

# REVIEW MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

January 12, 2023 at Temple Beth Torah (TBT)

*“Bridge for Everyone”*

Board Members Present: Margie Butler, Linda Forsyth, Kay Mendel, Doug Hahn, Mark Eckhout, Craig Kavin, Parker Mann

Guests: Susan Lang

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by President Margie Butler

## **Order of Business**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Craig moved to accept the December 07, 2022 minutes as presented. M/S/A

### **Treasurer’s Report**

In addition to Kay’s financial spreadsheets, the following points were highlighted:

- Net profit from January Theme Game: \$292.
- Question was raised. Answer not known. Does the Ventura Unit receive any proceeds from the Halloween Regional? Seems it doesn’t. We take no risk, either.
- Parker noted that ACBL increased Table fees effective Jan 01, 2023.

Craig moved to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. M/S/A

### **Club Manager Report**

- ACBL is voting on a proposal (today) to have two one-week Silver Linings Week for the Virtual Club Games.
- Parker is planning a Pro-Am game for Thursday, February 23, 2023.
- Parker will post Annual 2022 P&L on the website for a moderate period of time. Based on a few recent emails, it appears the Unit is required to submit the P&L to ACBL. Craig says we should have a club liaison at ACBL to answer questions such as these.
- We should advertise/announce our virtual, Sat/Sun club games more vigorously. These games are important for a number of our players/members and the Directors reserve that time in their schedule to direct the games.

## **Old Business**

### **2023 Board Nominations**

- Confirmed that Raeann Koerner wishes to re-join the Board.

- We will continue to discuss with Sue Houk
- Margie is discussing Board position with another member.

## **Annual Meeting**

We discussed menu choices with a strong push toward roll-ups and croissant sandwiches. Susan and Linda will take it from there and complete the luncheon.

A brief outline of the Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2023,

- We will start with the business meeting, graze over to the food table and proceed to the game with full bellies.
- Margie's President's message will focus on Volunteers
- Kay will present the financial status of the club.
- Parker shall provide an overview from the Business Manager's perspective.
- Mark will present the Board members continuing in their current term and the nominees to begin new 2-year terms. Elections follow.
- Following tradition, there will be no charge for lunch nor the game.

## **Sectionals**

Valentine's Mark, Chair, reports that the game is proceeding smoothly. Sanction number assigned by ACBL. Senior Center reserved for February 11, 2023. Flyer approved and distributed by Pianola. Additional flyers mailed to key clubs. Hospitality plans begin.

Strawberry Mark, Chair, is starting the process. Hospitality is a big effort for this sectional. Date hinges around availability of a Hospitality Chair. Patty Richardson requested an April date for sectional. Mark will leverage her as Hospitality Chair.

## **Director Play in the Game**

The Board reiterated that it is a last resort for the Director to play in the game. With the growing popularity of multiple sections, the Director has plenty of responsibility.

When a half table presents a long sitout, the preferred solution is a Rover - Bump Web Movement. Our Directors need to learn this movement. Otherwise a 2-3 board sitout should be acceptable to all players.

Playing is the exception; not the rule.

## **Etiquette-Protocol Training**

Craig will coordinate with Rose to continue the lecture series. Perhaps twice in February. Perhaps a class for Intermediate/Advanced players.

## **New business**

## **Theme Game**

Following the wildly successful New Year's Theme Game, Susan proposed a St Patricks Theme Game for Saturday, March 18, 2023. Mark confirmed the Senior Center is available that day.

Unfortunately, that conflicts with the Nationals in 'Norleans March 9-19. Craig and others named a number of our players planning to attend. Other dates had issues as well. Theme Game was set aside for the moment,

The President adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mark Eckhout, Secretary*