

## MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2021 via Zoom

Theme: Bridge for Everyone

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

- 1) Rose called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.
- 2) The minutes of the 12-10-2020, Board meeting were reviewed. Parker moved that they be approved. Mark seconded. All in favor of approval.
- 3) Charles presented the financial statements for November and December 2020. Larry moved that they be approved. Parker seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Charles also presented his insightful analysis of the past year's finances, covering before and during Covid-19: "Treasurer's Report for the Calendar Year 2020." Josh moved that it be approved for posting on our website for a short time. Lorraine seconded. All voted in favor of the motion. Charles will be looking into obtaining a credit card for our club to enhance our financial flexibility, as Rose is using her personal credit card to pay for free plays for Mike Gaddis.
- 4) Barry presented the club management and operations report. He displayed a spreadsheet and chart of game attendance. The attendance at the Tuesday 499'er game has never been good and the Saturday 499'er has gone way down. Options to make a 499'er game viable were discussed. We need to have at least 3 tables to have a game and 4 to break even.
- 5) Rose presented her script for the Annual Meeting on 1-30-2021. She outlined Zoom setups, welcome, and 11:15 a.m. call to order. Mark will take the names of the attendees so that they can receive Stonefire Grill gift certificates. Rose will present a review of accomplishments during the past year. Charles will then present the Clubs Financial report for 2020. Parker will do a tour of our Club website. There will be a moment of silence for those who have passed. Susan has made masks for each Board member and as Rose introduces them, they will don their mask. At 11:45 a.m. Mark will present the nominees for the new Board, Doug Hahn and Margie Butler. After the vote, Mark will explain how the Stonefire Grill certificates work. Rose will immediately send Josh the agenda for the Annual Meeting and he will have it distributed to unit members. It will contain the wording proposed work change in our by-laws and the reason why.
- 6) Josh will work with Bob Gruber in sending out our 2021 Member and Friends Directory and we all agreed to send it out to all.
- 7) Rose reported that she was getting good attendance for her virtual Step-Up classes. Her son is helping with animation. Barbara brought up the question of maintaining virtual Club games after we start in-person play. This will be on the agenda of the next board meeting.

*Respectfully submitted: Dennis Charles, Secretary*