

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

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

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

Absent: Parker Mann and Sue Houk

Meeting was called to order at 10:57 a.m. by Margie Butler

Old/Continuing Business

Approval of Minutes – Motion was made by Kay Mendel to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2023, meeting, and 2nd by Craig Kavin, M/S/A.

Treasurer's Report

Kay had previously emailed two reports:

Sheet 1: Monthly Income and Expense

Net Gain of \$599.00. We had purchased 3 card tables at \$75.00 each.

Sheet 2: TBT Detail

Net Gain of \$448.00

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

Club Operations and Management- Margie

Prior to the meeting Parker had sent the following reports:

1. Upcoming Special Events
2. Unit 547 In and Out Report
3. Unit 547 In and Out Transaction

Margie discussed that she is attempting to find someone that might be interested in taking on the position of Club Manager because Parker will not be continuing in this position at the conclusion of his term.

It was discussed that Kay needs to be informed as to what type of STAC game is being played because it impacts the amount that she needs to pay and who receives the payment.

Mike Gaddis obit/ACBL notice about Deceased Members – Margie/Mark

Prior to the meeting, Margie had sent the board a Gmail update addressing Deceased Member Reporting Policy from the ACBL.

The board agreed to table the discussion regarding the obituary for Mike Gaddis.

Bunny Raymond is working on keeping the information current with ACBL. Bob Grueber has been active in keeping information accurate in the past.

Ventura Townhouse -Margie

The first game at the townhouse will be on Saturday, September 16. Kay Mendel, Sue Houk and Susan Lang are responsible for the treats to be served and will act as greeters that morning, and Margie will be available to answer questions as well if necessary. There will be a guaranteed partner available, and Chris Gilman will be the director.

New Business

TBT Meister Hall topics: -Margie

Prior to the meeting, Margie had sent the board a copy of the current TBT Facilities Use Agreement.

- Purchase of chairs- Jody Shapiro will investigate chair options available for purchase to meet our need for different chairs for players who have back problems or other medical issues. We are interested in evaluating options with chairs that have casters and are stackable.
- Discuss TBT Facilities Use Agreement
 - Our current agreement is from 2021, and it was discussed that we would like to pursue renegotiating our agreement to include use of the alcove space. Margie and Kay will follow up with the TBT board.

Change Thursday 499er game to 199er – Margie

Margie provided detailed information to substantiate the change of the current game offered on Thursdays. It was agreed that we would change the current 499er game to a 199er game at this time.

Other Business –

Purchasing Bridgemates was discussed. The goal would be to have enough Bridgemates so that we would not have to bring any of those used at TBT to use at the Townhouse. Mark will

continue to work with Dave White and Stan had thought that some may be available from Alan Curtis.

- Mark is requesting that other members of the board visit the Freedom Center in Camarillo to gain their opinion as to the viability of its use as a future site. Kay visited and shared her thoughts. A few areas that we discussed that needed clarification – is there a refrigerator and sink available to use? Do we need to bring our own coffee pots?
- It was previously discussed that having a limited game at the upcoming regional tournament might bring more new players to participate; and/or having these players play for free or at a reduced price. Mark was going to check to see if there were any possibilities available.

Raeann announced that Craig would be teaching a class before the regional tournament to help clarify the differences between playing in a Matchpoint and IMP game for those playing in team games.

Margie Butler, President, adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary