

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

February 6, 2020

Present: Rose Buckley, Dick Wagner (representing Ojai), Dennis Charles, Mark Eckhout, Larry Pelletier, Lorraine Salvatore, Barbara Fitzgerald, Josh Rosenbluth, Ken Thompson and Parker Mann. Charles Clark and Jody Shapiro-both part-time.

- 1) Rose called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.
- 2) Because there are two new Board members, the existing members talked about their roles on the Board. Parker and Larry talked about their backgrounds.
- 3) The Board meeting minutes of 1-2-2020 were reviewed. Josh moved approval and Ken seconded. All in favor of the motion.
- 4) The Annual Meeting minutes of 1-25-2020, were reviewed. Ken moved approval and Ken seconded. All in favor.
- 5) Election of officers: Rose continues as president, Lorraine as vice president, Dennis as secretary and Charles as our non-voting Treasurer. Mark moved these executive officers be approved. Barbara seconded. All in favor.
- 6) Barbara will continue as hospitality coordinator, Mark as intermediate-novice coordinator, Josh as webmaster and Parker as backup to Josh. Barbara and Lorraine will look for a membership chair. Josh will serve as tournament coordinator again and in his absence, Barry Brenner as club manager. Josh will continue to coordinate special games and Dick will be Ojai liaison.
- 7) Larry brought up the subject of having charity games. Ojai will be doing ACBL Longest Day in July for Alzheimer's. Other than that, the Board hasn't scheduled any ACBL Charity Games, but it might be worth looking into. A Charity game coordinator would need to be assigned.
- 8) It was proposed that our theme for 2020 be: Bridge for Everyone. Larry so moved and Parker seconded. All in favor.
- 9) Club operation and management. Lorraine reported on website selection. She provided "model" websites to the Website Committee and Josh will email those examples to all Board members for their input. Lunar pages is our current provider. The folks behind The Common Game will be contacted re. their provider.
- 10) Rose has been dealing with director related issues. She started director training with Jody and Margie Butler. Sara Carlson will direct next Wednesday's game. Mark mentioned that directors should make announcements before the game begins, rather than during the game. Others suggested that it would be nice for the director to start each game with a "factoid" of interest and the director should choose the number of boards played, rather than asking the players. Rose will help Chris get the Tuesday game going as it is our largest weekly game.
- 11) Josh said that the calendar needs to be done by the third week in February. Lorraine will pick up the March-April printed newsletter from Office Depot.
- 12) Jody discussed the Valentine's Sectional to be held on 2-15-2020. She will go to the Unit's storage with Barbara to get supplies. She is working on the menu and has identified workers for cleanup. Barbara is doing partnerships and there will be a guaranteed partner. Ken will send out an email blast. Nancy Hall will direct.

- 13) Josh reported on the Strawberry Sectional to be held April 17-19, 2020, at Crosspointe Church. CJ Eman will do hospitality. Dave White will be the director-in-charge, and there will be open and 499'er sections.
- 14) Josh gave a report about his looking into the Marketing Solutions service, a third-party provider for email distribution. They would charge a penny an email, more for tournaments. He suggested that we give them a try with our March Bridge Buzz. Josh will maintain an email "blast" list of our non-ACBL players.
- 15) Charles gave the treasurer's report. It is also posted on our website. Ken moved that the report be approved. Barbara seconded. All in favor. Lorraine moved that the Board approve an extra tip to Stonefire Grill for catering our Annual meeting. Barbara seconded. Approved.
- 16) We decided that Maurine Moore, who started The Apron Brigade, will be our Volunteer of the Month.
- 17) Mark reported on intermediate/novice. The emails he sends out are being well received. He has a guaranteed partner for Thursday's 299'er games, but implementing for other games is going slowly.
- 18) Mark reported that the ACBL Foundation has a grant for a one-day long teaching event with a significant presenter.
- 19) The question arose about the Thursday April 2 Swiss Team day as to whether to have 2 sections.
- 20) There was discussion about the suggestion that there be a clock for our playing area in Meister Hall at the Temple. Lorraine observed that director Nancy Hall makes players well aware of time constraints. The proposal will be turned over to Mike Gaddis.
- 21) Dick Wagner made the proposal that we name our championship games after deceased players who have made a significant contribution to the Club. Dick will be in charge of providing names to Josh for the bi-monthly calendar, and perhaps, create a short bio about that player for the game.

Respectfully submitted

Dennis Charles, Secretary Unit 547