

Unit 547 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
Temple Beth Torah

Board Members Present: Raeann Koerner, Buki Burke, Kay Mendel, Suzanne Brenner, Jim Wall, Gerri Knilans, Gary Ansok, Ray Tsukuki, Carol Haverty, and Katarina Berbaum.

The meeting was called to order by Raeann Koerner at 10:39 a.m.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Gerri Knilans to approve the minutes from July 14, 2026 and 2nd by Ray Tsukuki, M/S/A.

Treasurer Report - Kay Mendel

A motion was made to approve the June Treasurer Report by Jim Wall, and 2nd by Gerri Knilans, M/S/A. This was not done at our July meeting.

Kay sent to the board prior to the meeting the July Treasurer Report:

Monthly Income and Expense:

We had a gain for the month of \$1,406. This gain reduces our loss for the year through 7/31 to \$6,809.

TBT Detail:

We had a gain for the month of \$929.

The Profit and Loss Report for the Saturday Game

Detailing the income and expenses for the Saturday games in Camarillo. Although PVRD has sent several revisions to our original contract I've yet to receive anything that shows if they are crediting us for any of the unused rentals in June and July. This may still happen and Mark is pursuing, but in the meantime this report shows the cash outlay to date.

A motion was made to approve the July Treasurer Report by Suzanne Brenner, 2nd by Jim Wall, M/S/A.

After discussion, it was decided that we will not make any purchases for additional brown side tables, and each table will be limited to one small brown table, unless they are not needed by another table. We have enough brown

tables to allocate one table for each playing table.

Club Manager's Report - Jim Wall

Prior to the meeting Jim sent the board:

The July Attendance Report

Guest Member Activity Report from the ACBL since 5/1/2025

The video of the Club Manager Meeting for the month.

Jim discussed with Camilo about the possibility of storing more of our tables in a different location, but at this time we need to continue to solely use the current location that we have. Jim believes that we can hold four additional tables in the current space. It was determined that we do not know how much space might be in our storage unit to hold additional tables.

Director Liaison Report - Gary Ansok

Gary reported that Aaron has completed the director training and will begin directing after his upcoming travel plans. He also spoke with Marilyn Usher and she said that she might be interested after her upcoming travel plans; and he spoke with Diane Gunther who said that she may be willing to assist in the future as needed.

After discussion, it was agreed that ideally Aaron would shadow Gary for at least one game prior to directing independently, and that he would be given two free plays as appreciation for his efforts.

Gary will be traveling next week and Chris is coordinating who will be directing. Gary will reach out to Chris to confirm that whoever will be working will understand the director procedures for working at TBT, and our club's expectations.

Gary shared that our next team game, which will be in October will be on a Tuesday and will be a GNT qualifier event. He shared that a recent team game event held at the 750 club used a "pro-am" model.

Old/Continuing Business

Fall Harvest Festival

Gerri brought flyers today for distribution at our club. Flyers are also being taken to the 750 club, and email notification has been provided to clubs in Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley and Agoura.

There was discussion about how to encourage new players to participate in this tournament, and it was thought that possibly if we could have new players play in our limited games and have a positive experience that they might be more inclined to try the tournament. A motion was made by Jim Wall to give a 1st time player in a sanctioned game a free play, and 2nd by Gerri Knilans, M/S/A.

Raeann will train Jim to understand how to use our Pianola account, and will try again to update our account to have the most current points of contact for the account.

Team Game - July 30

There was discussion of the most recent game. It was thought that having the sign-up list available for a couple of weeks prior was a success. The game was a bit late to start unfortunately and there was some confusion, but hopefully we can find ways to make the game run more smoothly.

Craig will contact Bob Gruber to determine if he has a board that might be used in a team game to indicate where teams go during the game. Suzanne will speak with Gary to see if something might be able to be created if Bob does not have something that we can use.

Ice Cream Social - Raeann

We were all in agreement of appreciation for Susan's efforts in the coordination of the most recent event. So much so, that Raeann was hopeful that she might do more than one event like this a year!

New Business

Supervised Play

Ray thanked the board for the opportunity to meet and discuss with Anne and Don about the supervised play program and believed that though there was disagreement about the best way to proceed, that in fact that there would remain a positive long term relationship for everyone. There is sincere appreciation for all of Anne's and Don's efforts in furthering bridge education for all interested participants.

The board discussed how to best show our appreciation to Anne on September 1st, her last day of instruction.

Raeann will follow up discussions with potential replacement teachers for the supervised teaching program. As well as looking for someone to possibly teach an intermediate bridge class on a different day. The goal would be to have:

- Beginning Bridge classes
- Supervised Play Classes
- Intermediate Classes

This would be different from the lectures provided by Don Cline and Craig Kavin.

After board discussion, Ray Tsuyuki made a motion that there will be a \$5.00 fee for the supervised play game, 2nd by Craig Kavin. There were 8 votes in favor, and 1 negative vote, the motion passed by majority vote.

Possible New Facility (Jewish Cultural Center)

Kay shared information from a discussion with our member, Ruth Pash, about the upcoming opening of a new Jewish Cultural Center in Ventura. Ruth is on the board for the organization and had been approached by Mark to inquire if the site might be a potential location for a Saturday game and/or a venue for our tournaments. Suzanne will contact Ruth about touring the facility to determine possible potentiality.

Suggestions for the Newsletter

Gerri requested suggestions for the newsletter, and was discussed by the board.

District 22 Education Program and Incentives - Carol and Raeann

Prior to the meeting, an overview of D22's Education Grant Program was sent to the board for review. Carol had discovered this opportunity and had shared it with Raeann. After discussion, and appreciation expressed that Carol had made this discovery, it was decided that more information was needed and Raeann will follow up with inquiries.

Carol also offered to maintain the necessary records if it is decided to participate in one of the offerings through this program.

Other information

Raeann shared that we were asked by the District to take on the responsibility for the Hospitality Desk at our upcoming Regional Tournament to be held in Ventura in October. Raeann shared that Jody Shapiro has volunteered to chair the Hospitality Desk.

Next Meeting

Our September board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15th at 10:30 a.m.

President Raeann Koerner adjourned the meeting at 11:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary.