

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

May 7, 2020

Theme: Bridge for Everyone

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

- 1) Rose called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:30 am.
- 2) The Board meeting minutes of 4-2-2020 were reviewed. Parker moved that they be approved with the addition of Larry Pelletier's name in "present"; Lorraine seconded. Approved as revised.
- 3) The 4-8-2020, minutes were reviewed. Josh moved approval; Mark seconded. All voted in favor.
- 4) Barry presented a statement showing the Unit's Actual Profit of \$1,534.60 from BBO Games to Date: 121 Tables, 472 players, \$2,832 revenue. Costs were BBO -\$566.40, ACBL -\$121, Director fee -\$610. Director fees are \$50 per session, so with 6 tables (24 players) the profit is \$59.20, 7 tables \$77.40, 8 tables \$95.60, 9 tables \$113.80 and 10 tables (40 players) \$132 profit.
- 5) It was noted that there was participation of 83 unique players, with 40% having less than 300 MP.
- 6) There ensued discussion of having players from other clubs (Santa Barbara and Thousand Oaks) participate in our unit's online games. Barry stated that our goal is not to make money and there is concern about poaching from other units, particularly with Santa Barbara going online soon. With BAII closing, it makes sense to possibly allow some of their players, who had played in our Camarillo games, be allowed to play in our online games. There was discussion of sending out an email about our new Saturday 499'er games to them. Rose or Barry will reach out to Alan Curtis, who owned BAII, but also owns the 750 Club in Woodland Hills. Chris brought up having a Monday online game as this is when the Ojai unit has a game. He will hold off until his Santa Barbara duties are clear.
- 7) Parker made a presentation regarding the new website: <https://vubc.godaddysites.com>. He said that it was easy to change and he suggests using a rotating photo gallery. Regarding the privacy issue, it was decided since there have not been problems with what is shown on the current site, it can remain the same. Our unit member directory, maintained by Bob Gruber, can be emailed out when there have been substantive changes and will no longer be a password protected link on the website. Barry feels that each person should have access to their particular area that needs updating, and go to the webmaster if they have issues. Parker can give out instructions on how to access their specific area. Rose and Mark said they would like to do their own changes and Lorraine is still thinking about it. Rather than having bridge education resources on our site, use links to online resources, such as bridgebum.com. Barry will deal with the change of migrating our new website in the Domain Name System and our old site will no longer be active. We are looking at a June first launch. Parker will give information to members about the new VCBridge.org, with a new look and feel. Jody and Lorraine talked about links to Bridge Buzz and the District 22 Forum.
- 8) Charles sent out an abbreviated Treasurer's report on 5-6-2020. We have had little activity. We began paying TBT \$370 for our share of their property taxes. Since ACBL does not send out what we get paid by the ACBL for our BBO games until after our first Thursday Board meetings, **Board meetings will be changed to second Thursdays (6-11-2020)** so an up-to-date Treasurer's report can be prepared.
- 9) Mark feels that a guaranteed partner program for Virtual Club games does not warrant the effort, as subs can easily be found. To register for our online unit tournaments, the player must have a partner, but there is a partnership desk. Josh, Barry and Rose will decide about having a virtual Pro-Am game.

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Charles, Secretary