

# MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

June 6, 2019

Present: Rose Buckley, Dennis Charles, Barbara Fitzgerald, Lorraine Salvatore, Charles Clark, Susan Lang, Josh Rosenbluth, Ken Thompson, Mark Eckhout, Anne Conn and Rosemary Reitz. Part-time: Bob Gruber, Chris Gillmon, and Dick Wagner.

1. Rose called the meeting to order at 10:30.
2. The minutes of our 5-2-19, meeting was reviewed. Lorraine moved and Anne seconded that they be approved as modified. All in favor.
3. The minutes of our 5-22-19, Emergency meeting were reviewed. Lorraine moved for approval and Josh seconded. All voted in favor.
4. Strawberry Sectional (held May 3-5, 2019). Josh reported that \$850 was our profit. Attendance on Friday and Saturday were close to last year's; 499'er tables were down. Sunday tables were down from 16 to 10, with 14 being our breakeven point. It was suggested that next year Sunday would be a team game.
  - a. We agreed to hold next year's Strawberry Sectional April ????, 2020. Josh will contact Crosspointe Church and Debbie Vicknair, ACBL Coordinator. Barbara has talked to Harry's Berries about supplying next year's sectional.
5. The Fall 499'er Sectional will be held on Saturday 9-14-19, at the Camarillo Senior Center. Barbara is Tournament Chair, and she said that Iris Acutt will do hospitality and Anne Conn, partnerships. The only change on the flyer is Director in Charge: TBD. Approved by consensus.
6. After the passing of Tom Ciacio, the Ojai Club has made boards for us for 3 weeks using their dealing machine. Rosemary moved that we give the Ojai Club \$275 for this service. Dennis seconded. All approved. The check will be made out to Dick Wagner.
7. Assignment of Club Manager's duties that Tom Ciacio performed: refer to the 6-5-2019 memo by Rose Buckley outlining the breakdown of duties. There was a lengthy discussion by the Board of distribution of duties.
  - a. The game board coordinator duties will be done by Rosemary on a temporary basis. Rose can back her up if needed.
  - b. Starting 7-1-19, Barry Brenner (short bio distributed) will assume the position of Club Manager. Josh will assist him.
  - c. Barbara will coordinate hospitality duties.
  - d. Chris Gillmon will be Director liaison for VUBC games and advisor to the Club Manager. In view of all these changes happening, **THE NEXT BRIDGE BOARD MEETING WILL BE RESCHEDULED TO THURSDAY JUNE 27, 2019, at 10:30 am.**
8. Bob Gruber, Dick Wagner and Chris Gillmon joined our meeting. Rosemary told them that June 2019 will be a transition month, with Barry Brenner starting as Club manager 7-1-19. Rosemary will be the liaison with Dick regarding the Common Game interface. During the rest of June, Rosemary, Josh, Bob, Dick and Chris will meet with Barry to bring him up to speed on his duties. Barbara moved and Rosemary seconded that the partition of duties outlined in Rose's 6-5-19 memo be implemented. All in favor.
  - a. Bob will serve as Club Manager for the rest of June. He announced that he put all our players on the club computer. Directors are to send files to Bob or Dick, as they can access the Common Game.

- b. Dennis will send a card to the Visalia Unit acknowledging the kind card they sent us on Tom's passing.
9. Charles presented the treasurer's report.
- a. It was moved by Susan and seconded by Lorraine they we follow his suggestion to transfer \$5,000 to our Vanguard account. All voted in favor.
  - b. It was consensus that Barbara will be given a club debit card as she serves as hospitality chair.
  - c. Ken moved and Rosemary seconded that we accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor.
10. We discussed having a memorial game in memory and respect for Tom Ciacio. It was decided that it will be held on Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>. If it is alright with the Temple, Barbara and Susan will coordinate the details and distribute a flyer. A light lunch will be provided by the Club at 11:30.
11. Ilona Smith will be retiring as novice game coordinator. Barbara will coordinate recognition of her longtime contribution to the Club. It was the consensus of the Board that she be honored by having free plays for life.
- a. Don Cline has volunteered to teach the novice group when he is available. He will be approached to be its coordinator.
12. Lorraine distributed and discussed the survey completed by 136 players, primarily from the Strawberry Sectional, but also input from beginning bridge players in the Unit. The objectives were to: 1) Increase VUBC table count, 2) develop "Stepping Stone" opportunities, and 3) begin analysis of communication vehicles and strategies to support goals 1 & 2. Her thoughtful memo presented 12 suggestions and recommendations that are well worth future discussion. In particular:
- a. Lorraine suggested that our Forum articles headline our Club activities. We should promote the fact that card fees are only \$6 for sanctioned games (with no additional charge for STAC, etc.) on our flyers.
  - b. Create a "hold that date" flyers every month for a rolling 2-month period.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Charles, Secretary