

## MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2016 11:15 A.M

As Revised on 3/2/16

Present: Dennis Charles, Dagmar Ragnow, Ken Thompson, Susan Lang, John Anderson and Rose Buckley

Not Present: Tom Kline, Judy Kupperman

1. President Dennis Charles called the meeting to order at 11:25 PM.
2. The January 7 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Discussion on Item 6 as to whether the 299er trophy should now be changed to 499er as the Winter sectional is now a 499er event. Dennis said that awarding the trophy will stay the same for now – to the 299er player(s) or pair having the highest combined score for both sessions. Dagmar suggested that we give future consideration of a Certificate, rather than a trophy. Minutes were approved without change.
3. The January 30<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.
4. Dagmar distributed the Dec 1-30, 2015 Treasurer's Report. She explained the Miscellaneous items were Christmas gifts for folks that helped out the Unit during the year. The Treasurer's Report was approved.
5. Tom Ciacio was not present so there was no Manager's Report. There was discussion of whether directors should play at the games they direct. It can cause delays as well as give the appearance of a conflict of interest. The board voted for a new "Player Director" policy to be drafted. . Rose will draft the policy as worded at the meeting. Dennis will talk to Tom C. See attached.
6. Discussion of board duties for 2016. John Anderson agreed to maintain the Club Calendar instead of Dagmar. The Calendar is sent to Tom Ciacio for approval, then to Ken for publication on our Web Site. Backup for Ken's position as well as Dagmar's was discussed. John Anderson agreed to backup Dagmar. He has functioned as Treasurer for other organizations. Dagmar mentioned that Charles Clark is familiar with her duties and can be consulted in case of an emergency. Since there was so much on this agenda, the rest of this discussion is tabled for a future board meeting.
7. Wednesday games. Susan distributed her proposal (attached) for Wednesday games (see attached.) There was some discussion on the brackets. Rose found statistics on all units at on main ACBL site [ACBL.org → Races → Pigmented Masterpoint Races]. **As of Dec 31, 2015, Unit 547 has 379 non-deceased ACBL members having SOME masterpoints. 282 of those have less than 750 master points (74%). 102 of all Unit members have less than 50 masterpoints (27%).**

There was discussion of the brackets as well as whether the new Wednesday games would take away folks from our Thursday open game. Ilona Smith, who runs our popular Tuesday Novice game, told Susan that probably only 30% of her Novice players would be interested in the 0-49 Wednesday game. John moved and Ken seconded the motion to adopt the proposal as written. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Susan is to contact Tom Ciacio to get his feedback prior to making up the flyers. John Anderson agreed to be the Partnership Coordinator for the Wednesday games. Susan will be the main Point Person for those games with Rose as backup. The games will start on Mar 16<sup>th</sup>. All directors should "chat up" these games in advance as well as the Feb 13<sup>th</sup> tournament – so flyers need to be built and approved in advance of that tournament. After being sent to Tom Ciacio for comments, they will be distributed to the board for approval next week.

8. Saturday Novice Game. Rose distributed her proposal (attached) for an "Introduction to Duplicate" game. It will operate much like Ilona's game. Rose agreed to be the temporary Point Person and John Anderson agreed to help her with the 1<sup>st</sup> game. Card Fee is waived for the 1<sup>st</sup> game.

The board approved the proposal with the following contingencies: 1) since this game will start at 9:30, Dennis will talk with Tom Ciacio about whether he can come in earlier that day (he directs the Open Game at 11:30 at the Camarillo Sr. Center) and about additional fees.. 2) Dennis will also talk to the Sr. Center regarding additional

cost for renting out the other room. Since time is of the essence, with the proposed game starting on Mar 5<sup>th</sup> and advance publicity needed, Dennis will report his findings to the board via email for board approval. Rose will build and distribute a flyer for Tom's and board approval after that.

9. Ace of Clubs / Mini-McKenney awards. The awards for 2015 will be given out on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.
10. Tables. We now have 50 tables. Dennis recommends replace some of our worn out tables with hard plastic ones. It's better if they are thinner as they consume less room when they are stacked.
11. Easel. Susan reported that a white board with stand is about \$75. The white board that is in the Temple's storage room is probably not ours. Susan was given the go-ahead to purchase the white board with the stand.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 am. Our next board meeting is Thursday, March 3 at 11 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Buckley  
Recording Secretary

Attachments: Wednesday Game Proposal; Saturday Game Proposal; Director Player Policy