

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

APRIL 2, 2020

Theme: Bridge for Everyone

Present via Zoom: Rose Buckley, Lorraine Salvatore, Josh Rosenbluth, Charles Clark, Dennis Charles, Barry Brenner, Parker Mann, Jody Shapiro, Susan Lang and Mark Eckhout.

Rose called the meeting to order at 10:37 am. Minutes of the 3-5-2020, Board meeting were reviewed. Larry moved for approval and Loraine seconded. Approved as read. Board matter-Mimi Draves agreed to be our Membership chair, which is a non-Board position.

Barry presented the manager's report. ACBL/BBO offers 3 games a day to support your own club. Of the \$5 card fee, \$4 goes to our club. The Board recommends getting the word out to our players to start playing on BBO. ACBL/BBO is initiating virtual games for local clubs. If a club opts to participate, ACBL will create a qualified player list of ACBL members who have played in one of our club games during the past year. To qualify a player must have a BBO account and an ACBL number. Clubs can set card fees and we need to have at least 6 tables. Josh polled the unit members and only found 37 members willing to play online, which he feels may not be enough. In the future, we may be able to combine with other clubs. We need to provide a director. Rose is willing, possibly Chris Gillmon, and Deborah Levinson from Thousand Oaks club. Josh inquired about how much money we were making from the Support Your Own Club program. Feedback was that there were only 600 pairs allowed in the games, so it is difficult to participate.

Barry recommends we hold at least once a week online club games in near future. Rose and Barry will attend a training meeting this afternoon regarding setting up club games. Lorraine will coordinate with Barry about publicity before Josh sends out the Bridge Buzz email blast via Marketing Solutions to club members. The BBO manual by Parker and Mark can be attached as a link on how to get BBO connected. Dennis brought up the issue of Mike Gaddis no longer having free plays in the new virtual bridge world. Barry said that the club manager's attendance report was not relevant and that he would not be doing a May-June club calendar.

Charles presented the treasurer's report. We are not paying rent to the Temple since the building is closed due to the Corona virus epidemic. Our arrangement with them is a license to use, not a lease. Barry will get feedback from the Temple while we are not playing there. When the time is appropriate, Dennis will negotiate with the Temple. Josh has been in contact with Mark Craig at Crosspointe Church. They have our \$400 deposit for the cancelled Strawberry Sectional and Josh will pursue getting a refund. Josh moved that the treasurer's report be approved. Larry seconded. All approved.

Website evolution was discussed. Parker talked to Barry about developing a prototype and then finding a web host. Josh, Barry, Parker Lorraine and Larry designated as a team to develop a prototype and Rose has requested that the team report their progress to the Board. Parker agreed to serve as the adaptive team leader. Barry said that he would like a platform that would limit access to website for just making specific input. The question is whether we trust people to have access to the whole site? Using GoDaddy would require the trust system. Accidents are a worry. Rose likes WordPress.

Concerning director's issues, Rose is working with Margie Butler and has paid \$20 to purchase a Director's Test for her. Director Deborah Levenson will help train our virtual club directors. Josh reported that our email blast system is working well and he said that the only possible reschedule date for the Strawberry Sectional is September 4-6, 2020. Josh moved that the Strawberry Sectional be cancelled and that our Fall 499'er Sectional be held on 9-5-2020. Mark seconded. All approved. Mark started collecting names for guaranteed partners and Larry names for the mentoring program. Special games and theme games are cancelled thru May.

Our next Board meeting will be held, via Zoom, Thursday May 7, 2020, at 10:30 am. Adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Charles, Club Secretary