

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 ANNUAL MEETING
January 28, 2017, 3:25 P.M at Ventura Townhouse

1. President Dennis Charles called the annual meeting to order at 3:25 P.M.
2. Dennis was pleased to announce that, in 2016, the club held all of our card fees to \$6 per session with no additional fees for special games such as STACs. There were no card fees for our Holiday dinner and annual meeting. Dinners were free to unit members for both. Our Wednesday game attendance has doubled year-over-year.
3. Dagmar submitted the Treasurer's report for 2016. In 2016 our 499er Valentine's (Feb.) sectional, our Spring (April) open sectional and our Fall (Oct) 499er sectional were all successful – well-received, well-attended and money makers for our club. The club has \$30,000 reserve in the bank. Our expenses will go up in 2017 due to Temple Beth Torah higher property taxes. Our portion of \$360 / month will be added to our normal monthly rent. The board increased the unit club's directors' minimum flat fees to \$85 per session or \$8.5 per table. This will apply to directors of the club's Temple Beth Torah and Saturday Camarillo games, effective 1/1/2017.
4. Dennis thanked all who helped our director Tom Ciacio with the game today. We had a great turnout of twenty open tables and five 0-49er tables. Dennis also acknowledged the following persons for their volunteer service to the club in 2016:
 - Board members: John Anderson (Vice President), Dagmar Ragnow Morgan (Treasurer), Rose Buckley (Secretary), Ken Thompson (Web Master), Tom Kline (Membership), Susan Lang (Publicity).
 - Tom Ciacio (Club Manager), John Eliason (Disciplinary Chair) and Richard Fox (Recorder)
 - Tournament help: Rose Buckley (Feb. and Oct tournament chair), Richard Fox and Susan Lang (April tournament chair)
 - Judy and Mark Kupperman, not only for their selfless handling of the hospitality of our many tournaments over the last 10 years but also for their chairing hospitality for our 2016 Valentine and Spring sectionals
 - Mimi Draves and Karen Chakrabarti for chairing hospitality for our 2016 Fall sectional.
 - Mike Gaddis for coming early to set up all our games at the Temple – tables, chairs, game supplies, coffee and door monitor.
 - Ilona Smith for her beginning classes on Tuesday which help the club keep growing.
5. Dennis awarded the 499'er plaque to Tim and Sally Rea as overall winners of our Fall Sectional.
6. Tom Kline chaired the club's Nominating Committee. All board members serve 2-year terms. The committee proposed Dagmar, Ken and Dennis who volunteered to serve another 2-year term. The committee also proposed adding two new board members: Josh Rosenbluth and Joan Cathcart. Remaining on the board for their 2nd year are John, Ken, Susan, Tom K. and Rose. Mark Eckhout moved, and Nancy Wood seconded, a motion to accept these recommendations. The motion was passed by acclamation without dissent.
7. Game announcements: After the success of the New Year's Even "celebration" game in December, Susan announced she will continue the "celebration" theme once a month at Saturday's game in Camarillo. The next game is Feb 18th, President's day. Come and enjoy the festivities. Also, to allow folks to practice for the Swiss Pairs game during the Strawberry Sectional, we'll have a Swiss Pairs game at the Temple on Thur., Mar 2. Raeann is accepting food and money donations for our Valentine Sectional, Feb 11. Signup sheets are at all clubs or contact Raeann Koerner at rkoerner@vcccd.edu or 701-1919.
8. Dennis had a moment of remembrance for club members that have passed away in 2016: Peter Klopp, Rod Moore, Tony Von Teuber, John Funk, Jan Anderson, Joyce Bradley, Paul Ewing, and Dona Schoeffler.
9. Raeann explored the idea of the Unit having a night game for working folks. It was felt the additional expense may be too much at this time. However, we have a Saturday game in Camarillo available for them. John Eliason won the raffle of a beautiful basket of goodies.
10. Dennis adjourned the meeting at 3:40 P.M. The new board met briefly afterwards.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Buckley, VUBC Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
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Board Members Present: John Anderson, Rose Buckley, Joan Cathcart, Dennis Charles, Tom Kline, Susan Lang, Dagmar Ragnow Morgan, Ken Thompson,

1. President Dennis Charles called the special meeting of the newly elected board to order at 3:45 P.M.
2. We discussed whether to hold our next regular board meeting on Thur. Feb. 2 or to move it to the following Thursday. We will have several members missing from either one. It was decided our next meeting will be as originally scheduled, Feb. 2, 2017.
3. Board member duties were assigned. Dennis will continue as President, Dagmar as Treasurer and Rose as Secretary. John declined continuing on as Vice President. Susan Lang accepted the position of Vice President. John will continue doing the Unit Calendars. Susan will also handle Publicity. Tom Kline will continue as Membership Coordinator. Ken will continue as Web Master and Email Coordinator. Joan accepted the role of Hospitality Coordinator. Josh, not present, will be backup for Ken. Rose proposed that we consider a Tournament Coordinator to guide new tournament chairs through the "ropes".
4. Hospitality such as food and drinks contribute to the fellowship of the club. Susan suggested that we have at least minimum "hospitality" at all Temple games. A volunteer "hospitality" member can purchase something to bring. Dagmar said the club can budget \$10 / game for hospitality.
5. Dennis adjourned the meeting at 4:01 P.M. The next board meeting will be Thur. Feb 2, 2017, 11:15 at the Temple.

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