

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
Feb 2, 2017, 11:15 A.M

Board Members Present: Rose Buckley, Joan Cathcart, Dennis Charles, Tom Kline, Dagmar Ragnow Morgan, Josh Rosenbluth, Ken Thompson Invited Guest: Buki Burke

1. President Dennis Charles called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes of our January 5, 2017 and January 28, 2017 Board Meetings as well as the minutes for our January 28, 2017 Annual Meeting. The Jan 5 and Jan 28 minutes were revised as to the wording of the club directors' raise and a few small errors. The minutes were approved as revised. Rose will send copies of revised minutes to board members and Ken (for website publication).
3. Dagmar submitted the Treasurer's report for December 2016 month end as well as for 2016-year end (1/1/16 – 12/31/16). The club made about \$3000 profit last year, mostly from our tournaments. The club now has a reserve of \$30,000 in the bank. Increased expenses for 2017 are the \$360 additional monthly prorated tax offsets and higher director costs. The Treasurer's reports were reviewed and approved.
4. Our January 28th Annual Meeting had record attendance: Twenty open tables and five 0-49er tables. Everyone was given a free play. There were some guests that didn't pay as there was confusion as to who collects the money.
5. The Club Manager's report was deferred as Tom Ciacio was absent.
6. Tom Kline, our Membership Coordinator, sends out a Welcome Letter and a free play to all new members.
7. Buki gave us status on her Valentine Sectional, Feb 11, 2017. Publicity (flyers) have all been distributed by Susan. ACBL and local blasts have been done. Hospitality (Raeann Koerner is chair) is in good shape. Sign-up sheets for hospitality contributions / donations are at local clubs. There is a call for volunteer helpers for the morning and for cleanup. The facility will be open from 7:15 am to 7:15 pm that Saturday. Buki has already picked up many of the supplies she needs from our storage unit.
8. Strawberry Sectional, Fri. Mar. 31 to April 2. Josh, chair, gave a status report. We will rent padded chairs (enough for 50 tables) for \$100 for Friday and Saturday. Josh checked them out on-site. They will fit under the tables. Josh is working with Susan on distribution of flyers. Josh will work with Ken on our two email blast wordings: local and ACBL. Tom Ciacio requested a caddy helper for all three days. Martha, the Temple Beth Torah office manager, was highly recommended. Typical cost is \$40 / session – 6 sessions. Tom Ciacio, Josh and Rose will finish the facility layout by the 1st week in March and Josh will give it to Denise Cleric for facility setup. Josh will have two tables in the foyer for Welcome, Partnership, Prizes. A corkboard is needed with signage. The auditorium will be available from 8am to 7 pm. Dennis and Rose will pick up need hospitality supplies from storage on Thursday Mar 30.
9. Joan Cathcart shared some outreach ideas for increasing our regular attendance. She is preparing a special flyer for our Wednesday games and Saturday Chat game to post on bulletin boards at local mobile parks and community rooms in the area. She would like to get a template border with playing cards around it for 8 ½ x 11. Perhaps either Rose or Susan can find one. It was suggested that snacks be available at Tue. Wed, and Thur. games. Non-perishable items can be placed in the Temple closet to be available for our Tuesday and Thursday games. Joan is managing hospitality for Wed. games. She has a sign-up sheet. Those that offer to bring snacks can submit a receipt and get reimbursed up to \$10 – or they can give her money. Every contributor is recognized at the game. There is a birthday cake once a month. Ken mentioned that Bridge Academy II has a drawing for a free play.
10. 2017 Special Games: Our Swiss Pairs game will be held at the Temple on Thursday, March 2. Dennis has printed out the flyers. We will continue on the "Holiday" theme monthly to increase our Saturday game attendance. The next Holiday game will be Presidents Day, Saturday Feb 18th. Susan will be pulling this game together.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. Our next board meeting is Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Buckley
VUBC Secretary