

## APPROVED MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2022 at Temple Beth Torah

*“Bridge for Everyone”*

Board Members Present: Parker Mann, Margie Butler, Mark Eckhout, Kay Mendel, Craig Kavin.  
Late Arrival: Doug Hahn.

U547 Members Present: Susan Lang, Valentine Sectional Tournament Co-Chair (portion of meeting).

- Meeting was called to order by President Margie Butler at 10:37 a.m.
- Margie acknowledged our recent/former Board Members; Rose Buckley, Lorraine Salvatore, Barbara “B.J.” Fitzgerald, Larry Pelletier and Club Manager; Barry Brenner. They served commendably!
- Margie introduced our new Board Members: Kay Mendel & Craig Kavin
  - Kay was introduced with minimal fanfare as she has attended Board Meetings since her assumption of duties as Club Treasurer in July 2021. The lack of fanfare does not diminish her star magnitude or her club impact!
  - Craig on the other hand, is a new member to Unit 547 as a transferee from Unit 532 (BAII) and from Units before that. Craig joined ACBL in 1983, connected with an expert mentor and his skills grew exponentially. He is a professional and an expert duplicate bridge player that has taken him to 32 states throughout the country. Retired from business six years ago, Craig enjoys bridge at his own pace which would be hard to keep-up with by most players! A notable comment during his introduction:
    - Bridge is a game you never master.
  - Welcome new Board Members!
- Treasurer’s Report summarized the spread sheets submitted to the Board by email. There were no unexpected items of income or expense during the past month. Our net assets are setting at \$39K at the end of Jan 2022.
- Upon Doug’s arrival two sets of Minutes were reviewed
  - Board Mtg, Jan 13, 2022, approved as corrected – Parker is re-upping for a second term.
  - Annual Mtg, Jan 27, 2022, approved as corrected - #6 ‘Parker’ provided ... #8 Craig ‘Kavin’ (sp).

First Order of Business – Establish the Configuration of the New Board

Election of Officers

- President – Margie Butler
- Vice Pres – Doug Hahn
- Secretary - Open
- Treasurer - Kay Mendel

Board of Directors

- Director #7 Open (required to meet minimum number of directors iaw Bylaws)

Confirmation of Club Manager

- Parker Mann

## Assignment of Committee Positions

- Director Liason                      Margie Butler
- Webmaster                              Barry Brenner
- I/N Coordinator                        Mark Eckhout
- Partnerships                            Mike Gaddis
- Audit Chair                              Craig Kavin
- Education Liason                      Raeann Koerner
  - Comm Members                      Don & Anne Cline, Rose Buckley
- Hospitality Coordinator              Open
  - Comm Members                      Maureen Moore, Linda Forsyth, ...
- Email Coordinator                      Open
  - Comm Members                      Bob Gruber, Parker, Mark
- Publicity Chair                         Open
  - Comm Members                      Jody Shapiro/D22Connection (formerly Forum), Mark/Bridge Buzz for club & Bridge Blast for I/N/B, Susan Lang/Temple Beth Torah Bulletin Board, ...
- Tournament Chair                      Open
- Tournament Coordinator              Open
- Membership Chair                      Open
- Mentoring Coordinator                Open
- Special Games Coordinator            Open

## Old Business

**Valentine Sectional** Saturday, February 12, 2022 as reported by Susan Lang

- Reservation request is working well. There are 15 pairs from U547 and 13 pairs outside of our unit.
- Susan's Team is visiting the venue, Camarillo Senior Center, Friday, 3:00 p.m. to confirm the setup and go over logistics with Cam Sr Cntr Staff. The staff is setting up for 22 tables.
- The Omicron surge is subsiding as predicted. Chance of cancellation is greatly diminished.
- Hospitality is strong. Maureen will staff the buffet tables throughout the day. Numerous volunteers are helping. There is a high level of support to bring snacks and money to purchase more.
- Clean-up help is always appreciated at the end of a long day/week.

## **Miscellaneous Comments & Ideas that Surfaced during the Meeting**

- Mike Gaddis is to let Kay Mendel know when TBT supplies are needed. Kay will see that supplies are purchased and delivered.
- Arla Crane & Nancy Hall will handle supplies for the Camarillo site.
- Boards, Cards, Bidding Boxes were overseen by Rosemary Reitz. They are currently in good supply but a volunteer is needed to monitor these items.
- Many players are attracted to Special Games where additional Master Points are awarded. Parker, Club Mgr, will investigate and report back the maximization of offering Special Games.
- Game Fee. Lowest fee in the area: \$6. Re-visit. Increase? Or promote!

There being a lot to discuss but no more time, the President adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:                      Mark Eckhout, Acting Secretary*