

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
March 9, 2017, 11:15 A.M

Board Members Present: Rose Buckley, Joan Cathcart, Dennis Charles, Susan Lang, Dagmar Ragnow Morgan, Josh Rosenbluth, Ken Thompson Invited Guest: Tom Ciacio

1. President Dennis Charles called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.
2. The Board reviewed the revised minutes of our Feb 2, 2017. The minutes were approved. Rose will send copies of revised minutes to board members and Ken (for website publication).
3. Dagmar distributed the Treasurer's report for Jan 2017. The Refreshment expense was high as it included the dinner for our Annual Meeting. The Rent item includes the property tax supplement. The Treasurer's report was approved.
4. Tom Ciacio submitted Club Attendance reports for months of Jan. and Feb. 2017. Attendance is up nicely. Our Feb. 2017 (Valentine) Sectional was well attended. There were 156 seats, 96 people – about the same as last year. Susan mentioned there were: Ventura - 43, Santa Barbara - 14, Thousand Oaks - 14 and the 750 Club - 16 that attended.
5. Strawberry Sectional, Fri. Mar. 31 to April 2. Josh, Tournament Chair, reported that the facility table layout is done and given to Denise Cleric at PVRPD. The auditorium will be open at 7am on Fri., 8am on Sat. The hours for the Skylight Room on Sun. was increased to 5pm. She's allowing us to move our tournament items from the auditorium to the Skylight room after the session ends on Sat. afternoon. All Partnership / Welcome Desk personnel for the three days are arranged. Berry donations were requested from Driscoll (by Bob Gruber) but we won't receive a confirmation until a few days before the tournament. ACBL blasts went out. Ken will send out local blasts next week. Susan / Josh have a promotion / flyer distribution schedule with assignments.

Rose, Hospitality Chair, covered the proposed menu. A limited number of sandwich canapés will be served Fri. and Sat. but not be advertised as "lunch". Pizza, from Pizzaman Dan's, Camarillo – along with salad, drinks, dessert – will be served on Sun. Players, at game signup, can select from 4 types of pizzas (cheese, pepperoni, sausage and vegetable). Pizza will be cut into rectangles --serving size is smaller. She handed out the Hospitality Sign-up sheets to all. Soft drinks will be available for purchase (\$.50) on Fri. & Sat.

Josh, Rose, Susan, Dennis and Tom C. will get together on Wednesday, March 29th at 11 am at Temple Beth Torah for a pre-sectional readiness meeting.

6. Unit Awards Game, Thur. Mar 16, noon. Rose will take photos. Joan will order / bring a ½ sheet cake from Costco. Dennis has the Ace of Clubs certificates. Tom C. will give Dennis the Mini-McKenney medallions. Dennis has the big trophy. All winners have been called and will also be given a free play. Tom Kline is directing.
7. Future events: Our Fall 499er Sectional will be scheduled for around mid-Sept. Dennis will check with Denise Cleric regarding availability of venue. Our Annual Meeting will be 27 Jan., 2018. No football that day!
8. Josh's name was submitted for a new position – Special Games coordinator. Games such as Swiss Pairs, Eight is Enough, Pro-Am, etc. are possibilities. Josh graciously accepted. Susan recommended we have an evening game. The board suggested starting the game at 6:30 pm. Perhaps in May. Joan and Susan will work on it.
9. Temple Beth Torah, Meister Hall, will be undergoing renovation around April, for about a month. We must find a temporary place for our games. Per Tom C. the classrooms can only hold 12 tables so our Tuesday games will not fit. Several suggestions were offered. Joan or Susan will check out the Pierpont Racquet club as a temporary venue.
10. Joan Cathcart, Club Hospitality coordinator, handed out an "Are you New to Duplicate Bridge Sanctioned Games" flyer which she created for outreach to our local community. She's distributed them to the Ventura Sr. Center, 4 social games, 4 managed communities, 5 retirement homes, 5 mobile home parks and the Ventura Yacht Club. She's also purchased dry food (e.g. Crackers, chips) for our Tues. and Thurs. games. Evelyn Fox will put out Tuesday refreshments and Carol Hayhurst will handle Thursday's game.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. Our next board meeting is Thursday, April 6th, 2017 at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Buckley, VUBC Secretary