

ANNUAL MEETING VENTURA BRIDGE CLUB UNIT 547

VIA ZOOM JANUARY 30, 2021

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Unit President, Rose Buckley, at 11:20 am. Virtual attendance at the start was 34 members, which increased to 43 members.

Rose thanked the Unit members for their support during the past year, and announced that those attending would receive a \$20 gift certificate for StoneFire Grill.

Rose then recapped the events of 2020. We had virtual club games up and running by April 2020. We had infrastructure improvement from a working group that created a new website. Those responsible were Lorraine Salvatore, Parker Mann, Barry Brenner, Larry Pelletier; with the help of Josh Rosenbluth. Parker conducted a screenshare tour of the new website. The club had 2 new Directors, Jodi Shapiro and Marjorie Butler. Sean Gallagher is helping direct our virtual games. Josh implemented the use of Marketing Solutions for email blasts to our players. Rose recounted those members who passed away during 2020 and there was a moment of silence. Looking to the future, players are now getting vaccinated so that in person games will be possible, but probably not until after May.

Rose introduced our Club Treasurer, Charles Clark, who gave the financial report for 2020. The Club been making about \$900 a month since the move to online games, compared to expenses exceeding income prior to Covid-19. The balance of our savings increased from \$36,800 to \$44,200. It was decided to keep the card fees for online games at \$6 as we will need financial resources when we reopen and in-person play resumes.

Rose introduced the eight persons serving as 547 Board of Directors, plus Charles Clarke, our Treasurer and Barry Brenner the Club Manager, who generously stepped up after the passing of Tom Ciacio. Leaving the Board are Dennis Charles who served 6 years on the Board and Josh Rosenbluth, who served 4 years and was responsible for tournaments and email connection with our players. The Board recognized both Josh and Dennis for their dedication to the club and outstanding service on the Board by awarding them each a \$50 BBO gift. Continuing on the Board in their terms is Mark Eckhout, the intermediate/newcomer coordinator, Parker Mann our webmaster and Larry Pelletier, who is in charge of mentoring and Rose Buckley.

Mark Eckhout was introduced as head of the nominating committee, that included Kay Mendel and Tim Rea. Lorraine Salvatore, our Vice President and Publicity Chair and Barbara Fitzgerald, our Membership Chair, agreed to serve second terms, while Marjorie Butler and Douglas Hahn were nominated to become new members of the Board. Being no additional nominations from the floor, Don Cline moved nominations be closed. Susan Lang moved that we accept these nominees by unanimous consent. Jodi Shapiro seconded. All 43-attending voted in favor.

Rose presented the proposed by-law amendment: Be it resolved that the By-laws of Unit 547 be amended by deleting the word "immediately" from Article 5, Paragraph F (which currently requires the Board to meet immediately after the Annual membership Meeting). Larry Pelletier moved that the amendment be accepted by unanimous consent. Barbara Fitzgerald seconded. All present voted aye. Amendment adopted.

The last order of business was an explanation by Mark Eckhout of the process for those in attendance to receive the StoneFire Grill gift certificates. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Charles, Secretary Unit 547