

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

May 4, 2017, 11:15 A.M Rev 05/06/17

Board Members Present: John Anderson, Rose Buckley, Joan Cathcart, Tom Kline, Susan Lang, Dagmar Ragnow Morgan, Josh Rosenbluth. Invited Guest: Tom Ciacio

1. Vice President Susan Lang called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.
2. The Board approved the minutes of the March 9, 2017 board meeting with minor amendments. Rose will send the board the corrected copy.
3. Dagmar distributed the Treasurer's report for March 2017. The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. Dagmar will report the final 3/31-4/2 sectional figures when all costs come in. It was suggested there be a separate report, distributed to the board, showing year-over-year cost/ revenue / attendance for all of our sectionals. Dagmar will prepare the report.
4. Tom Ciacio submitted the April 2017 Club Attendance report. The Temple began construction improvements to Meister Hall in April. The construction is estimated to last throughout the summer. Tom C. managed to fit our games into the two classrooms behind Meister Hall. There was comment about the noise and crowded conditions and its possible effect on our attendance. The Pierpont Racquet club was considered as an alternative but our players would have to climb stairs to reach the playing area which would be difficult for some of our players. Pierpont Racquet club has future plans to build an elevator but no time target has been established. Tom C. mentioned that we used to hold sanctioned games at the Channel Islands Racquet Club.
5. The Board proposed April 20-22, 2018 for our 3-day sectional. Josh will check out the date for conflicts with other events as well as availability of the Camarillo Sr. Center auditorium.
6. The date for our Fall 499er Sectional must be changed. Sep. 23 conflicts with the Lompoc sectional. Sep. 30th is Yom Kippur. Sep 16 was suggested. Raeann Koerner, Sectional Chair, should check into that date and report back.
7. The proposed club policy for players injured on the premises is postponed until Dennis' return.
8. Twilight summer games. Joan conducted a poll of players in all clubs in the unit as well as other community bridge sites. Twenty players opted for masterpoints. 11 chose a more relaxed game. Monday night, rather than Wednesday night, was proposed as it doesn't fall on the same day as our club games. Josh said that the Townhouse was an option and appeared to be rent-free. It can only hold 7 tables. Another option was the Ventura Sr. Ctr. for \$85 rent plus a one-time fee of \$25. The board approved the 1st game to be held on either Mon. June 12, 19, or 26. Tom C. will contact Dick Wagner re: his availability and set the actual date. Susan will handle publicity. Joan will contact the folks on her polling list. It was suggested that Raeann Koerner be the "point person" for these games.
9. Theme games. The "Seis de Mayo" is on schedule. Susan plans June 10 as a "Partnership Appreciation" game, July 1 as "Ice Cream Social Americana" where players bring ice cream and we supply toppings and Aug. 12 (theme TBD). The board approved all dates. Susan, Joan and Rose will collaborate on these games.
10. Susan called for inputs to her monthly "Bridge Buzz."
11. There was an inquiry about who will publish our unit player directory. Dagmar mentioned that it was decided to publish it only every other year as it is costly to publish. The next one will be published in 2018.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. Our next board meeting is Thursday, June 1, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rose Buckley, VUBC Secretary