

Unit 547 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 24, 2025
Temple Beth Torah

Board Members Present: Raeann Koerner, Kay Mendel, Suzanne Brenner, Gerri Knilians, Gary Ansok, Jim Wall, Craig Kavim, and Bunny Raymond.

Guest Member: Mark Eckhout

The meeting was called to order by Raeann Koerner at 11:06 a.m..

Old/Continuing Business

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Kay Mendel to approve the minutes from May 20, 2025 and 2nd by Craig Kavim, M/S/A.

Treasurer's Report (Kay Mendel)

Prior to our meeting Kay had sent her report to the board. In summary:

Sheet 1: Monthly Income and Expense
We had a gain for the month of \$1615.

Sheet 2: TBT Detail
We had a gain for the month of \$926.

Sheet 3: 23-25 Events
This has been revised slightly to reflect bills received later.
We had a gain of \$3032.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer Report by Suzanne Brenner, 2nd by Bunny Raymond, M/S/A

Director Liaison Report (Gary Ansok)

No report at this time.

Pay for Chris and/or Gary advance director training

Gary will research what is necessary for the training, including the costs to cover the necessary training.

We also discussed that at our recent sectional the work/effort that John had demonstrated and that we felt it would be appropriate for us to demonstrate

our appreciation. A motion was made by Kay Mendel for our Unit to send John a thank you card and a check for \$200.00, 2nd by Gerri Knilians, M/S/A.

Club Operations & Management (Jim Wall)

Prior to the meeting Jim sent to the board the most recent Attendance Report.

Players not getting emails - (Bunny)

Bunny reported that at this time, the problems appear to have been rectified.

Saturday Game (Raeann)

This is still an issue that Raeann will work on, and invited all board members to continue to look for potential locations.

New Business

Recruitment of New Directors

Jody retiring at the end of 2025

There was discussion as to who might be interested in going through the training to potentially become a director. Gary and Raeann will be in contact with those individuals mentioned in discussions. It was suggested that it could be a part of the announcements made by the game directors to let members know that we are looking for individuals that might be interested in pursuing the training.

Strawberry Tournament Report (Mark)

Prior to the meeting Mark had sent the board a detailed report as a wrap-up to the recent tournament with his suggestions as to how we might proceed.

Based on the research and data Mark provided, we anticipate that we will have 2 Open tournaments (Valentine Sectional, 1st week of February and Strawberry Sectional, end of May) and one limited game in early Fall.

Celebrating June/July Birthdays

June Birthday celebration would be today, June 24. The July celebration will be on July 22nd.

Ice Cream Social in August

Susan Lang has offered to plan for a special game which will be held on August 14th. Everyone was appreciative of her efforts.

Awards June 25

Raeann announced she was prepared for the event.

Pro-Am Game (Gerri)

This was tabled for a future meeting. It was discussed as to how we have had this type of event in the past (positives and negatives) and thought that learning how the 750 Club and the Santa Barbara Club plan for such events could be helpful.

Strategic Plan & Status of need for new members and board member training guidelines (Gerri)

Gerri suggested the benefit of our Unit having these types of documents could benefit our organization in the long run. In a couple of meetings we could determine our Mission Statement, Goals for our club, Policies and Procedures for board members, etc. Raeann thought it is possible that some of this may have been done in the past by previous boards. It was questioned if these types of guidelines may already exist from the ACBL or other clubs that we could use as guidelines. This was tabled for future discussion.

Member Recognition awards - (Gerri)

Gerri's suggestion was discussed and ultimately it was decided that we felt it was important to recognize the volunteers from our recent Sectional. We will acknowledge these individuals with a free play on August 6th, Volunteer Appreciation Day. In addition, there was discussion of recognizing volunteers possibly on a monthly basis. As well, we could allow the membership the opportunity to recommend a member for an appreciation award. Suzanne and Gerri offered to discuss further and will report back to the board about the topic.

Next meeting

Will be held on July 15, 2025.

Raeann Koerner, President, adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary.