

Unit 547 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 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 and Susan Lang

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 Craig Kavin to approve the minutes from February 11, 2025 and 2nd by Bunny Raymond, 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

Although this shows a cash loss for the month we actually had a gain of \$1223.

This is due to the income of \$5556 due from ACBL for tournament proceeds.

This income will show in March when the deposit is actually received.

Sheet 2: TBT Detail:

We had a gain for the month of \$786.

23-25 Events: The Valentine tourney P & L. This shows a loss of \$132.

A motion was made by Suzanne Brenner to approve the Treasurer Report for February 2025 and 2nd by Bunny Raymond, M/S/A.

Director Liaison Report (Gary Ansok)

Raeann requested that Gary schedule the meeting for the directors with Craig Kavin participating to discuss procedures at the table as soon as possible.

All directors should keep records of any issues that occur during/at their games and report to Gary.

Players need to be reminded that they should report any issue that occurs at their table and other tables if necessary, to the director to support our Zero

Tolerance Policy.

Bunny brought up that there have been requests from the limited game players that all games play at least the minimum number of boards during a game to ensure that the maximum amount of points that may be available to the players may be awarded.

Club Operations & Management (Jim Wall)

Jim had sent the Unit 547 In and Out Report prior to the meeting. He did not distribute any other report prior to the meeting because Parker has been out of town. He did report that the number of game tables for the month of February 2025 compared to 2024 was 1 game less, but 2024 was a Leap Year. Table counts are holding up nicely compared to last year overall.

Last week he had scheduled a game incorrectly, but Gary was able to correct the error.

Valentine's Sectional Report (Mark Eckhout)

Prior to the meeting Mark had emailed the board reports for the event. He brought to the meeting updated and consolidated reports to be distributed.

There were additional comments, suggestions and questions during the meeting:

- Suggested that we include an Open Pair games for each day - in addition to any planned Team Game
- There was an error that occurred with hotel accommodation costs due to miscommunication
- Gary reported that we do have an empty case and boards 1-32 available, so we may not need to purchase any additional equipment. But the cards need to be checked to ensure that they will work well with our equipment.
- It was discussed as to what our main goal is - a. Make money? Or b. Provide an opportunity for people to come together and play bridge together?

It was clarified that in the past we have made approximately \$1000.00 when we have sponsored a Sectional. We did not accomplish this goal this time, primarily due to the cost of the facility that we chose to utilize. Finding a potential location with a lower cost is a priority. Each member was asked to make an inquiry to a potential location for our upcoming Strawberry Tournament.

The cost for our recent tournament was discussed as well. We had increased our entry fee due to the higher rent for the facility. But it was questioned if we had lower fees, would we be able to attract more participants.

- It was suggested that we do not have a Donation Jar on display during the event in the future.
- Mark will create an announcement for the membership that provides a summary of the Valentine event that could be distributed in our next Pianola.

Hospitality Tuesday Snack Coordinators (Raeann)

Raeann will inquire with the participants from Don's class to see if there might be someone willing to volunteer to assist with Tuesday's.

Rules for Playing at the TBT (Raeann)

Prior to the meeting, Raeann had sent to the board a proposed document that would clarify the rules for our membership to abide by that have to do with our use of the TBT facility. Raeann requested that all suggestions on how to improve the document that she had presented be sent to her by the end of this week so that she could proceed. The method of distribution will be by:

Pianolo

Post on our website

Post on the easel and near the director

Donation for Laurie Gilman(Raeann)

A motion was made by Suzanne Brenner that we donate \$100.00 to the church that Laurie Gillman attended in her honor, and 2nd by Gerri Knilans, M/S/A.

Saturday or Sunday Game (Raeann)

Different venues were discussed as potential options. Board members will follow up and see if there are any potential options available to us. Gary did point out that we need to be aware that we need to check with our directors availability, and what equipment might be needed for each location. (tables, chairs, etc.)

New Business

St. Paddy's Game (Susan Lang)

Susan reported that everything is planned and ready to go. She also indicated that she is willing to plan another "special" game, but wanted to wait to see when we plan to potentially hold the Strawberry Tournament

Strawberry Tournament (Mark Eckhout)

Mark had sent prior to the meeting a tentative plan for the Strawberry Tournament and brought a handout for the meeting.

Mark clarified that the potential date he was attempting to work with is June 20 and 21st. He would like to reserve the PVRPD once again to ensure that we have a facility. BOard members were encouraged to investigate other options with those dates in mind, knowing that we have to make a deposit very soon at PVRPD to retain the date that we are interested in.

The board was in agreement that due to costs, our preference is to work with a director that is comfortable working alone with up to 40 tables, as Lynn had agreed to.

Celebrate Birthdays in March - (Raeann)

We will celebrate March birthdays on March 25th. Raeann will be responsible for bringing the cake that day.

Request to start the game earlier - 12:00 (Raeann)

It was suggested that we check with the Temple to see if there is any negative impact for the temple, if we were to change our game time to 12:00. It was also suggested that we survey the membership and to check with the teachers who teach classes prior to the start of our games if there would be a negative impact for them.

Agenda items not discussed due to time:

- Local Charity Games

Next meeting

Our meeting will be on Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary.