

**Unit 547 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**  
**Temple Beth Torah**

Board Members Present: Raeann Koerner, Bunny Raymond, Kay Mendel, Suzanne Brenner, Gerri Knilans, Gary Ansok, Jim Wall, Criag Kavin, Buki Burke, and Ray Tsuiuki.

Guests: Richard Fox, Mark Eckhout, and Hank Oster

The meeting was called to order by Bunny Raymond at 11:09 a.m.

Bunny welcomed the guests to our meeting and then the new members to the board - Buki and Ray.

**Approval of Minutes** - A motion was made by Gerri Knilans to approve the minutes from January 20, 2025 and 2nd by Craig Kavin, M/S/A.

**Treasurer Report - Kay Mendel**

Prior to the meeting Kay sent the board her report for consideration:

Sheet 1: Monthly Income and Expense  
We had a net gain of \$67.

Sheet 2: TBT Detail  
We had a loss for the month of \$473. This is due to the expenses of the annual meeting of \$598 which are included in the TBT expenses. If we subtract those expenses we'd actually have a net gain of \$125.

She also attached a "23-26 Events" sheet which shows the details of the expenses for the annual meeting as well as prior years.

A motion was made by Suzanne Brenner to accept the Treasurer Report as presented, 2nd by Gerri Knilans, M/S/A.

**Club Manager's Report - Jim Wall**

Prior to the meeting Jim had sent to the board our unit's "In and Out" report for transactions made in January 2026.

He also sent the January Attendance Report. He noted that the Wednesday total numbers are correct and the 299er game is now correctly labeled.

Lastly, he also sent the Guest Member Report for the New Sapphire Program as of 5/1/2025.

### **Director Liaison Report - Gary Ansok**

Gary reported that at this time, he and Chris will be sharing the director responsibilities, and at this time we do not have an anticipated time for Stan to be returning as a director. We all hope that this will be something that will be able to happen in the future.

Gary has sent a letter out to individuals that could be potential directors to assess their potential interest.

He has spoken to Diane Gunther and Jeff Goldberg in addition about their interest and availability.

The board discussed the amount of our director's current pay and different options were considered. After discussion, Gerri Knilans made a motion to increase our director's pay to \$170 per session and leave the additional pay options as they are currently defined for creating a 2nd flight of boards, and the fee for working with extra tables over 10. The directors will continue to be responsible for seeing that coffee is made, snacks are put out and clean up is done either by themselves or volunteers. The motion was 2nd by Jim Walls, M/S/A, Gary Ansok abstaining in the vote. This will be effective as of today.

### **Old/Continuing Business**

#### **Saturday Game**

Gary is willing to be the primary director when he is in town, and will continue to look for other directors for this game. He will create a list of what a director will need to bring or have brought to the game location in Camarillo. Bunny and Suzanne offered to bring the materials to Camarillo and return to Ventura as necessary. The initial list that was discussed was: computer, printer, boards, and paper supplies. Pencils need to be added to the list. Gerri and Bunny have offered the use of a coffee pot. Mark will check to see if there is a coffee pot on site. Snacks and paper goods have not been clarified at this time.

### **Review of the Annual Meeting**

The consensus was the meeting went well overall. There were approximately 50 people at the lunch/meeting, and 82 players for the day. Total costs for the event was approximately \$600. Gerri suggested that we consider making our goals for the year known and posted, and provide an opportunity for our members to see what we work towards and how successful we are at achieving these goals.

### **Beginning Bridge Class**

This class began last week with 2 tables. Raeann anticipates that she will have 3 tables this week, and have continued growth as the class continues. It was suggested that Raeann remind her students to park in the back of the parking lot.

Gerri shared that the 750 Club had started a beginning bridge class with much success and thought we should inquire as to how they had advertised their class to gain such success in participants.

### **Publicity - Richard Fox**

Richard shared a brochure that he had created by using Raeann's original Beginning Bridge class brochure to hand out at locations that he plans to visit, for our current membership to have and distribute, etc. It was decided that we wanted to be able to review and possibly make suggestions for the final draft prior to the final printing. Gerri volunteered to print the brochures to be used.

### **Saturday Game**

#### **Update on Strawberry and Harvest Sectional Tournaments - Mark Eckhout**

Prior to the meeting Mark sent the board a report summarizing the current status of his work.

Mark will proceed with the plans with the PVPD for the Strawberry Festival.

### **New Business**

## **Dates for Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs Presentation**

We anticipate having the award presentation in June of 2026, and coordinate the event with the birthday celebration that month. Gary offered to order the medals, noting that last year they were purchased from Baron's. Gary clarified that the medals come in a set, excluding the top 3 award winner medals. Raeann will discuss with the individuals that have earned one of the top 3 awards, to see if they actually want the medal before they are ordered.

Raeann will be creating the certificates that need to be awarded.

## **March Board Meeting**

The meeting will be held on March 10th at 10:30 a.m.

## **February Birthday Celebration - Kay**

The birthday celebration will be on Feb. 24th, and Kay has volunteered to bring the cake.

## **Newcomer Orientation Packet - Gerri**

Raeann thanked Gerri for her efforts in the creation of the document. It was decided that the document would be added to the website once it is in its final draft format.

## **Review of By-laws today after the game**

President, Raeann Koerner, adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 4:11p.m.

The board decided that in the next Pionola blast, it will be announced that we have decided to increase the director' pay due to our appreciation for their efforts.

We reviewed and discussed the bylaws from 2009 that are currently posted on our

website. We discussed line-by-line the entire document.

Raeann will reach out to Alan Greenberg from Ojai to see if they might be interested in having someone attend our board meetings.

Jim Wall will check with the ACBL about specific questions we have before we proceed. He will contact Tony Green and proceed as necessary.

Our next Team Game was discussed, and decided that it would be held on April 7. Gary suggested that a round robin format worked well and would like to do that again.

Due to the timing constraints for the temple on Wednesdays, we will begin our games only on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. starting on February 25th.

There was discussion about the In and Out report, that it provides information that might be best investigated which of course does take more effort for someone. Bunny shared what she does currently as being the membership chair and agreed that there is more that can be done. Both Ray and Buki volunteered to assist Bunny in all that she is attempting to accomplish.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary.