

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2023, at Temple Beth Torah (TBT)

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

Guest: Steve Bell

Meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m. by President Margie Butler

Order of Business

Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Kay Mendel to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2023 meeting, and 2nd by Craig Kavim, M/S/A.

Treasurer's Report

Kay had previously emailed three reports:

Monthly Income and Expense:

There's a nice gain this month. Included in the Directors fees for BBO is \$50 for a gift card for Sean Gallagher as a thank you for directing the Saturday games, recently suspended. Also note, I transferred \$25,000 from our money market account into a CD that matures 10/20/23 that pays 4.25% interest, much better than the money market account. This is following a suggestion by Richard Fox.

BBO Detail

TBT Detail

We had 170 tables this month compared to 127 tables in March of last year. Thank you to Bonnie Okamoto for the \$100 donation she gave to the club.

Craig Kavim made a motion to accept the treasurer's report for March 2023, and 2nd by Raeann Koerner, M/S/A.

Club Operations and Management- Report given by Margie

Attendance has been good overall. There are special games upcoming.

Old Business

Strawberry Tournament status report

Last year we had 107 tables out of 120. Mark is hopeful that we will sellout this year, and preregistration has begun. He brought printed flyers to be available for distribution.

He utilized Pianola to advertise the event for members within a 75mile radius of Ventura.

Mark indicated that a chairperson is still needed for the event. The regular people who have supported/worked the event are more that willing to assist someone in learning the process.

It was suggested that possibly there be one person who would be responsible for each day, rather than both days.

Status of Action Items from last month:

- Purchase 12 used bridge mates from Dave White

Mark will email and call Dave White to inquire about the purchase.

- Set up procedure to send Jody's D22 column by Pianola to U547 members as a monthly newsletter and add additional current news if any.

It was agreed that this was a good idea and Margie volunteered to be responsible for this activity.

New Business

Mini McKenney etc. Awards

This ceremony will be held on April 27, at 11:30. Sue Houk will coordinate the treats that will be served, along with water, coffee, and tea. Directors will announce the event at the upcoming games and additionally Margie will create a flyer.

Proposal to change Wednesday game to Open & 299er

Raeann Koerner suggested that we change our current game on Wednesday to an Open and 299 game. Margie explained the history of why it had changed, but it was agreed that everyone concurred that we should proceed with the change.

Proposal to rent a larger storage locker

Margie suggested that we consider moving into a larger storage unit due to the difficulty of working/moving within the one that we currently use. We currently have a 5x8 locker at Johnson Storage that costs \$75 a month and \$10 a month for insurance. Suzanne offered to investigate what options might be available.

Revive the Mentoring program

This was discussed, but no specific decision was made at this time.

Fall Sectional

Mark Eckhout suggested that it be considered to not have a limit of 499'ers for the event. To consider having an open game, and possibly team games as well. It was agreed that this was a good direction to proceed with.

Additional Education Opportunities

It was suggested that we consider a new venue so that we could possibly have more options to offer – classes, games, combination, etc. – in addition to our current offerings. Mark Eckhout suggested that we could potentially use the community room at the Springville Senior Apartments where Mark resides.

Raeann Koerner will investigate what interest may exist from our current contacts by conducting a Survey Monkey questionnaire utilizing Pianola.

The President adjourned the meeting at 11:58

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary