

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING 11-7-2019

VENTURA UNIT #547 ACBL

Present: Rose Buckley, Barry Brenner, Josh Rosenbluth, Lorraine Salvatore, Ken Thompson, Mark Eckhout, Susan Lang, Dennis Charles, Barbara Fitzgerald, Charles Clark, Rosemary Reitz, and Jody Shapiro.

Rose called the meeting to order at 10:32 am.

The minutes of 10-3-2019 were reviewed. Lorraine moved that they be approved and Ken seconded. Approved by Board.

Club Manager, Barry Brenner discussed a graph he sent out tracking attendance for each game in the unit. We are holding steady in most games. Lorraine stated that the card fees for the Thousand Oak's club have gone to \$13 a game. Hopefully some of their players will be interested in our Camarillo games.

Our novice game is not sanctioned. To make it a sanctioned game would only cost \$1 per table. The minimum number boards played would be 18 per Barry, but Rose thinks that it can be less with some restrictions. Barry and Rose will do further investigation and send the proposal out so it can be voted on at our next meeting. Don Cline will be asked if his Tuesday lesson can start at 11:45.

Rose suggested a new free play policy and the new free play card was distributed. Our Treasurer sees them as cash. We need to know who gives them out and for what reason. We need to know when they were cashed and by whom. There was consensus that we give the new voucher system a try.

Director related issues were discussed. Rosemary stated that at the Director's meeting it was noted that too many players arrive at 12:25. It is impossible for Directors to take the player's money and set up the movements at the same time. Rosemary has printed up a card to be put on tables requesting players showing up by 12:21, in your seat and quiet by 12:29, and other specific behaviors to facilitate the game starting on time.

Josh brought up the Valentine's Sectional. He will remind Gary and Jody to get the latest flyer distributed with Susan's help through her flyer distribution system. Strawberry Sectional flyers were put out at the Regional Halloween tournament.

Mark volunteered to be the chair of our nomination committee, which includes Kay Mendel and Tim Rae. We want to have a minimum of 9 Board members for next year. Mark said that getting volunteer players for the 299'er guaranteed partner system is proving difficult. Rose likes Mark's feedback email to the 299'er group. Finding a guaranteed partner for the novice game is also an issue. Mark told us that he would like to identify a "mentor" for the Workshop/Novice game who would be able to answer player's questions.

Ken is looking into the possibility of moving out of state, so there may be a transition in the website coordinator task. He will remain in the position and more should be revealed by March 2020. The Bridge Buzz will recognize volunteer, Doug Hahn, in appreciation for doing the Tuesday set up with Mike. Tim

Rae and Maurine Moore were suggested for January recognition. Dennis volunteered to be the point person with Denise Clerc at the Camarillo Senior Center.

Charles presented the Treasurer's report. The Club did surprisingly well in October (+\$439 net profit), considering closure for the Regional Tournament. We received a \$360 check from our insurance company. Charles also presented financial data on income and expenses for our February and September Sectionals for 2017-2019. The net income from the 2019 Tournaments was very positive (\$979 and \$792). Ken moved we accept the Treasurer's report. Josh seconded. All approved.

Jody discussed distribution of flyers for the Valentine's Sectional on 2-15-2020. Lorraine will do a Forum article on the Tournament for the January 2020 Forum.

Susan outlined upcoming events: Bridge and Brunch Saturday 11-13-19, Holiday Potluck Thursday 12-19-2019, Pro-Am game Thursday 12-26-2019, New Year's Celebration Saturday 12-28-2019. Our Annual Meeting will be held at Crosspointe Church Saturday 1-25-2020.

Our next Bridge Board meeting will be at 10:30 am, December 5th at TBT.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Charles, Secretary