

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2020

Theme: Bridge for Everyone

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

- 1) Rose called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:00 am.
- 2) The Board meeting minutes of 5-7-2020 were reviewed. Larry moved that they be approved, Parker seconded. Approved.
- 3) Charles Clark, Treasurer, reported that the unit was doing well financially. The table count is good, and going up. Josh moved that the Treasurer's report be approved and Lorraine seconded. All in favor. Parker moved that the Financial Reserve Policy be approved for posting on our website and Dennis seconded. All voted in favor. Josh moved that the Board set up an audit committee composed of 2 Board members as proposed by Charles. Barbara seconded. All in favor. Parker will receive the monthly paper copy of our bank statement, and he will be assisted by Josh, until his term expires, then by Mark. Mike Gaddis had been receiving free plays in unit games due to his doing set up at TBT. Rose deposited \$50 to Mike's BBO account and presented Charles a statement for reimbursement. Josh moved and Barbara seconded that Mike continue getting free plays from the club as has been happening, with a cap of \$50 on each deposit. All in favor. There was considerable discussion of limits on expenditures by Board members. Rose said that the unwritten rule was a board member could spend \$100 in advance if they thought the Board would approve, with \$200 for the President. Rose and Charles will confer and submit a proposal at our next meeting.
- 4) Barry presented a discussion of club operations and management. He suggested that card fees could be reduced from our current \$6 to \$5 in light of our May profit of \$1,465. We are also playing fewer boards. Dennis moved and Parker seconded that card fees stay at \$6 for the next 2 months. Rose, as director liaison will work on increasing the number of boards played. There was discussion of having earlier or later in the day game start times that would be outside our current 11:55-12:35 start times. Barry added that there are super-clubs out there generating huge revenue, with no regard to local units. Rose said that we are coordinating with the Santa Barbara and BAI-750 clubs to not overlap whenever possible. Half our players have less than 100 MP. Barry will look at the idea of launching new games other than mid-day, but he needs help with finding players for such games. Larry and Mark will help him look for online games to propose to the Board.
- 5) Mark raised the issue of cheating in online games. Rose will let players know that it is a matter of ethics to not have unauthorized phone, etc. communication between partners.
- 6) Parker updated us on the status of our new website. There are no problems and it is improving. Lorraine asked for notification of 70% games; Rose said directors can send them directly to Parker. Photos for our website can be sent to Barbara, club historian for review, then to Parker for website placement. It was decided not to print hard copies of the player directory at this time.
- 7) Our missing Bridgemates have been found, but some bidding boxes are still missing. Jody Shapiro will be taking the Director's test soon. Barry thinks that it is important that she and Margie Butler give a try at virtual directing, if just to get their feet wet.
- 8) Josh said that he had not heard from the Camarillo Senior Center about their venue's availability. He said that our Crosspointe Church rental deposit from this year is still in place, so can be applied to next year's Strawberry Sectional. He has the dates of April 16-18, 2021, in place. Bob Gruber, who maintains our unit directory has reminded us that when a member has changes to their address or phone #, it needs to be reported to ACBL Member services. Lastly, we need a membership chair. Kay Mendel was suggested and the job description is on our website.
- 9) **Our next Board meeting will be July 9, 2020, at 10 am.**

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Charles, Secretary