

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

October 3, 2019

Present: Rose Buckley, Dennis Charles, Josh Rosenbluth, Lorraine Salvatore, Ken Thompson, Barry Brenner, Rosemary Reitz, Barbara Fitzgerald, Margie Butler, Gary Feldman, Jody Shapiro, and Charles Clark.

Meeting called to order: Rose

The minutes of 9-5-2019 were reviewed. Josh moved approval as revised and Barbara seconded. All voted approval as revised.

Barry submitted a paper on Club and Unit Championship allocation status. Club Championships do not cost anything extra. Unit Championships are inexpensive; an extra \$1.25 per table. We receive one Club Championship game per quarter per sanctioned game. Barry also distributed a page with graphs of attendance by game and attendance totals.

We discussed that the Board should recognize non-Board member volunteers from time-to-time as occasion warrants. This topic will be placed on future board meeting agenda, as well as evaluating free play awards. The recognition will appear in Bridge Buzz, as well as being announced at club games. Doug Hahn's name was put forwarded as a likely candidate for all his help setting up the Tuesday game with Mike Gaddis. Jody Shapiro and Margie Butler are interested in becoming directors.

Barry said ACBL sanctioned games cannot have 2 restricted games on the same day, for example 1499'er and 49'er. There have not been problems from ACBL in the past, so it was decided to continue our current practice.

Margie distributed a comparison sheet with 4 laser printer options on it. Josh moved that we purchase the Brother HL-2320-D (\$82.99) for the club. Ken seconded. All approved. Barry will do the purchasing.

Barbara reported that attendance was good for both sessions of the Fall 499'er Sectional. There was lots of good food. We made money, \$80, on hospitality due to food and cash donations. Charles reported a \$800 profit. Saturday February 15, 2020, is the date of the next 499'er Sectional. Jody and Gary agreed to chair, Barbara will do partnership, and Linda Forsyth and Carol Marquez Olson will be asked to do hospitality. We will not be having an open Saturday game on the day of the tournament. Josh has gotten the tournament sanction and it was proposed that Chris Gillmon and Nancy Hall could serve as directors. Jody asked Nancy and she agreed if she had a helper. Rosemary said that the club has 22 Bridgmates and her Sunday game has 8 more.

Josh offered 2 options for the Sunday game at the Strawberry Sectional. Lorraine moved that we have an open Swiss Teams game and 499'er Swiss Teams section. Seconded by Dennis. All were in favor. Jim and Helen Weeks were presented a framed certificate for winning the Fall Sectional. Rose suggested that for future tournaments we award certificates rather than a plaque or trophy.

Next, we addressed Board members for next year. Rose and Mark will remain on the Board. Susan, Raeann, and Rosemary will be leaving the Board, but are willing to continue doing tasks. Anne will search for a Board member representing Ojai. Barbara moved that we try to have 9 total Board members, Lorraine seconded; the motion passed. Mark Eckhout is starting a guaranteed partner for the '49er game.

Our holiday potluck is coming up, and Thursday, December 19 was chosen as long as we check with Martha for the OK. As in the past, the Club will provide Winco chicken.

The Board approved extending the Saturday Crosspointe Church rental time from 3 hours to 5 1/4 hours, effective January 2020. The rent increases from \$50 per session to \$135 per session. This will accommodate a 2- hour follow-up game after the "A Step Up" lessons. Card fees will be \$5 a person.

Josh said that we have no director who can do Swiss Teams, but he can do matching up players for a Pro-Am game. Future special games include a Sock Hop on Saturday October 19th, Bridge and brunch Saturday November 23rd. The Saturday December 28 game will have a New Year's theme. Rose mentioned the new procedure that Susan put in place for replenishing flyers at the various clubs. There will be a master flyer folder on the TBT Director's table. Point people at the various clubs should pull from that folder to replenish their club supply (but NOT take the last one). If a flyer in the folder gets low, the point person will contact the responsible party for producing the flyer to replenish the supply.

The next Bridge Board meeting will be on November 7th at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted

Dennis Charles, Unit Secretary