

## **MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**November 19, 2020 via Zoom**

**Theme: Bridge for Everyone**

Present: Rose Buckley, Dennis Charles, Mark Eckhout, Larry Pelletier, Lorraine Salvatore, Josh Rosenbluth, Parker Mann, Jody Shapiro, and Susan Lang.

1. Rose called the special Board meeting to order at 10:33 for the purpose of planning our Unit's Annual Meeting.
2. It was agreed that the Annual Meeting would have to be virtual. The question was raised: "how to get people to attend." The by-laws state that a quorum is 25 members. It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting on Saturday January 30, 2021, at 11:15 and end at noon, via Zoom; to be followed by unit bridge games that cost \$3 for card fees. To encourage Annual Meeting attendance, the consensus of the Board was that each attendee will receive a \$20 certificate from StoneFire Grill. It will be our task to identify the persons attending the meeting. Mark will take care of sourcing the certificates.
3. We discussed the importance of publicizing the holiday party and game and the Annual Meeting and game. At our November 12, 2020, board meeting we agreed to have a 15-minute pop-in holiday party event on Zoom at 11:45 on December 15, 2020, just before the regular Unit Virtual games. The Unit's BBO games would be \$3 that day (BBO has set \$3 as the least we can charge). Susan will make flyers for the holiday lunch and will work with Rose as co-host for the annual brunch. Josh and Rose will work on the flyer for the Annual Meeting. By consensus, the Board approved that Susan could buy masks, a mascot or other paraphernalia to coordinate the theme of the Annual Meeting. Lorraine and Jody will work together on communications for these 2 events, using Bridge Buzz and the District Newsletter. The names of the nominees for the Board should be highlighted.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Charles, Unit Secretary