currently of 4 full tables, and anticipating that these numbers will increase.

Agenda items not discussed due to time:

Request for consideration of changing our game start time to 12:00

Discuss the consideration of offensive attire by members in the future

Next meeting

Our meeting will be on March 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Raeann Koerner, President, adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary.