

Unit 547 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday November 12,2024
Temple Beth Torah

Board Members Present: Raeann Koerner, Bunny Raymond, Gerri Knilans, Suzanne Brenner, Sue Houk, Jim Wall, and Gary Ansok

Absent Members: Craig Kavin and Kay Mendel

The meeting was called to order Raeann Koerner at 11:02 a.m..

Old/Continuing Business

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Sue Houk to approve the minutes from October 22, 2024 and 2nd by Bunny Raymond, M/S/A.

Treasurer's Report (Kay Mendel)

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

We had a gain of \$1360 this month. This is mostly due to the \$1081 from ACBL for the "requit performance and unit dues for the first three quarters of 2024."

We had a gain of \$46 for the month. This was a nice surprise since we did not have games for two days due to TBT needs and three days due to the regionals.

Suzanne Brenner made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report for October, 2nd by Bunny Raymond, M/S/A.

We had not voted to accept the September minutes during our meeting last month, though it was presented and discussed. Sue Houk made a motion to accept the September Treasurer Report, 2nd by Bunny Raymond, M/S/A.

Club Operations & Management (Jim Wall)

Jim had sent the attendance report prior to the meeting.

Director Liaison Report (Gary Ansok)

The dealing machines have not been sent in yet to be repaired. Gary will do that at this point and will pay for the repairs and submit receipts to Kay for reimbursement.

He hopes to coordinate a meeting with the directors and Craig after the first of the

year due to personal schedules.

It was confirmed that when directors need to make changes to their scheduled game, they will contact Gary for schedule changes.

Tables (Kay Mendel)

Many of our currently used white tables have warped, having ripples on them. The tables were purchased in 2012, and have a 10 year warranty. Kay will still make an inquiry with the company that we had purchased the tables from to see if we might be able to be compensated in any way.

Cross Pointe Church (Raeann)

Rose did request a return of the \$400.00 deposit that we had paid to Cross Pointe Church prior to our need to cancel due to Covid. But that church no longer exists and there are no individuals for us to work with. It was decided that we will accept this as a loss on our financial records.

Ventura Halloween Tournament Report (Mark/ Raeann)

Mark had sent the board a report prior to the meeting because he was unable to attend. Discussion was led by Raeann.

Suggestions for next year:

Creation of a handout that would list the restaurants in the area.

Improve advertising for Food Share prior to the event - explaining to players that they could bring items from home and/or make a cash donation for the sponsored charity. Our flyers and the District magazine could provide more clarification.

Discuss potential partnerships for the tournament within our club, providing a sign up area up to a month in advance.

Discuss our caddy needs more than a month in advance, so that we can ask our membership for assistance if needed.

Attempt to find set-up and clean-up crews by discussing with our membership more than a month in advance.

Community West Bank

Gary Ansok made a motion that our minutes reflect that Kay Mendel and Raeann Koerner are the two individuals who have the authority to open an account and sign/or appoint signers on the accounts for our unit, and 2nd by Jim Wall, M/S/A.

New Business

Birthday Celebration (Sue Houk)

November birthdays will be celebrated on November 19th.

New Year Glitter Game (Susan Lang)

The special game will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Valentine Sectional (Mark Eckhout/ Raeann)

The event will be held on February 22 & 23 at Pleasant Valley Auditorium in Camarillo.

Mark had "Save the Date" flyers available at the Ventura Halloween Tournament.

Raeann plans to advertise the event using Pianola to a larger audience than our typical distribution audience.

Strawberry Tournament (Raeann)

Raeann will speak with Mark about pursuing a location for this event to be held mid-May if possible as soon as possible.

It was suggested that a checklist of items that need to be accomplished for every tournament (sectional and regionals) be created. It should include the activity, the person responsible and the date the action needs to be completed. Hopefully we can ensure nothing falls between the cracks.

Door Incident at the temple (Bunny)

Bunny described the incident that had occurred and how it was handled at the time. It was agreed that Raeann will create a list of rules/requirements for our membership to be placed on our website, given to all of the students of the classes taught at TBT, and to all new players who come to our club. Raeann will send a copy to the board to review prior to distribution.

The areas to be addressed include, but are not limited to:

Door access - entering and leaving the temple

Driveway - how to enter the parking lot and where to park

Unit Presidents Zoom Meeting (Raeann)

Raeann learned that we are able to use the ACBL logo on our website, and we would like to add that. Raeann will speak with Rose about facilitation of implementation.

There are a number of features - types of games for extra points, donations

to organizations tied to games, etc. that she has learned about. She intends to gain more understanding and share at the next meeting. Gary added that the *Speakeasy* November mailer from ACBL also provided information.

Other:

Holiday Party

Planned for December 19th as long as there is no conflict for TBT. It was suggested to have potentially a special game bracket for the day to possibly entice additional players to participate based on their point counts- go from a 199er game to a 299er game.

Annual Meeting

We will discuss the day for the annual meeting at the December meeting. It was suggested that we discuss what should be addressed at the meeting as well. Some suggestions were:

Our boards priorities/goals

Vote for board members if necessary

Discuss our needs as a club in terms of volunteers for the upcoming year - possibly have sign-ups at that time. We could encourage everyone to participate in some way.

Door responsibility

Raeann is coordinating the individuals who are responsible for opening the door for game days. The person is to be there by 11:45 a.m. for the game day. This does not address the need for when there is a class being held.

Educational Chairperson (Raeann)

Raeann is resigning as the Education Chairperson effective immediately. She will continue to teach her class, but with her other responsibilities for our unit, she would like to try to find someone else that might be interested in the position.

Next meeting

Our December meeting will be on December 17th at 11:00 a.m.

Raeann Koerner, President, adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary.