

**Unit 547 Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2024 @ 10:45am
Temple Beth Torah**

Board Members Present: Margie Butler, Raeann Koerner, Kay Medel, Jim Wall, Gary Ansok, Gerri Knilans and Suzanne Brenner

Absent Members: Craig Kavin and Sue Houk

Guests Present: Mark Eckhout

The meeting was called to order Margie Butler at 10:49 a.m..

Old/Continuing Business

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Kay Mendel to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2024 meeting, and 2nd by Gerri Knilans, M/S/A.

Treasurer's Report (Kay Mendel)

Prior to the meeting, Kay had emailed her report to the board for review. In summary:

Sheet 1: Monthly Income and Expense

We had a loss in March of \$163. We purchased a new printer for \$172, so would have broken even without that.

Sheet 2: TBT Detail

We had a loss of \$182. This is partly due to the Stac games which at \$8/T was considerably more than our usual \$1.15/T.

Sheet 3 Towne House Detail

We had a gain of \$79. This is due to our theme game on March 16th which drew ten tables.

A motion was made by Suzanne Brenner to approve the Treasurer Report for February 2024, and 2nd by Jim Wall, M/S/A.

Club Operations & Management (Jim Wall)

Prior to the meeting Jim had sent to the board the attendance report. Player attendance was discussed at this time. Jim asked Kay for clarification and it was clarified that currently we do not generate enough income to cover our current expenses. In order to attempt to increase game attendance the board decided to:

- Add special games on Thursday's when possible
- Students that attend Raeann's class will be given a Free Play to participate in a limited game. Raeann will make the determination when a player is ready to potentially participate
- Don and Ann Klein may give a Free Play to their students when they determine that they are ready to participate for a Thursday game.
- Raeann and Suzanne will give a Free Play to those players that play in the Wednesday limited to game to encourage their participation in a Thursday game

Margie will create the Free Play Vouchers. The voucher needs to be completed with the individual's name and it is for one time use.

Gary Ansok will order the convention cards which we need.

Venue for Tournaments (Mark)

Mark provided a report that detailed the historical overview of the Unit's tournaments. The report also detailed the information gained by Mark and Bob Gruber about potential sites. Kay and Mark also visited two of the locations. The locations discussed were:

Camarillo YMCA, Camarillo

Arroyo Vista Rec Center, Moorpark

PVRPD, Camarillo

Crosspointe Church, Ventura

Townehouse, Ventura

Knights of Columbus, Ventura

Two other locations suggested were:

Somis Thursday Club, Somis

Poinsettia Pavilion, Ventura

In summary of the details and discussion, Mark will proceed with discussions with the Camarillo YMCA and the PVRPD auditorium as a potential site for a May/June/July location for a sectional for 2024.

Mark and Rose Buckley will contact Crosspoint Church about the return of the tables/equipment that are still stored at their location. At that time, they will also inquire about the deposit that was paid to the church for the last tournament that was not held.

It was discussed about possibly holding a One Day limited game or One Day Swiss Team game at Crosspoint in order to use the deposit if we cannot have the deposit

returned.

Newspaper ad for Townehouse game (Margie)

A motion was made by Suzanne Brenner for Margie to proceed in the placement of an advertisement in the Ventura Breeze not to exceed \$400.00, and 2nd by Jim Wall, M/S/A.

Mini McKinney & Ace of Clubs awards (Margie)

The awards will be presented on May 2, 2024.

New Business

ACBL member retention project (Gerri)

Gerri has volunteered to take on the 555 Retention Project for the ACBL. She will call all inactive members on the ACBL report and inquire as to why and see if they might be interested in playing again.

She will also use the no longer in existence Bridge Academy phone booklet and will call individuals to inquire about their potential interest in joining a game with our Unit.

Game Fee increase (Kay)

The discussion was tabled for the next meeting due to time restraints today. It was discussed that Kay and Raeann will generate possible options for the board to discuss prior to our next meeting.

Margie Butler, President, adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary.