

Unit 547 Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2024
Temple Beth Torah

Board Members Present: Margie Butler, Raeann Koerner, Kay Mendel, Jim Wall, Gary Ansok, Craig Kavin, Sue Houk, and Suzanne Brenner

Absent Members: Gerri Knilans

Guests Present: Mark Eckhout

The meeting was called to order Margie Butler at 10:50 a.m..

Old/Continuing Business

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Craig Kavin to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2024 meeting, and 2nd by Jim Wall, 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 gain of \$910 this month, due to no unusual expenses and to Sue's efforts to reduce the snack expense.

Sheet 2: TBT Detail

We had a gain of \$431 for the month. There is a comparison that shows that while our table number has increased 50% our net income is nearly the same.

Sheet 3: TH Detail

We had a gain of \$16, mainly due to the generous donations from players.

A motion was made by Suzanne Brenner to approve the Treasurer Report for April 2024, and 2nd by Craig Kavin, M/S/A.

Club Operations & Management (Jim Wall)

Jim confirmed that at this time we have not seen an increase in attendance in the Thursday or Saturday games. It was clarified that the free play vouchers were given out the previous week to the Wednesday players in hopes of encouraging

play on Thursdays. In addition, the advertisement in the *Ventura Breeze* appeared last week for the first time for the Saturday game.

At this time, Jim will continue to schedule the June games as usual since we do not have any additional information in regards to a potential tournament date.

Venue for Tournaments (Mark)

Mark reported that he has been in contact with our point person at the Camarillo YMCA and is waiting for confirmation for a potential date for a tournament in June and clarification of the costs for the use of the facility. He will contact the board with the information as available and the board will vote if necessary via email due to the timing issue of waiting for our next meeting.

Mark will confirm approval with ACBL for our date and flyer. Our table fee will be \$15.00.

Mark volunteered to be the liaison for the Halloween Sectional and will be using Pianola for advertising the event. He is also pursuing a limited game to entice newer players to participate as well, possibly a 0-99 game. Another consideration is to allow players with 20 or less Master Points to play free.

New Business

Game Fee Increase (Margie and Kay)

Prior to the meeting Margie had sent the board a handout to outline the analysis for the proposed game fee increase. Following Margie and Kay's explanation of their analysis, Jim Wall made a motion to increase all game fees by \$1.00 beginning June 1, 2024. Margie will notify the membership of the change, as well as explain why we are making this decision and providing information about the fees that are charged by other neighboring clubs. The motion was 2nd by Suzanne Brenner, M/S/A.

Jason Schroeder- Partner App - (Jim)

Jason called and spoke with the board regarding a proposal for our club to utilize an app that would allow for an individual to complete a form online, submit it to Jason, and he could then pair the individual with potential partners within our club. Current club members could opt in to participate. At this time, this would be at no cost; with the understanding that there would be a fee at some future date if we choose to continue using the service. At this time the board requested that Jason send the form to Jim/Margie to review and we could discuss at a future meeting.

Bad Behavior issue (Raeann)

A recent incident at a game resulted in a letter being sent to the board. The

board decided that a letter of probation would be sent by Margie to the offending member in order to express our concern that this type of behavior will not be allowed at our games and in hopes to deter any further poor behavior. A motion was made by Gary Ansok that a letter would be sent with a 3 month probation period, and 2nd by Suzanne Brenner, M/S/A.

Craig Kavin offered to meet with the directors to determine best standard practices in situations that require a director to be called to a table.

“Timer” computer (Gary)

At this time the minicomputer will be used for this purpose. Margie will investigate if an old Toshiba computer will be able to be operational in the future.

Update Job Descriptions (Margie)

Prior to the meeting Margie had sent the board a handout to review potential changes to some of our current job descriptions. The proposed changes were highlighted in yellow. It was agreed that members should review the proposed changes, send Margie feedback, and the discussion can occur at our next meeting.

Crosspointe Church deposit (Kay)

It was determined that we had not heard of a resolution of the deposit that Crosspointe Church holds at this time.

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

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary.