

# MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

September 5, 2019

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

Rose called the meeting to order at 11:07.

The minutes of the August 1, 2019, were reviewed. Josh moved approval with a spelling change and Lorraine seconded. All approved.

Josh presented the Manager's report. He performed the required input to the ACBL to pay for our games so our players can get masterpoint credit. The monthly table-count report was deferred until Barry returns from vacation.

The Ventura Unit is allocated 24 club championships per year, a total of 8 which go to Ojai or Pleasant Valley Club. The Board discussed the venues where these games could prove most valuable, possibly the Saturday Camarillo game, which loses money unless it is a theme game day. Barry will give us a report on the profitability of the Saturday game, including the boost it gets from theme games. Susan mentioned that Denise from Camarillo Park District would like our theme game dates more in advance.

Sara Carlson has said she that she would like to start directing. Lorraine is doing the Bridge Buzz article. Rose brought up The Zero Tolerance question in regard to players greeting each other and introducing yourself. Some players are too slow and spend time on post mortems. Rose said that we need a new laser printer that does duplex and is light weight. Marjorie Butler was suggested as someone we can ask to research this purchase.

Barbara reported on the Saturday 9-14-19, 499'er Sectional in Camarillo. She called the Director, Dave White, and he will provide everything that is needed. Barbara purchased a coffee maker for \$40 and retrieved the supplies from the club storage unit and has a handle on what other items are needed. Josh suggested she ask Dave about players purchasing temporary ACBL membership and to remember that the TV room in Camarillo is needed for the open game. Denise sent us a separate bill for the TV room for the up-coming Valentine's Sectional, even though it is part of our regularly Saturday space.

Josh said that we need to have a chair and flyer for our Valentine's 499'er Sectional so we can have the flyer available at the Halloween Regional Tournament. Josh was appointed recruiter for the 499'er chair and given several names. We also need a flyer for the Strawberry Sectional, which first requires choosing a format for the Sunday game. Options are:

- 1) Two-section (Open and 499'er), two-session play-through Swiss Teams.
- 2) One-section (Open), two-session play-through Swiss Teams together with separate 299'er morning and afternoon pairs.

Mark reported that the mentoring program was on back burner. Don Cline is instructing the Tuesday novice class, but does not monitor their play; but Chris does help them. The Wednesday '49er game is steady at 4 tables. Mark threw out the idea of offering free plays to novice players who want to try the 49'er game. Because of the guaranteed partner program, the Thursday 299'er game is hitting 3—4 tables. Tim Rea needs relief from his commitment to the guaranteed partner program and Mark has

talked to some players about helping him out. The Free Play card situation has gotten a little loose, so in the future these cards need to be signed and dated by the person issuing them, along with the recipient's name. When it is "cashed" the director needs to initial and date it and include it with the director's slip.

The Board received the results of the Bridgemate poll. Barbara moved that we show all data to players. Susan seconded. The motion was defeated. Josh moved and Dennis seconded that the Bridgemates show only the percentage. The motion was passed 4-3. There should be no tolerance for discussion of the hands.

Rose raised the question as to whether we should allow book sales at the Fall Sectional. Susan moved and Josh seconded that book sales not be allowed at the tournament. Approved. Charles, our Treasurer, said he had been on vacation and will send the Board a copy of the financial statement.

**Our next Board meeting will be October 3, 2019 and start at 10:30.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Charles, Secretary