

## APPROVED MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2022 at Temple Beth Torah (TBT)

*“Bridge for Everyone”*

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

Guests Present: none

Meeting was called to order by President Margie Butler at 10:39 a.m.

### Order of Business

#### **Announcement**

There was no May 2022 Board meeting. Board members were preparing for Strawberry Sectional.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Doug moved to accept the April 13, 2022 minutes as presented. M/S/A

#### **Treasurer’s Report**

Kay offered the following highlights:

- The Strawberry Sectional netted approximately \$2800. There are several outstanding expenses not yet reported.
- The Saturday/Sunday BBO games continue running at a small deficit.
- Kay expressed her appreciation for the morning classes before each game that keeps the TBT games in the black.

Doug moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. M/S/A

Kay pointed out that the club has not received a billing from TBT for the Dec 21, 2021 nor the June 22, 2022 property tax assessment. Kay will contact Martha Richardson, TBT Office Manager, for the status of the assessment. The treasurers TBT reports show an estimated property tax liability.

#### **Club Manager Report**

Parker remains on leave. Barry Brenner is handling the routine issues during Parker’s absence. There is no Manager’s report for June.

It was noted that total weekly table counts are down by several tables. It was also noted a significant number of our regular players are on vacation, engaged in surgeries or otherwise committed to non-bridge activities. We shall remain vigilant and work to promote our games.

### Old Business

**Protocol Training** - deferred

#### **Awards Ceremony: Ace of Clubs & Mini-McKenney**

Doug reported the plans for the Awards Ceremony

- The ceremony will be held at TBT, prior to the game on Thursday, June 30, 2022.
- Margie will/has sent notices to all the winners and will make the presentations at the ceremony.
- The winners in attendance will be honored with a Free Play.
- Susan Lang will take photos of winners with Doug as backup.
- High-Fashion Cup Cakes will be served to all attendees

## **New business**

### **Payment for making Strawberry Sectional Board Sets**

In an attempt to keep expenses low, local directors were asked to make the board sets for the sectional instead of Brandon Sheumaker, Director-In-Charge. Since the sectional was financially successful, we discussed the appropriateness of compensating our Directors for their time. It was estimated that approximately 25 board sets were prepared: Chris Gillmon, 5 sets; Rosemary Reitz 4 sets & assisted by Bob Gruber; Jody Shapiro 8 sets; Diane Gunther 8 sets.

Kay moved that we offer each Director \$12 for each board set they prepared. M/S/A

Margie, Director Liason, will approach each of the Directors and offer them the appropriate compensation for the number of board sets they prepared.

### **Guaranteed Partner**

In appreciation for the effort by the Guaranteed Partners, they receive a Free Play when they are a GP. The board, responding to a member suggestion, discussed offering the GP a Free Play voucher, when they drive to the club and are not needed as a GP.

Kay moved to offer the GPs a Free Play voucher when they come to the club but their services are not required. M/S/A

Kay also pointed out that more GPs are needed. Once a Month is All We Want.

### **199er Game Changes**

A number of the 199er players have pleaded to reduce the number of boards played at the Wednesday game. Director Stan Snyder, also notes the 199ers need more time per board. Furthermore, potential players from the Wednesday morning Advancing Beginners Class have just spent an hour and a half in intense concentration & play. They would look favorably on a shortened game.

Mark moved that the Wednesday morning limited, 199er game become a shortened game, fewer than 18 boards and that the table fee be reduced accordingly to \$5. M/S/A

Parker's attendance report will show if this increases participation.

### **BridgeMates Maintenance**

There are reports of BridgeMate sticky-keys. Margie will contact Brandon Sheumaker or David White to get a recommendation for maintenance & cleaning of our BridgeMates.

### **Unit Fall Sectional**

Mark Eckhout volunteered to be the Fall Sectional Tournament chair. It is proposed to hold the one day, limited Sectional on Saturday, September 17, 2022 subject to all the standard issues.

The President adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mark Eckhout, Secretary*