

## APPROVED MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

April 6, 2022 at Temple Beth Torah

*“Bridge for Everyone”*

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

Guests Present: U547 Strawberry Sectional Tournament Representatives Diane Gunther, Chair; Josh Rosenbluth, Event Safety Coordinator; Susan Lang, Promotion/Hospitality Volunteer

Meeting was called to order by President Margie Butler at 10:38 a.m.

### Order of Business

#### **Announcement**

Margie will be on a medical leave for about one month starting April 28, 2022. Doug Hahn, Vice-president will assume the duties of President during her medical leave.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were sent to board members prior to the meeting. There were no corrections or changes required. Doug moved to accept the minutes as presented. M/S/A

#### **Treasurer’s Report**

The financial report, with annotations by Treasurer, Kay Mendel, was sent to the board prior to the meeting. Kay did not receive the March financial information from Camarillo in time for inclusion in the report. Due to the board meeting being held early in April, late in the month March financial information does not appear. After a few questions & comments, Parker moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. M/S/A

#### **Club Manager Report**

- Parker presented the calendar for April. During Parker’s absence, Barry will update the calendars as information becomes available.
- Parker announced our first Charity game is scheduled for April 14. We choose to donate our first charity proceeds to Temple Beth Torah’s Sanctuary Renovation Fund.
- Martha Richardson, Temple Office Manager, dropped in to announce that the Temple wishes to use the Hall on April 14. They are moving us two classrooms for our games.

### Old Business

#### **Monday Games at Camarillo Senior Center**

No magic at Camarillo. Our contract with PVRPD, Senior Center expired on March 28, 2022. Our Camarillo game is concluded till further developments.

#### **Strawberry Sectional**

- Upon learning the magnitude of the Tournament Chair effort and re-evaluating her personal schedule, Linda Forsyth informed Margie that she would not be able to take on the job. We thank Linda for her willingness to consider the job and her quick response to step back.
- Bridge Karma, flowing on our Unit, presented us with Diane Gunther offering to take on the role of Tournament Chair. Diane has much experience with tournaments at the District level

and running club tournaments. We graciously and happily accepted Diane's willingness to oversee the Strawberry Sectional Tournament as the Tournament Chair.

- We brought Diane up to speed as to where things stood and where we still had gaps. She informed us the critical items to handle immediately. Plans and work are proceeding.
  - a) Max table count in the past is 35.
  - b) Valentine Sectional was down 30%. Nationwide participation is down 50%.
  - c) Current budget projects expenses, with a single director, about \$1,000. Income, with 24 tables (down 30% from max), about \$1,100. Promotions are critical.
  - d) The Berry Man is donating the berries.
  - e) Hospitality is headed up by Linda Forsyth & Sharon Matthews + many volunteers
  - f) Brandon Sheumaker is Director in Charge; assigned by ACBL
    - i) He does not think a second (local) Director is needed
    - ii) We will inventory our equipment to minimize what we rent from him.
    - iii) We will have one of our Directors prepare the boards for the Friday game.

### **New business**

#### **Protocol Training**

Margie and Craig Kavin introduced the idea of formalized Protocol Training: What are the appropriate actions and behaviors during a duplicate game! The training would be for all club members/players. Naturally, one thinks of the Newbies first, but veterans can (almost) equally benefit. Craig will handle the training. We, the club, will flesh out the logistics ... bring him the students.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mark Eckhout, Secretary*