

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

August 1, 2019

Present: Rose Buckley, Barbara Fitzgerald, Josh Rosenbluth, Ken Thompson, Lorraine Salvatore, Susan Lang, Anne Conn, Dennis Charles, Chris Gillmon, Rosemary Reitz, Barry Brenner, Mark Eckhout and Charles Clark (part time).

Rose called the meeting to order at 10:37 am.

The minutes of 7-9-19, were reviewed. Josh moved for approval and Ken seconded. All approved.

Barry discussed the club's operations. There has been Common Game training for directors. Barry and Josh will do monthly reporting. The ACBL will be paid for our 5-18-19 games so our players can get MP credit. The REACH program was discussed and Barry will investigate. The new bi-monthly calendars have one month on each side and contain detail about the games on each day. The info sheet takes up a whole page. Working on having a guaranteed partner for the '49er on Wednesdays.

The procedure for reporting 70% games was discussed. It was decided that Chris will send out the Director's Calendar, with a copy to Ken so that it can be posted on our website. Barry is gathering information for our September-October calendar. It is important to highlight our 9-14-19, Fall 499'er Sectional. Josh asked Barry to check days that the Temple will be unavailable for play due to religious observances. Tim Rae will get a key for our storage locker to do inventory. **October 28-November 3 there will be no local games due to the Halloween Regional at the Marriott Hotel.** Barry is going on a month's vacation starting August 15. He will be back September 14 and then gone again September 22.

Barry will sign us up for STAC starting August 19. Barry will start creating our monthly club attendance reports for our next Board meeting. Don Cline started directing last Wednesday with help from Rosemary. He will direct once a month. Rosemary said that the dealing machine is in the Temple storage unit. She said that she can assist directors in making boards. It takes about an hour to do this task. From now on directors either make their own boards or delegate. The question arose about the compensation to directors for this duty. Barbara moved that directors receive an additional \$15 for making boards. Josh seconded. All approved.

The Ventura Club gets up to 16 unit championship days a year. In the past we have hardly used them. It was suggested that they be allocated to certain games, such as Saturday, to boost attendance. The question of charging players extra to participate in STAC games arose. Consensus was not to do this. Chris stated that we are in need of 2 new directors, and he volunteered to help them study for the Director's test.

Barbara reported that our Fall 499'er Sectional (9-14-19) is on schedule. She will contact our director, Dave White, to ascertain what he needs. We need a date and chair for our Valentine's Sectional. Josh will start the process with ACBL and see if 2-15-2020 works. Josh reported that the days of April 17-19, 2020, have been approved for our Strawberry Sectional. We need to nail down a date for our Annual Meeting with Crosspointe Church. Saturday January 25, 2020, looks like the best date as it is a football less date. How about JOSH checking it out with Crosspointe?

Lorraine printed out a ballot for club players to vote on how much specific info (or none) be displayed on Bridgemates after each hand. She will have them distributed to all our games next week and compile the results. Josh talked to Mark at Crosspointe about moving Rose's "Step up" classes at their facility. The rent will be \$50 a lesson, which will cut into the club's profits by that amount. The Board agreed to the change. The new venue will start the first Saturday of September.

Charles presented the Financial Report. It cost \$823 to buy new boards. If this is categorized as a capital expense, we show a profit. Barry will work with Bob Gruber to facilitate payment for July STAC.

It appears that no director in the club can run Swiss Teams or Swiss Pairs, so we cannot schedule these games. Josh suggested fast pairs Thursday September 19 for the open game at the Temple and also Saturday October 26 as a Unit Championship. Susan will host the Sports Mania Saturday 8-10-19, in Camarillo. Saturday September 28, there will be an ice cream social. She also has a Sock Hop themed game Saturday October 19 in Camarillo with 2 sections.

Compensation for Chris as the Clubs director liaison was discussed. Josh moved that we pay him \$100 monthly in the future, until we decide differently. Ken seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Charles, Secretary