

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 2, 2016 11:15 A.M

Board Members Present: John Anderson, Rose Buckley, Dennis Charles, Tom Kline, Susan Lang, Dagmar Ragnow, Ken Thompson
Invited Guests: Tom Ciacio

1. President Dennis Charles called the meeting to order at 11:15 PM
2. The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of our last meeting with one typo correction.
3. Dagmar distributed the Treasurer's Report for April /May 2016 which includes the revenues for our April Sectional. The Treasurer's Report was approved.
4. Tom Ciacio submitted the Club Manager's Report for April / May 2016. May's attendance is up by almost two tables over May of 2015.
5. Rose reported that our Fall (Oct 1) Sectional is on schedule. Mimi Draves will be the Hospitality Chair. She's put together a team (Tim & Sally Rea, Karen and Saurin Chakrabarti). They are researching cost of sandwiches for purchase at the tournament, particularly the Bread Basket in Camarillo. If "lunch in" is viable, Rose wants to reduce the time between the morning and afternoon session. After some discussion, it was agreed that 9:30 am for the morning session and 2:15 for the afternoon session is workable, instead of 10 and 3. Rose also reported her Partnership Chair will be Marilyn Waples from the Ojai Club. The flyer will be built upon confirmation of hours / lunch. Tom Ciacio will be the director of record.
6. The "Duplicate Chat Game" on 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Rose reported, has about two tables – most are repeat players. Several are playing in the 0-49er game on Wednesday now. Players are typically beginners, having had a few lessons. Rose will now welcome "rank" beginners. This would be a "new" section which Rose will work with separately. Tom and Rose agreed that there wasn't a need for a director at this time.
7. Wednesday games -- Susan. A specific person needs to be in charge of Hospitality for these games. She will look into forming a committee with different folks responsible for different days. The 0-1250 is about 7 tables. The 0-49 has diminished to about 3 tables. John Anderson needs to send a regular email to 0-49er list to encourage them to come and to bring them more into the bridge "family". Susan reviewed her Bridge Buzz with the board which is emailed to all the 0-1250 players. She'd like inputs on club "happenings" by the 1st of every month.
8. Publicity -- Susan. Star ads about the size of a business card, placed by the Bridge column, costs about \$125. Was the cost based upon the location of the ad? Susan will check that out. The Cooperative Ad program by ACBL must target a specific event. Also look into Calendar Section of Star.
9. The Board of Equalization request. Dennis wrote up a positive description of our club and its usefulness to the community in answer to the query for information. It will take about 8 months for them to respond whether the Temple gets a waiver on projected taxes.
10. PRO / AM and Mentoring Program. Rosemary Reitz is unable to chair this effort. Discussion was deferred
11. SWISS PAIRS. Tom said any Thursday is ok --just put on Calendar. Tom in charge. Susan publicity.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. Our next board meeting is Thursday, July 7 at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Buckley
VUBC Secretary