

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

May 13, 2021 via Zoom

“Bridge for Everyone”

Present: Rose Buckley, Mark Eckhout, Larry Pelletier, Lorraine Salvatore, Barbara Fitzgerald, Charles Clarke (left after Club Manager’s Report), Margie Butler, Barry Brenner, Parker Mann and Doug Hahn.

- 1) Lorraine called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Old Business

- 2) The minutes of the 4-8-2021 Board Meeting were reviewed. Rose moved that they be approved. It was seconded. All were in favor of approval. (MSA = Moved, seconded and approved)

Minutes for the special meetings held April 16th and April 19th will be distributed to board members; their approval is pending.

Doug moved that Unit 547 move forward with plans to combine with Unit 532. MSA. This documents and modifies the email motion that was submitted by Lorraine on April 21st replacing the word “merge” with the word “combine”.

- 3) Charles presented the financial statement for March 2021. Larry moved for the approval of the March statements. MSA
- 4) Parker requested \$200 for publishing game and tournament announcements. Rose moved for the approval of funding the \$200 for mass mailing services. MSA
- 5) Club Operations and Management. Barry lead a discussion which noted a decline in attendance for our on-line games and clarified ACBL’s stance on returning to face-to-face (FTF) games: comply with local health guidelines.
- 6) Tournaments. ACBL has postponed new FTF tournaments until December, with a kick-off event that will be held in Palm Springs. Coordination with our venues is continuing. Lorraine (with Diane Gunther, who is a candidate for Tournament Chair when/if the units are combined) will contact Josh Rosenbluth for setting dates with ACBL for our Valentines Sectional in February 2022 and our Strawberry Sectional in April 2022.
- 7) A discussion was led by Lorraine regarding combining with Unit 532 (Thousand Oaks). Lorraine and Diane have contacted ACBL and were given 4 approaches for the combination that were documented in emails to our Board. It was considered to pre-approve one these approaches pending Unit 532’s decision on the matter. This action was differed until after Unit 532’s upcoming Board meeting and hearing their intentions. Approaches involving voting and approval of unit memberships may be problematic with non-responsive members.

New Business

- 8)** Margie reported on progress of her Working Group for initiating FTF games. She is supported by the following group members: Barry, Mark, Gary Feldman, Allen Greenburg, Chris Gillmon, Barbara and Bob Gruber. Bob is coordinating with the City of Camarillo (Senior Center) and there is a general agreement for games on Monday, Friday and Saturday. Details are pending. Barry is coordinating with Temple Beth Torah for re-opening our games on Tuesday (open and novice), Wednesday (1750) and Thursday (open). Details are pending. Chris is investigating opening games in Ojai. The initial thought of the Working Group is to have open BBO games on Wednesday and Sunday. The target for FTF games to start is July 15th.
- 9)** Rose noted that Margie will replace her in attending on-line ACBL Directors sessions.
- 10)** District 22 has monthly "Dynamo Awards". Rose had sequentially nominated board members who stepped up with the loss of our past Club Manager, Tom Ciacio. Lorraine asked for us to note "dynamic" volunteers and bring up their names for this award. A photo and 150 word description is needed for these submissions.
- 11)** Meeting was adjourned at 12:04.

Respectfully submitted: Douglas Hahn, Secretary