

## MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

September 10, 2020

Theme: Bridge for Everyone

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

- 1) Rose called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:30 am.
- 2) The minutes of the 8-13-2020, were reviewed. Mark moved they be approved and Parker seconded. All voted in favor.
- 3) Charles presented the Treasurer's report and stated that the Club continues to do well financially. He noted that our Vanguard money market fund interest rate is very low, so Barry suggested that he check out Ally Bank. Charles brought up the issue of our Club paying Temple Beth Torah about \$4,300 a year to offset their increased property tax due to their rental income from our club. Since the Club is currently not paying rent due to the pandemic, this makes no sense. Dennis will follow up with the Temple on the issue. Larry moved approval of the financial report and Lorraine seconded. All voted in favor.
- 4) Barry gave the manager's report. He raised the question of whether we should increase card fees for Upgraded Club Championships (9-21-20). ACBL will charge us \$5 a table, instead of \$1 a table. After discussing the matter, the Board agreed to keep all our entry fees at \$6 a game. There was discussion of the low attendance at the Tuesday 49'er game, which typically has 3 tables. Mark has gotten feedback from bridge beginners that the 49'er game is too challenging, so he will be at a teaching table an hour each week. This training class with them will be relaxed playing to encourage them to play on BBO. Rose has lessons from her chat games, but feels that actual playing is the main learning tool. Rose will work with Mark and Raeann. Tuesday's '49 game has low attendance. The Board decided to change it to a 99'er game starting next week and Rose will send out the announcement that Mark will send her.
- 5) The Club's Annual Meeting and election of officers is usually held in January. Board members whose terms expire are: Lorraine, Josh, Dennis and Barbara. Dennis and Josh announced that they will not run. Per the by-laws, Mark, as a Board member, agreed to find 2 non-board members to form a nominating committee. The by-laws state that there shall be at least 7 members on the Board. There was a brief discussion on how we could vote.
- 6) ACBL \$8 temporary 1-month memberships are going away. Now, it is possible to get a 120-day guest membership and earn up to 20 masterpoints, that are permanent if one joins. Lorraine will mention this in her Bridge Buzz, and remind folks to use our club as a referral. Rose said that BBO players will be needing a completed convention card.
- 7) Larry said that the problem with the mentoring program was a lack of mentors and that possible mentees were not on BBO. He sent an email out to players who were previously mentors. Rose said that you can play against 2 robots on BBO. Lorraine volunteered to help.
- 8) Parker will do an inventory of our supplies we have at the Camarillo Senior center, Temple Beth Torah, Crosspointe Church and the unit's rented storage unit. Rose sent him a spreadsheet. Dennis will do Camarillo; we can ask Mike Gaddis to help at the Temple, as well as Susan. CJ Eman put shelves in our storage. Barbara and Parker will do the inventory there.
- 9) Barbara is welcoming new people and will let Jody know information about them so they can be introduced in Bridge Buzz.
- 10) **Our next Board meeting will be October 8, 2020, at 10:30 am.**

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Charles, Secretary