

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

October 8, 2020

Theme: Bridge for Everyone

Present: Rose Buckley, Dennis Charles, Mark Eckhout, Larry Pelletier, Lorraine Salvatore, Josh Rosenbluth, Parker Mann, Barry Brenner, and Charles Clark.

- 1) Rose called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:30 am.
- 2) The minutes of the 9-10-2020, were reviewed. Josh moved they be approved and Mark seconded. All voted in favor.
- 3) Charles presented the Treasurer's report. This month we will no longer be paying the Temple \$370 "rent" that is truly to offset their increased property tax due to our facility rental payments. Dennis spoke to Camilla Johnson, their account, who said TBT will be appealing their property tax assessment and are confident in winning. Charles said that the interest earned on our Vanguard account is very low. Per the advice of Charles, Dennis moved and Parker seconded that the club place \$33,000 in a one-year certificate of deposit at Bank One, our current bank. All voted in favor.
- 4) The club operations discussion was started by Rose, who noted the trouble getting enough players for limited games, in particular the 0-49'er on Tuesday. There is a move afoot to have 3 Districts pool players for 0-99er games and a night game at 7 pm. Our Club would receive a \$2.50 commission per player. The Saturday game has an adequate number of players. Larry move that we add limited master point games: Wed. 99'er, Fri. 299'er, Mon., Tues, Thurs., and Sat. there would be 499'er games. Mark seconded, all in favor. Larry moved that the cost of limited games be \$5. Parker seconded. Lorraine suggested \$4, but the motion by Larry was approved. The open games and 1499'er games will remain at \$6.
- 5) We agreed that our annual meeting be a virtual event. Board members made various suggestions to make the event special and well attended, such as it being a free game. **See Rose's list that is at the end of the minutes.**
- 6) Mark said that the nominating committee members are Kay Mendel and Tim Rea.
- 7) Regarding mentoring, Larry has updated the webpage to reach out to potential mentors. It is only a 4 hour a month commitment and done on BBO. Mark said that he is working with Raeann about virtual teaching.
- 8) Parker reported that his inventory at TBT and storage found nothing missing. Dennis will meet with Denise Cleric at the Camarillo Senior Center so do inventory on our metal storage cabinet at that location.
- 9) **The next Board meeting will be November 12, 2020, at 10:30 am.**
Respectfully submitted: Dennis Charles, Secretary

Annual Meeting suggestions:

- * Attend & vote – gift certificate Stone Fire Grills
 - * Instacart (catered) & bring something personally delivered from Stone Fire
 - * Freebie – COVID facemask with VUBC / ACBL logo
 - * After meeting break into smaller groups by expertise – discussions –break-out-rooms
 - * Free game following the meeting
 - * Free lesson before the meeting for beginners; we could ask Don Cline.
 - * Voting
 - by Zoom poll for board directors
 - Mail ballots to people – whoever returns their ballot-get a free play
 - Possibly both of above
 - * Have a drawing for something – new car!! Little model to display
- Susan’s Ideas for dress code – PJs? – and other ideas, such as entertainment?

Later consideration:

Face to face (mini)

Meeting in person – go home and play on-line

People with iPad / tablet could stay

Food – individual servings - catered

Have members sign up to tell joke