

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
January 8, 2015, 11:20 a.m.

Present: Gary Morgan, Evelyn Fox, Dagmar Ragnow, and Judy Kupperman
Invited Guest: Tom Ciacio

1. A motion to suspend the rules and declare a quorum to enable the Unit to conduct business was made by Dagmar and seconded by Judy. The motion passed unanimously. Gary called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.
2. The minutes of the board meeting of November 6, 2014, were approved as read (moved by Dagmar and seconded by Judy; unanimous).
3. Dagmar gave the Treasurer's report for October. The Unit lost money due to the purchase of the new dealing machine and the table count was down, in part because we were closed one week because of the regional. She also gave the report for November. The Unit got 50% of the cost of the new dealing machine back when the old dealing machine was sold to the Thousand Oaks Unit. The Unit made a profit in 2014 and the table count is up for the month and the year to date. The reports were approved as read (moved by Judy and seconded by Evelyn).
4. Gary reported on the status of the January 24 Annual Meeting/Dinner. He and Dagmar met with the Marketing Director of the Townhouse, Serena Whitcomb. The chef of the Townhouse attended the meeting. They said that there will be a person there, at all times, to oversee the food and service and we should not experience the problems we had last year.
5. Gary reported that Bob Gruber will become manager of the Bridge Academy in Thousand Oaks. He has told Gary he will continue to manage the next 299er Sectional. He will also finish putting the directory together. Ken Thompson will take over as Web Master.
6. Gary also reported that the joint letter (from Gary and Unit 532 president Joe Conti) regarding the boundaries of Units 547 and 532 was sent to ACBL. The ACBL will address the issue within the next three weeks.
7. The 299er Sectional Tournament will be held on February 14-15. It will be a 3-session event. There will be two sessions on Saturday, February 14. On Sunday, February 15, there will be single session. There will also be a regular open game on Saturday.
8. The April Sectional tournament was discussed. It will be held on April 16-18 at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. There will be six sessions of bridge. On Sunday, a two session IMP Pairs game will be held. The cost will be \$50 per pair and will include lunch. The board also asked Judy to contact the Performing Arts Center about available dates for 2016.
9. Tom C. said that he has shopped for a new storage cabinet and has found one that is metal and six inches wider than we have now. He will check with Temple Manager Martha Richardson to see if the larger size will fit without causing a problem with Temple storage.
10. Tom C. gave the club manager's report. He said that attendance is improving somewhat. The Women's Pairs game is holding its own (with the 199er game) and attendance at the Saturday games is up.

Gary adjourned the meeting at 12:16 p.m. The next board meeting will be held (tentatively) on February 5, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Fox, Secretary