

ANNUAL MEETING VENTURA BRIDGE UNIT
JANUARY 25, 2020 CROSSPOINTE CHURCH

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Unit 547 President, Rose Buckley at 3:14 pm.

Rose's introductory remarks gave thanks to every person who has supported the club during the past year, be it playing, which is most important, the various ways of pitching in, such as volunteering or making other contributions. She outlined our various games and locations and highlighted the unit's courtesy, respect and friendliness, particularly toward new players. She described the terrible loss to our Unit with the unexpected passing of our club manager, Tom Ciacio, on 5-19-2019, and the joint effort that ensued to keep us functioning. She described implementation of our 2019 theme, Stepping Stones to Bridge, through classes, workshops, and games targeted to various skill levels.

Rose introduced the 2019 Board, and recognized the contributions of departing Board members, Susan Lang, Rosemary Reitz and Raeann Koerner. She then recognized the continuing Board members, Josh Rosenbluth, Barbara Fitzgerald, Mark Eckhout, Lorraine Salvatore, Ken Thompson, Dennis Charles and Rose Buckley. Josh spoke about upcoming tournaments. Barry Brenner was recognized for helping rescue the Unit in May 2019, by stepping into a newly configured Club Manager job.

The passing of club members during 2019 was noted: Mesh Singer, Marvil Dickason, Tom Ciacio, Jim Austin, Larry Golding, Perry Shapiro and Julie Elliott.

Club Treasurer, Charles Clark, gave a recap of club finances and noted that we were on a firm footing.

Mark Eckhout announced that his election committee, consisting of Tim Rae and Kay Mendel, had 2 nominees for our 2020 Board of Directors, Parker Mann and Larry Pelletier. Parker and Larry were introduced and elected by acclimation.

During public comment from members, Mike Gaddis suggested we buy a clock for Meister Hall at the Temple. Dick Wagner suggested naming significant unit games after deceased players.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm, so all could the catered dinner from Stonefire Grill.

Respectfully submitted

Dennis Charles, Secretary Unit 547