

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
January 11, 2014, 3:15 P.M.

1. President Gary Morgan called the meeting to order at 3:15 P.M. He noted that this was the 42nd annual meeting.
2. Gary introduced the members of the current board. He gave a review of the past year's accomplishments. A 299er Sectional Tournament was created. It will be held on January 18-19, 2014. It will take place at the Camarillo Senior Center.
The trophy for the Unit 299er winning the most Master Points will be named "The Pete Bendorf Memorial Trophy." Also new to the Unit is the Womens Pairs Game. Gary thanked Susan Lang for her help in promoting the game. He also thanked Michael Gaddis for his help in setting up the tables and chairs for each Unit-owned game. Dennis Charles was also thanked for all his help in picking up and delivering tables and chairs to tournaments.
3. Gary also gave some facts and figures about our Unit. Unit 547 has 242 members. There are 85 Life Masters. The average age of the membership is 72.9 years. We gained 9.25% members and the Unit ranks 49th out of 300 ACBL Units. The table count, at Unit-owned games, is down a full table a week from 2012. The Unit also bought 12 new tables, which will replace aging ones.
4. Dagmar Ragnow gave the Treasurer's report.
5. Gary talked about the lighting problem at the Temple. He said that the Unit is working with the Temple to improve the lighting.
6. Jim Rupp announced the nominees for the Board. They are: Gary Morgan, Evelyn Fox and Thomas Kline. Jim, Buki Burke and Don Cline made up the nominating committee. Jim Rupp moved that the candidates be elected by acclimation; Richard Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. As there were no nominations from the floor, the slate was accepted.
7. JoAnn Bowen spoke from the floor regarding the Bridgemates. She moved that the Bridgemates should show all the results, not just the percentage. Alan Greenberg seconded the motion, which then passed.
8. Judy Kupperman reported on the Non-Life Master Sectional. She will be responsible for taking care of refreshments. She asked that members please donate snacks. Bob Gruber said that the sectional games will be held at 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M.
9. Gary introduced Samantha Crisp, the Marketing Director of the Townhouse, and thanked the Townhouse for hosting the Unit annual meeting for the second year.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

At this point, per the By Laws, the newly-elected board met in closed session to elect the Executive Committee. The elected Executive Committee is: Gary Morgan, President; Judy Kupperman, Vice President; Evelyn Fox, Secretary; Dagmar Ragnow, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Fox, Secretary