Unit 547 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2026
Temple Beth Torah

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

Absent: Craig Kavin

Guests: Carol Haverty and Katarina Bernbaum

The meeting was called to order by Raeann Koerner at 11:05 a.m.

Vote to accept Katarina Berbaum and Carol Haverty as board members
A motion was made by Kay Mendel to accept Katarina and Carol as new board members, and 2nd by Ray Tsukuki. Discussion was held and issues addressed, and then the vote was held. The motion passed unaninmously.

Welcome to new board members
Carol and Katarina introduced themselves to the board and briefly described their path to their current bridge association with the club. The board members in attendance then briefly described their board position and responsibilities.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Gerri Knilans to approve the minutes from June 30, 2026 and 2nd by Jim Wall, M/S/A.

Treasurer Report - Kay Mendel

Prior to the meeting Kay sent the board her report for consideration:

- Unit 547 Monthly Membership Report
- Unit 547 5-5-5 Report Q2 2026
- The American Contract Bridge League Direct Deposit Remittance report
- June Treasurer Report

Monthly Income and Expense:

We had a gain for the month of $2912. We have a loss for the year through 6/30 of $8215

TBT Detail:

We had a gain for the month of $490.

Camarillo Detail:

This report will come later as I'm waiting for final billing from PVRD on what they are charging for the cancelled rental in June and July.

There was discussion about our club's position as a non-profit organization instead of a 501C which would be preferable for the potential of lower costs as we rent space. One example is the Camarillo PVRD that would give a lower rental rate to a 501C organization. It was referenced that Santa Barbara is a 501C; Raeann will call Tish, the president of the Santa Barbara Bridge Club to gain more clarification:
How could we do it?
What are the requirements to qualify?

It was suggested that possibly someone could ask the ACBL what other clubs are 501C's so that we could possibly ask them how they made this occur.

Kay brought a table sample for us to see as a possible addition for our side tables. She shared her research that to add the current brown side tables with the same tables from Amazon that are $145 for four tables including tax and shipping ($36.25 each). The table that she brought was from Lowes and cost $20.00 each. They were a bit larger, impacting continuity with stacking, a different color, and the table portion was slatted. It appeared that Home Depot may sell tables similar to what we currently have, at a cost similar to Amazon.

We also discussed purchasing additional white tables from Lifetime which would cost $100 each including tax and shipping. We do have a one-time credit of 20% on any purchase due to issues with the tables that we previously had purchased, with no expiration date on the credit.

Jim shared that Mark had suggested that there may be a potential offset of our costs for renting at the Camarillo PVRD if we were willing to purchase tables and donate them to PVRD. Kay will discuss this Mark to gain more insight.

Jim will speak with Camilla, the Temple's custodian, to see if there would be space for us to store tables possibly in the closet where the chairs are currently housed.

The discussion for purchasing of tables was tabled until next month.

Club Manager's Report - Jim Wall
Prior to the meeting Jim sent the board:

The June Attendance Report

Director Liaison Report - Gary Ansok

Gary made the board aware that at this time during the ACBL National Tournament in San Diego at the end of the year, that both of our directors will be unable to direct at our local games. Gary will check with other directors to see if they will be able to assist with directing at our games.

He will also contact Marilyn Usher to see if she might be interested in becoming a director.

Old/Continuing Business

Birthday Cake Celebration

It was decided to table any further decision on how to proceed until further notice.

New Business

Fall Harvest Festival

Raeann will contact Mark to see if the flyers have been approved by ACBL, and will also try to clarify with him about the white tables needed.

Gerri shared that she had been told by a Costco representative that the menu for what will be available from Costco for pies at the time of our tournament will be in August. Follow up is needed to determine if in fact pumpkin pies would be available and at what cost.

Charge $5.00 for Supervised Play

Anne Cline had sent a letter expressing her thoughts about the proposal, and the letter was read to the board. After discussion of the board, it was agreed that

Ray would follow up with an in person conversation with Anne to see if her concerns could be addressed.

Ice Cream Social

This is planned by Susan Lang and will be on 7/23 at 11:30 a.m. The event is not on our on-line calendar, but is on our website and it was suggested that the directors should announce it as well.

Team Game

This will be held on July 30th and there is a sign-up available near the director's table.

Living Legacy at the San Diego Regional

After discussion by the board, Jim Wall made a motion to spend $300.00 to honor a member of our club deamed worthy of recognition, the motion was 2nd by Carol Haverty, M/S/A. Raeann will determine if this can occur.

Suggestions for the Newsletter

Gerri had sent the board a draft of her next newsletter, and there was discussion about what could be added and/or changed. She also requested that each board member send her at least one topic that they would suggest that she could write about for the upcoming months.

Next Meeting

Our August board meeting will be on Tuesday, August 18 at 10:30 a.m.

President Raeann Koerner adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary.