

Unit 547 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Temple Beth Torah

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

Absent Board Member: Craig Kavin

Guest Member: Mark Eckhout

The meeting was called to order by Raeann Koerner at 11:00 a.m..

Old/Continuing Business

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Gerri Knilans to approve the minutes from April 22, 2025 and 2nd by Jim Wall, M/S/A.

Treasurer's Report (Kay Mendel)

Prior to our meeting Kay had sent her report to the board. In summary:

Monthly Income and Expense Report

We had a gain for the month of \$1619. This includes \$767 from ACBL for clubhouse rebates.

TBT Detail Report

We had a gain for the month of \$618.

A motion was made to accept the April Treasurer Report by Suzanne Brenner, 2nd by Gerri Knilans, M/S/A.

Director Liaison Report (Raeann and Gary Ansok)

Raeann reported that the directors were in agreement as to how to proceed in the future and the intent is to prevent problems in the future. Most importantly the emphasis was for directors to ensure that all players at a table have an opportunity to say what they would like to say appropriately in any situation.

Raeann will be responsible for recording any ethical issues that arise.

Gary reported that all directors are to have in their possession when they go to a table a copy of the laws. The board agreed that a copy of this booklet should

be purchased by the Unit to have on site in the event that a director does not have a copy with them for any reason.

Club Operations & Management (Jim Wall)

Prior to the meeting Jim had sent the board an In and Out Report and an April Attendance Report.

There was discussion as to what classes we currently offer to students/potential players for our club, and how we could possibly reach more students and/or how to better meet their needs as we look forward. Raeann teaches a beginner class on Thursdays, Don Klein teaches a class on Tuesdays and Ann Klein hosts an informal play and instruction class on Tuesdays, Stan has an informal discussion before/after his game he directs on Wednesday, and Craig offers a monthly class geared more for an intermediate/plus group. What seems to be missing at this point is an intermediate class offering.

Gary mentioned that the district does offer funding that can be applied for to assist in creating educational opportunities.

It was suggested that we contact the Senior Centers in our county to invite players at those locations to possibly come and participate in our club games.

Raeann suggested that she might be willing to teach classes geared for a specific topic - for example - How to fill out a Convention Card - and make it an open class for all current members of our Unit.

Players not getting emails (Bunny)

Bunny reported that she had put out sign-up sheets for individuals that were having difficulty receiving emails from our club. She has been able to elevate many of the issues thus far. For those individuals that are not ACBL members, they will not be able to receive notifications that come from ACBL, but they will be able to receive information for our club from our internal email lists.

Status of name tags on order - (Bunny)

There were issues with the initial order, but some have arrived and the remainder are expected to arrive today. Suzanne offered to pick up the name tags and get to the club, since Bunny is unable to come at this time.

New Business

Strawberry Tournament (Mark Eckhout)

Raeann is creating a Restaurant list to be able to provide to attendees for the tournament. She was specifically creating a list that would indicate locations that

would be a more quick turnaround for lunch, and then options for dinner for those who might be interested in staying in the area for dinner.

Mark presented and discussed the following report:

VUBC - Report to the Board - May 20, 2025

2025 Strawberry Sectional Review

1. Strawberry '25 Sectional - Current Outstanding Work or Issues remaining
 - a. DiC - Fully coordinated, successfully.
 - i. Will we have a Pre-Game Assistant before all Sessions; Gary, volunteer.
 - ii. No paid Director to assist the DiC
 - b. Marketing
 - i. Two more Pianolas.
 1. One aimed at I/N players; today or tomorrow.
 2. Second one; general, noting 4 charging stations in the parking lot.
 - ii. One or two more VUBC members need to be authorized and trained to use Pianola
 - iii. I don't know the extent to which the following happened.
 1. Distribute Flyers to additional non-sanctioned clubs along 101. Help required. (See current distribution of flyers in detail plan below).
 - iv. Next time, I need to get 'better' advertising into D22 Connection.
 - c. Strawberry Shortcake Team
 - i. Purchasing 'cake' & all support utensils - Sue & Kay
 - ii. Distribution, cleaning, cutting & delivering - Haas
 - iii. Prep & Serve - Katarina & +1
 - d. Hospitality/Welcoming
 - i. I got the Techy person, Parker, to install and successfully test the Kodak Portable Printer App in Smart Phones.
 - ii. Still looking for an Artsy Photographer to
 1. Take good pics at the photo booth ... and at the game
 2. And 'immediately' print the photos for the bulletin board ... in real time
 - iii. Susan will continue to take photos and print them out at 'CVS'
... overnite
 - e. Board Cases, Bridgemates - in good order, Gary handling final tweaks
 - f. Bidding Box Inserts
 - i. The inserts - bidding cards - are on standby. They will replace any old/faded bidding box inserts at the sectional - and at TBT.

Celebrating May Birthdays (Raeann)

Birthday celebration will take place on May 22. Kay offered to pick up a smaller cake for the occasion.

Date for Awards - (Raeann)

The date to present the awards will be on June 18th. A free play will be given to those who receive an award.

Farewell event for Gary Feldman (Raeann)

There will be an Open House on June 8. We would like to select a day in June to recognize Gary at a club game prior to his moving. June 19th was

suggested as a possibility.

Richard Fox volunteering - (Raeann)

Raeann announced that Richard was interested in volunteering in some manner for our unit. One suggestion was to inquire if he might be our liaison to reach out to the senior centers to invite those players to potentially come to play at our club.

Tabled to our next meeting:

Possibility of a 0-20 Game (Bunny)

Next meeting

Not determined at this time.

Raeann Koerner, President, adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary.