

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

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

Board Members Present: Margie Butler, Parker Mann, Kay Mendel, Mark Eckhout, Raeann Koerner, Craig Kavin, and Suzanne Brenner

Absent: Sue Houk

Guests: Susan Lang and Steve Gross

Meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. by Margie Butler

Old/Continuing Business

Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Parker Mann to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2023 meeting, and 2nd by Craig Kavin, M/S/A.

Treasurer's Report

Kay had previously emailed three reports:

Sheet 1: Monthly Income and Expense

We had a loss this month due to the additional fees paid to Pleasant Valley Rec. Dept. for the carpet cleaning and the cleaning deposit forfeiture.

Sheet 3: TBT Detail

We had 137 tables this month compared to 103 tables in June 2022.

2023 Events: Strawberry Sectional

We have a revised net income from \$2138 to \$1455 due to the \$683 additional cleaning expense.

We did not have any BBO games this month.

Craig Kavin made a motion to accept the treasurer's report for June 2023, and 2nd by Parker Mann, M/S/A.

Club Operations and Management- Parker

Parker had previously emailed to board members:

This quarter's QUIP report (Quarterly Unit Information Package) in PDF format from ACBL.

Unit #547 In-and-Out Report

Unit #547 In-and-Out Transactions

A flyer will be mailed tonight regarding the upcoming Team Game; cost will remain the same as previously stated.

There will be a STAC game coming up soon.

There will be no impact on the Unit's regularly scheduled games due to the Jewish holidays this year.

Parker will check into the possibility of using the Bridgemates during our upcoming Team Game activity. Raeann suggested the possibility of purchasing the technology for our Unit to be able to do this on a regular basis.

Mark suggested that we consider the possibility of increasing the amount that directors are paid. This will be discussed at a future meeting. It was agreed that for the upcoming team game that Stan be compensated for his work. He had offered to assist Chris on that day.

Mike Gaddis Memorial

Margie will ask B.J. to check with Mike's family for permission to place the obituary in the newspaper. Bob had contacted the ACBL on behalf of our Unit. Mark will discuss with Bob about the possibility of instructing Bunny about what role she could play in assisting Bob with what he does to assist the Unit in appropriate communication responsibilities.

Meeting in Camarillo – Mark

Mark summarized what had taken place in terms of communication with the Camarillo Pleasant Valley Park District since the Strawberry Festival. He and Bob Gruber will attend a meeting today in order to gain more information about their current position that we may not utilize the Senior Center, though they did offer other venues to us to consider. His goal is to convey that using the Senior Center is important to us and the community, with the hope that some resolution can be found.

New Business

Ventura Townhouse -Margie

Margie was contacted by the Director of Operation at the Ventura Townhouse. They are interested in our Unit having games at their facility at no charge to us for using their facility. It was discussed to add a potential game on a day that will not compete with our existing game schedule.

Susan Lang, Bob Gruber, and Margie attended a meeting at the Townhouse to discuss the possibilities. The discussion at our meeting led to the agreement that we should consider

playing a game at the location possibly in September. Parker is going to determine a potential date.

Margaret Raven Bridge Docuseries – Parker

Parker shared the information that he had received from Margaret Raven regarding her plan to create and distribute a docuseries about bridge. We can be included in the end project for a cost of \$2500. Parker will contact her to learn more about what her intent is for distribution and if the ACBL is a part of her plan as well. Suzanne made a motion that if the information he gathers and shares with the board is acceptable, then we will proceed in participating in the project. The motion was 2nd by Kay Mendel, M/S/A.

Bridgemates – Kay

Mark will attempt to reach Dave White regarding our interest in purchasing Bridgemates.

Limited Game at Regionals – Steve

Steve suggested that we consider offering a limited game at the regional in October to attempt to increase participation for players that may feel more comfortable playing in a limited game. Mark will inquire if it would be possible to offer a less expensive game at the regional.

Meeting Time – Raeann

Raeann requested to change our meeting starting time to be 10:45 instead of 10:30. It was agreed that we would change the time.

Set up liaison – Raeann

Doug Hann is responsible for setting up the room on Tuesday's, but when he cannot do so, he will contact Raeann who will determine who will take on that responsibility.

Education – Raeann

Raeann spoke with Craig about the possibility of teaching a class in the future: competitive bidding, bids to play, and forcing bids.

Raeann is considering teaching a series of 5/6 classes in the future about card combinations based on books she received from Audrey Grant.

Margie Butler, President, adjourned the meeting at 11:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary