

Unit 547 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 14, 2024
Temple Beth Torah

Board Members Present: Raeann Koerner, Bunny Raymond, Kay Mendel, Suzanne Brenner, Sue Houk, Craig Kavin, Gerri Knilans, and Jim Wall.

Absent Member: Gary Ansok

Guest Member: Mark Eckhout

The meeting was called to order Raeann Koerner at 11:04 a.m..

Old/Continuing Business

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Gerri Knilans to approve the minutes from December 17, 2024 and 2nd by Kay Mendel, M/S/A.

Treasurer's Report (Kay Mendel)

Kay sent her report prior to the meeting to the board to review.

Sheet 1: Monthly Income and Expense

We had a gain of \$1577 this month. This is mostly due to the annual recording of interest income of \$1320 on our CD and money market checking accounts.

Sheet 2: TBT Detail

We had a gain of \$59 in December for our games at TBT.

She also sent the annual treasurer's report and P&L which she plans to distribute at the annual meeting. She requested that board members review and provide comments/suggestions as necessary.

A motion was made by Suzanne Brenner to approve the Treasure Report for December and 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)- not attending

Jody reported that one of the dealing machines has been sent in for repair.

The director's meeting is still anticipated to occur, hopefully in January, but needs to be scheduled based on participants availability.

Holiday Gifts

It was confirmed that this did occur for Martha and Camillo, temple employees, to indicate our appreciation for their efforts.

Free Play Gifts

Minutes were going to be reviewed from the previous year.

Glitter Game Update

It was shared what Susan had done for the game and everyone was in agreement that the game was a success and Susan had once again done a wonderful job!

New Business

Annual Meeting - (Raeann)

The Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, January 30th at 11:00. Lunch will be provided and all participants may play free on that day.

Raeann requested that if anyone had something that they would like to have discussed at the annual meeting/ or included in the President's Report to please email her as soon as possible.

The agenda will be:

Budget Report (Kay)

Membership Report (Bunny)

Members who have passed away in 2024 (Raeann)

President's Report (Raeann)- suggested to thank those members that have made significant monetary donations to our club, to recognize the Cline's for their efforts, as well as Susan Lang.

It was suggested that Raeann discuss what our goals for the year are. One suggestion was the interest in holding a game on a Saturday again in the future. Raeann was going to inquire about the Town House in the downstairs area that we had used previously - costs, etc. It was also suggested to remind our membership how successful we are as a club in comparison to other clubs.

St. Paddy's Game (Raeann)

It was confirmed that the special game is planned for March 13 by Susan Lang.

Recruitment of non-board position chairs including Hospitality (Raeann)

At this time we do not have an individual that is willing to take on this role as a board member or non-board member. Ideally we would prefer to have one individual who would assume this position for everyday. But if not, it was suggested that possibly we can find someone for Tuesdays only, Wednesdays only and Thursdays only based on their playing schedule. We would be looking for someone who could take out simple snacks (crackers, cookies, pretzels, nuts) and then clean up the items for that particular game. Kay will continue to be responsible for maintaining our supply of paper goods. Suzanne offered to be responsible for purchasing the food items unless someone else is interested. We did not discuss the monthly birthday celebration. The director's will be responsible for coffee preparations and clean up, and the board is willing to compensate the director's \$10.00 for this task.

Power Off at Temple Protocols (Raeann)

Due the recent power outage at the temple resulting in the cancellation of the game, Raeann will be responsible for being in contact with the temple and will make a decision if cancelling a game is necessary by 10:30 a.m. whenever possible to give more time to be able to attempt to contact our membership.

Valentine Sectional (Mark)

The event will be held on February 21 & 22 at Pleasant Valley Auditorium in Camarillo.

\$2500 partial payment made in Nov. 2023. \$2057 final payment to be made this week. Total costs \$4557 and a \$400 refundable cleaning deposit.

Table fees will be \$16.00 for all games. It was decided that a lunch option will not be provided. Mark will create a list of the local restaurants in the area for participants.

Mark will confirm with Lynn Yokel, the director, to make this a cashless tournament.

Mark will look into the possibility of players being able to prepay their fees so we have an idea of participation numbers. He has already heard from some people who are interested in participating.

Mark would like to find an assistant to work with Lynn.

Mark has negotiated a special rate at the Bella Capri hotel, in downtown Camarillo, for Lynn.

Mark will be creating the final edition for the flyer and will send it to Raeann for approval today. With approval, will then be sent to the ACBL for approval. Once that is given, Mark will send it to Gerri who has volunteered to have the flyers printed for us.

Once the flyer is printed and approved the Pianola can be sent out. Mark would like to send out the Pianola announcement every couple of weeks if possible. It was suggested that hard copies of the flyers should be given to the Senior Games in Simi Valley, Moorepark, Agoura, Ventura, and Thousand Oaks. They should also be given to the Santa Barbara Bridge Club, the 750 Club in the Valley, and the Monday game in Ojai.

Bunny will be responsible to ensure that all possible players have an ACBL number and/or that their memberships are current; as well as ordering name badges for interested members and board members as necessary.

Kay volunteered to be responsible for the Partnership Desk for the sectional.

Sue volunteered to be responsible for Hospitality for the sectional.

Pre-Registration needs someone with the technical expertise to set this up for us.

Agenda items not discussed due to time:

Recruitment of new members to the board

Bracketed Pair games will be starting at Regionals

Next meeting

Our February meeting will be on the 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Raeann Koerner, President, adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Brenner, Secretary.