

# MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

May 2, 2019

Present: Dennis Charles, Susan Lang, Barbara Fitzgerald, Mark Eckhout, Rose Buckley, Tom Ciacio, Josh Rosenbluth, Charles Clarke, Lorraine Salvatore, Rosemary Reitz, Anne Conn, Ken Thompson and Raeann Koerner.

1. Rose called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.
2. The minutes of the 4/4/2019 meeting was reviewed. It was moved by Ken and seconded by Barbara they be approved.
3. Tom reported table counts are good with Saturday's game becoming self-supporting, Tuesday's game growing due to the Workshop influx from beginners, Wednesday's game count steady, and Thursday's game slightly higher but 299er game needs to grow. Discussion was held on monitoring the 299er game and giving it ample time to grow. Further discussion was held on adding an additional 0 – 49 game and/or 0 – 99 game. No action at this time – tabled until next month. Tom reported he will be using game clock monitors at the upcoming Strawberry Sectional which might be appropriate for our Temple games. Board members will observe their size and use at the tourney and offer further recommendations and discussion will be held at the next meeting. Tom reported the ones used at the tourney cost about \$125.00 each. Tom reported that on April 30 the Temple games began not showing results on the BridgeMates. It is quieter in the room but it is still a bit slow. The directors will continue to monitor the response through the next two months of the trial period.
4. Josh reviewed final details of the upcoming Sectional Tourney. Rose updated everyone on the hospitality plans and Dennis reconfirmed the transporting of tables and equipment. Set up is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, 5/2 at the Crosspointe Church.
5. Barbara Fitzgerald offered to be tourney chair for the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 499er Tourney at Camarillo Sr. Ctr. Josh will provide Barbara with a template of planning for that tourney and assist in the initial planning process.
6. Charles presented the Treasurer's report. The club is starting to see interest income from the Vanguard Account. Our revenue for April was positive with continue income generated from the Workshop, Chat Game and Beginner's Bridge class. The Board approved the Treasurer's Report. Charles requested that an Audit Committee be started consisting of at least two board members. The commitment would meet about 2/3 hours each quarter. See Rose if you are interested in joining the Committee. Josh offered to create a standard financial accounting form to be used by future tournament chairs so that the board can compare "apples to apples" year-over year on tournament revenue and expenses.

7. Lorraine presented a draft survey to be distributed at the Sectional Tourney. The survey solicits information from our members and tourney attendees about their interest in games, events, marketing information et al. A few changes were made to the survey and Lorraine will print, distribute, and collect surveys at the tourney. Barbara moved to accept the survey as revised and Mark seconded it.
8. Mark updated the Board on the newly developed Mentoring Program. Several pairings have been established and will be playing together over the next two months. After that time period the Mentor can adopt different Mentee for a two month period. We need more Mentors ! Mark presented the Free Play Coupon for the 0 – 49 & Novice Players to the Board. Coupons must be used by June 30. Several board members will be presenting the coupons in person to these individuals. Face to face contact with the newer players is an important factor in making them feel welcome in our bridge community and continuing on the “Stepping Stones” of Bridge progression.
9. Susan reported the theme games continue to draw players. Bridge & Brunch will be on Saturday, June 29; dates are being considered for a mid-July summer-themed game. The Pro/Am Game (rescheduled from last month) will be held on 5/30 – 12:10 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan Lang – Acting Secretary