

**MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at Temple Beth Torah**

Board Members Present: Margie Butler, Doug Hahn, Craig Kavin, Parker Mann, Kay Mendel.

Board Members Absent: Mark Eckhout, Linda Forsyth

Guests Present: None

The meeting was called to order by President Margie Butler at 10:32 a.m.

**Old Business**

**Approval of November 10 2022 Minutes**

There were no issues. Kay moved to accept the minutes. M/S/A

**Treasurer's Report**

It was noted that our financial position looks good. There were comments about the poor showing of the BBO games, but they are not a financial problem at the moment thanks to the generous \$500 donation we received from Wen Liu. Parker moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. M/S/A

**Club Manager Report**

Parker said ACBL now requires Sanctions for each specific BBO game. He will take care of setting those up by moving some existing Sanctions we have but are not using, such as from the old Monday Camarillo game.

Parker asked if we want to continue in 2023 having special games as often as every day. We agreed that we want to keep doing what we're doing because attendance has been good and seems to be growing.

**2023 Board Nominations**

We discussed ways to find nominees for the Board openings. Craig suggested asking Rose if she might have any prospective candidates among her students. Margie will ask Rose. Kay mentioned some specific beginner players who might be good candidates: Christine, Lisa, Adele, Elsa. Doug wrote down their names and will follow up.

**Clean and/or replace dirty bidding box inserts**

Doug is continuing to work on this. So far, he has removed and replaced several sets of dirty inserts and put them in a cardboard box in the storage room.

Doug suggested that we buy new plastic bins to hold the bidding boxes because the existing bins are broken. Kay volunteered to buy the new bins.

Margie suggested keeping two sets of bidding boxes – one bin with bidding boxes that are in very good condition and a second bin with bidding boxes that are usable but not great. Kay said we wouldn't be able to maintain that because after a special game or tournament all the bidding boxes are gathered up together from the tables and they will just get co-mingled again.

## **BBO Games**

Mike Gaddis interrupted the meeting briefly to tell us that some of the players had suggested we change the BBO games to later in the day or maybe in the evening. Someone on the board suggested polling the players to see if an evening BBO game would be preferred. Margie said that she would have to check with the directors who are directing the BBO games before making game time changes.

## **New business**

### **Ojai Game Cancellation – possible new Monday game**

With news that the Ojai game is closing down at the end of this year, Parker had brought up the possibility of having a Monday game at the Temple. But when Chris checked with the Temple we found out that they are using the room on Mondays so it's not available to us. The board liked the idea of a having Monday game somewhere. Doug pointed out that the downtown Ventura area is convenient to both Ojai and Ventura/Oxnard players. Doug is going to talk to Chris and explore the possibility of finding a venue near downtown Ventura.

### **Annual gifts for TBT staff members and VUBC volunteers**

We agreed to give Martha and Camille \$50 cash gifts this year (same as last year). Kay will take care of that. We also talked about a gift to the Temple that could be enjoyed by everyone at the Temple. Doug and Margie will look at Costco and maybe some other places and come up with suggestions.

As for gifts to VUBC volunteers, there were a mix of opinions. Margie suggested gifts of appreciation to all who do significant volunteer work on a regular basis, such as Kay (GP program), Linda (providing snacks at the games), Susan Lang (special projects), etc. The board felt that this was a problem because it would be hard to identify who all to include, and there would be bad feeling if some volunteers felt left out. Craig suggested having players vote for Volunteer(s) of the year. Margie felt this could create an even worse situation of hard-working volunteers feeling neglected. We all did agree that some sort of volunteer appreciation was a good idea.

### **Other topics**

Doug suggested having some classes or speakers that are aimed at intermediate/advanced players who want to improve. (Currently we've been focusing our education offerings mainly on beginner/intermediate players.) Craig said that he could come up with some material and Margie asked/appointed Craig to coordinate with Rose and RaeAnn and put together a schedule of classes and/or talks designed for intermediate/advanced players.

The President adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Margie Butler (filling in for Mark Eckhout, Secretary)*