

**MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 7th, 2016 11:15 A.M**

Board Members Present: Judy Kupperman, Dagmar Ragnow, Ken Thompson, Susan Lang, John Anderson, Tom Kline and Rose Buckley  
Invited Guests: Tom Ciacio, Richard Fox, Bob Gruber

1. Vice President Judy Kupperman called the meeting to order at 11:15 PM. President Dennis Charles is in Japan from March 29 through April 11, 2016.
2. The Board reviewed and approved the minutes for our last meeting.
3. Dagmar distributed the Treasurer's Report for Feb.. 2016 which was approved.
4. Tom Ciacio distributed the March club Attendance report. The new Wednesday games have improved attendance that day.
5. Ken Thompson is now serving as club Email Coordinator. Rose Buckley was proposed as his backup. Ken will be responsible for distributing the emails. Susan volunteered to create "Bridge Changes" write-ups for Ken to distribute. We will have a monthly "bullet oriented" newsletter on upcoming events, etc. John Anderson will handle the content for the 0-49er group. Susan Lang will do the content for the 0-1250 and entire membership. We still need a process in place to "feed" Ken Thompson player master point updates so he can maintain the individual 0-49, 0-1250, etc lists. Tom C. will look into it, as far as privacy issues, and report back to the board.
6. Dennis / Susan reported status on our April 15-17 Sectional which is on target. There was some confusion by players on the Sunday games. **The Sunday games require only a pair rather than a 4-person team. The charge is \$60 including lunch and is a commitment to play BOTH the morning and afternoon sessions.** Bob Gruber handed out a description of Swiss Pairs games. This info will be simplified and blasted to potential attendees. Judy reported that players can purchase lunch on Friday and Saturday, each is \$10. Friday is croissant sandwiches and Saturday is tri-tip sandwiches. Sunday's lunch is chicken, potato salad, coleslaw. Dessert and drink is included. We should keep the records of the lunch tickets we sell for guidance in future sectionals.
7. Awards Game is scheduled for April 21, starting at noon. Dagmar will order a decorated cake from Costco and pick it up. Susan notified all 2015 Ace of Clubs / Mini-McKenna winners and invited them to the event. All winners will be given one free play, even if they won two awards. Dennis will "emcee" the event.
8. Saturday's Introduction to Duplicate game started on March 5, Rose reported, with 18 players. Attendance dropped on the 2<sup>nd</sup> game on March 19<sup>th</sup> to 5 players (most new). Many of the other players moved to the Novice or new 0-49 Wednesday game. There was a snafu with the venue and the room was not opened until 9:45. We will not be charged for the venue that day. The latest game, on April 2 added 3 new players or 2 tables in all. Since the ads never appeared in Camarillo's Acorn Rose will look into how folks found out about the game.

The play takes extra time as folks are both newer players and totally unfamiliar with duplicate – lots of hand holding. Less than 6 boards were played. She suggested extending the time into the "open" game time frame. Tom C. said that was too disruptive. He offered one option to rent the small room and extend the time (9:30 to 12 or so). This would up the cost to about \$100 / game. Fee is \$5 per player. A second option is to start with the "tip" at 11 am and run the "Intro" game concurrent with

the open game. However, more time is given to play each board and the game could end earlier. This option would reduce the game cost significantly. Rose will poll the players and report back to the board her recommendations. The next game is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> same time as ads will have already (hopefully) been published. Tom suggested that if this will be a regular game, rather than two or three times a year, the name should be changed. Rental cost for the venue is \$15/hour—or \$30/game.

9. Susan reported that the new Wednesday games, “Stepping Stone to Bridge” were very successful. We had 17 tables on the free inaugural day with 5 tables of 0-49er. Those 5 tables have held thru the following two weeks. The 0-1249 have waned a bit although around 7 tables. She would like to see more in that category attend.
10. Tom Kline announced he is sending out Welcome letters to new players in the club with a coupon for free play.
11. Tom C. mentioned that Rosemary will no longer direct and called for volunteers to go to Director training which will be paid for.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm. Our next board meeting is Thursday, May 3rd at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Buckley  
Recording Secretary