

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2021 via Zoom

Theme: Bridge for Everyone

Present: Rose Buckley, Mark Eckhout, Larry Pelletier, Lorraine Salvatore, Jody Shapiro, Barbara Fitzgerald, Charles Clarke (left after Treasurer's Report), Margie Butler and Doug Hahn.

1) Lorraine called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Old Business

2) The minutes of the 2-11-2021 Board Meeting were reviewed. Margie moved that they be approved. It was seconded. All were in favor of approval. (MSA = Moved, seconded and approved)

3) Charles presented the financial statement for February 2021. A discussion was conducted of items including the returns for our participation in the evening 99er games on BBO; the Annual Meeting costs; and keeping the same people as authorized for banking signatures. Larry moved for the approval of the February statements. MSA

4) A discussion of the attendance, popularity and effectiveness of our unit's "Limited Games" was lead by Lorraine. Several ideas were surfaced and current actions were determined.

a) Barbara moved to increase the limit of both the weekly Wednesday and Friday 1499er games to 1776, effective immediately. MSA

b) Barbara moved to close and discontinue the weekly Tuesday and Saturday 499er games, effective immediately. MSA (Open games at these same time periods will continue.)

5) A discussion was lead by Lorraine on possible collaboration with Unit 532 (Portions of Thousand Oaks and unincorporated Ventura County). Note this unit is independent of the past Bridge Academy and Unit 750 which is associated with Los Angeles County. Lorraine will initiate a conversation with their unit. (Diane Gunther, their President is also on our ACBL District Board (District 22) and currently serves as a director for bridge games.)

6) Discussions also included as to keeping the BBO games after in-person games begin again. It was suggested that the weekly Saturday games on BBO be continued. No motions made.

7) The Mini-McKenny / Ace of Clubs awards will be scheduled for our first face-to-face meeting.

New Business

- 8) Initial planning for upcoming Tournaments and in-person games needs to begin. Lorraine will ask Barry Brenner (Club Manager) to set dates for the Fall 499er, and the Valentine (February) and Strawberry (April) Sectionals. Our unit is not responsible for planning the local Halloween Regional (10/25 – 10/31). Lorraine will also ask Barry to coordinate with Temple Beth Torah about reinstating our in-person games. The dates and protocols will need to be established. We may also want to consider different start times for the games, if it would help in collaboration with Unit 532. Rose will coordinate with Cross Point Church as a potential venue and will discuss with Bob Gruber the coordination with the Camarillo Senior Center. Rose noted her intention to keep her beginners bridge class as virtual sessions in lieu of returning to face-to-face sessions.

Respectfully submitted: Douglas Hahn, Secretary

ADDENDUM 1

to

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- A.** On Saturday, March 13, 2021, the Board voted via email, and approved a motion, made by Lorraine Salvatore, to change the upper limit for the weekly Wednesday and Friday (1499er) games from 1776 to 1750. This action updates Item 4a) of the March 11th minutes.