

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 3, 2016 11:15 A.M

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

Invited Guests: Tom Ciacio and Richard Fox

1. President Dennis Charles called the meeting to order at 11:20 PM. Dennis mentioned he will be in Japan from March 29 through April 11, 2016. He will send out the agenda for the April board meeting and Judy Kupperman will conduct it.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes for our last meeting. Several changes were recommended. The Feb. 4, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes were approved as amended. The revised minutes will be forwarded to the board.
3. The new Player Director policy was reviewed and some wording changes were recommended. Dennis will correct and forward to the Board.
4. Dagmar distributed the Treasurer's Report for Jan. 2016 which was approved.
5. Tom Ciacio distributed the January club Attendance report. The new Wednesday games may improve waning attendance that day.
6. The need for a club Email Coordinator was discussed. We need a more orderly process for our Email blasts and club announcements as well as someone in charge of maintaining our mailing lists. Master points must be kept up-to-date for targeted email "blasts" but only directors may get that information. Ken Thompson agreed to assume the role of club Email Coordinator and do the "blasts". Tom Kline will forward master point directories from the ACBL as well as In and Out reports, to Ken for maintenance of the lists.
7. The Feb 13th 499er tournament was well attended even spilling over from the Skylight room to the smaller Craft Tables room in the morning session. The regular game was relocated to a teaching room. The full charge (11 hours) for the Crafting Room seemed excessive since it was only used in the morning session.
8. Fall Sectional should remain in Camarillo due to its ready availability to folks in the county including those in Thousand Oaks. It should be a 499er event again. Tom C. reviewed the ACBL tournament schedule and proposed an early October date – either Oct 1st or Oct 8th. Rose agreed to be the tournament chair contingent on her schedule around that time. Further discussion was deferred to a future board meeting.
9. Intro to Duplicate Saturday game starts March 5 on 1st and 3rd Saturdays 9:30 to 11 am at Camarillo. Since there will be no open game on Sat., Mar 19th, Tom Kline offered to be the director set up / scorer for the game. Rose will validate rent charges with Denise Cleric of PVRPD. Rose created customized name tags with VUBC name on it. She will create more for the new Wednesday games kickoff. They can also be printed for persons-of-interest at our April sectional.
10. Awards Game is scheduled for April 21, starting at noon. All agreed that a cake would be nice as well as free play that day for the winners. Tom C. said it will be a Club Championship Game. Susan will honor winners on her bulletin board. Susan and Dennis will notify / invite all winners via phone.

Dennis checked with the engravers as to changing the trophy from 299 to 499. It would be done relatively cheaply with an overlay plate.

- 11.** The new Wednesday games, “Stepping Stone to Bridge” are ready for their debut on March 23rd, Susan said. She distributed a sheet on organizational particulars. Her 0-49 “roamers” will be Ilona and Rosemary. Susan will be gone from 3/22 to 3/28. Rose will be the “point person” in her stead and help kickoff the games with Dennis. Although the games are free, check in is required.
- 12.** Our April 15-17 Sectional is on target, Susan reported. Dennis will be in charge of UHaul and getting tables from storage. Richard can help Thursday and Sunday. Richard arranged caddie support with Martha Richardson. Tom C. said one caddy per section should suffice. Caddies should arrive at 9:30 each day. Mimi Draves will do the Restaurant List, Judy K. – Hospitality. Dave White is the director of record. Dagmar needs a copy of the insurance. Donated flats of strawberries need to be arranged for in a specific time window. Susan will check with Judy K. and/or Bob Gruber (who traditionally does this). No new tables are needed for the Sectional. When shutting down, five to ten of the tables in the worst shape should be discarded. These will be replaced at a later time. Tom C. said our standard table size is 36”.
- 13.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. Our next board meeting is Thursday, April 7 at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Buckley
Recording Secretary