

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING 12-5-2019

VENTURA UNIT #547 ACBL

Present: Rose Buckley, Barry Brenner, Lorraine Salvatore, Mark Eckhout, Susan Lang, Dennis Charles, Barbara Fitzgerald, Rosemary Reitz, and Anne Conn. Charles Clark and Bob Gruber, part time.

Rose called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

The minutes of the 11-7-2019 Board meeting were reviewed. Mark moved they be approved and Anne seconded. Approved.

Rose talked to Josh Rosenbluth, who could not be present, about the 2-15-2020 Valentine's Sectional. He worked with co-chairs, Jody Shapiro and Gary Feldman, to produce a flyer for the event. Susan has already begun distribution. Josh said that organizing hospitality was the next step. Josh also wants IMP pairs and fast pairs calendared for Jan-Feb 2020. It was agreed that fast pairs will be on January 16, 2020, and February 20, 2020, for IMP pairs, as Bob Gruber will be directing those days.

Barry discussed transitioning the Tuesday workshop to a 0-20 MP newcomer's game effective January 7. Susan so moved and Lorraine seconded. All approved. Rose stated that, effective immediately, all VUBC club directors will give a certificate to non-ACBL members that win masterpoints in our unit games. If the players join the ACBL within a year, they can send their certificates at the time and get credit for masterpoints earned. A minimum of 6 boards need to be played to be eligible for MP. Tuesday's lesson will start at 11:45 am starting in January.

Barry opened discussion of website transition. The first step is a new results page that refers to the ACBL Live page. This will be implemented for all clubs starting in January and required by ACBL by February. ACBL Live is integrated with the Common Game. The Tuesday Camarillo game will be upgraded to use ACBL Live. Barry will get together with Ken to implement. This is phase one of changing our website, and will leave us open to utilizing a new number of websites. Susan and Lorraine noted that a lot of information on our current website is outdated.

A new website will be flexible and allow for several people to manage different areas. We will keep the old website in place while the new one is being built during a transition time of at least 2 months. Lorraine will be the person to design the presentation of our information. Barry will look at the big picture-- website platforms, etc. to evaluate what would work for us. He will check out the SB and TO sites and work with Lorraine and Josh. check out the TO and SB sites. Pending Josh's concurrence, he will be in charge of the technical side of implementing the new website.

Rose reported that director training is in a lull during the Holidays.

For next year's Board, Rose and Mark are running for another term, while Anne, Raeann, Rosemary and Susan will go off the Board. Mark said that his nominating committee includes himself, Tim Rea and Kay Mendel. They have not finalized the two nominees needed for next year's Board of Directors, so Mark will send the names to the Board via email by 12-20-19. Mark said that the intermediate-novice groups are going well and attendance is growing.

Susan moved that we send out holiday gifts as we did last year. Barbara seconded. Dennis will be responsible for implementation.

Rose said Tim Rea is no longer handling purchasing of the Club's game supplies. Rosemary will be taking over that responsibility. We now have a new shelf in our TBT storage area, and Rosemary will take over organizing our supplies.

Charles gave the Treasurer's report. We had a deficit of \$507 for November 2019. The Regional and Thanksgiving decreased days played. He said we are maintaining our membership numbers by drawing in new folks for those who leave. Charles would prefer paper receipts for expense claims. Barbara moved approval of the Treasurer's Report and Mark seconded. All approved.

The Club's Holiday potluck will be Tuesday 12-17-19 at TBT. Rose got the players to clean our tables on Tuesday. Barbara has ordered Winco chicken. TBT staff will be invited and the tables set up by a group of helpers at 2 pm Monday. Rosemary is working on cleaning Bridgemates and Susan will work on the bidding boxes.

Susan said that she will need help for her Saturday 2-22-2020, Mardi Gras theme game in Camarillo. There will be a 499'er and open game. Susan has publicized the New Year's celebration game on Saturday 12-28-19 in Camarillo, where there will also be an open and 499'er game.

Our Annual Meeting will be held at Crosspointe Church on Saturday 1-25-2020. The game will be at 11:30, and free to Unit members. The Annual meeting will follow and then an early dinner. Barbara will work with Stonefire Grill on the food. Dennis will move about 21 card tables to Crosspointe.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Charles, Secretary