

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

February 9, 2023 at Temple Beth Torah (TBT)

“Bridge for Everyone”

Board Members Present: Margie Butler, Kay Mendel, Mark Eckhout, Craig Kavin, Parker Mann, Raeann Koerner, Sue Houk, and Suzanne Brenner

Guests: Richard Fox

Meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by President Margie Butler

Order of Business

Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Kay Mendel to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2023 meeting, and 2nd by Craig Kavin.

Motion was made by Craig Kavin to approve the minutes from the January 26th Annual Meeting, and 2nd by Parker Mann.

Treasurer’s Report

Kay provided copies of three financial reports: Monthly income and expense, TBT Detail for January, and January 7, 2023 theme game income and expenses.

It was announced that we had 227 members as of 12/31/21 and 287 members as of 12/31/22; there were no BBO games in the month of January; and Susan Lang had done a good job of keeping costs to a minimum for the Annual Meeting light lunch event.

Kay has been in continuing contact with TBT, making them aware that we know that there may be potential payments that we may need to be responsible for in regards to property assessment fees.

Sue Houk made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report for January 2023, and 2nd by Craig Kavin.

Introduction of New Board Members

Raeann, Sue and Suzanne were welcomed to the board. Raeann agreed to take the position of Vice President, and Suzanne will be secretary.

Club Operations and Management

- Parker had an ACBL form that needed names of individuals who are responsible for a variety of positions. Some were identified:

Tournament Coordinator – Josh Rosenbluth (Acting)

STAC Coordinator – Parker Mann

Hospitality Chair – Sue Houk

- Attendance has continued to improve for our in person games
- There are virtual games coming up that will offer extra points for players if they win

Old Business

Valentine Sectional update

Mark announced that everything is planned for the event on 2/11/23. Expecting at least 16 tables, but setting up for 26 just in case.

Strawberry Sectional update

Discussion as to what dates the event should be held; suggested May 5/6 and May 19/20. Mark will check with Sharon Matthews about the availability of strawberries to see if that will impact the decision on the date selected. Both dates are available currently at the Senior Center.

New Business

GNT game – The GNT game is a team game, and we are holding a practice game to allow members to become familiar with the format. The practice game will be on March 2. We plan to have an official GNT game on March 23 [later changed to March 30]. We will advertise using the Pianola email list and require pre-registration for participation.

Education/Classes- Craig KavIn offered to teach a class on Feb 15, 2023 since it is a day the Rose is not holding her class. The topic will be on Bridge Conventions.

Tables -We currently have 16 white and 4 black card tables at TBT. Mark Eckhout offered to look in the storage unit to determine if we have additional tables there that could be used if we need more tables at TBT.

Alternative Location – Margie asked if anyone had considered pursuing looking for a different location for our bridge activities. One that might allow for us to be able to hold our special events, varied options for game times and days, suitable for classes, etc. No members had considered this currently and some shared that they felt it would not be possible to find a location that we could afford.

Richard Fox – He came to suggest the possibility that the board would consider advertising again for our bridge classes and games. And in addition, that follow up occur when we do get new players to determine how they are getting to us (what is working) ; and encouraging that they continue to participate. Raeann requested that if we do another ad, that we include the information about the upcoming beginner's class.

The President adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Submitted by, Suzanne Brenner, Secretary