

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
July 13, 2017, 11:15 A.M

Board Members Present: Joan Cathcart, Dennis Charles, Dagmar Ragnow Morgan, Josh Rosenbluth, Ken Thompson
Invited Guests: Tom Ciacio, Raeann Koerner, David Lodge

1. President, Dennis Charles, called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.
2. David Lodge, the District 22 Treasurer, made a presentation outlining his case for becoming District 22's representative on the national ACBL board. David is running against the incumbent, Ken Monzingo. All Unit board members are eligible to vote and will receive a ballot in email on August, 15. Each person has up to 30 days to cast a ballot.
3. The board reviewed and approved the minutes of the June 1, 2017 board meeting.
4. Dagmar distributed the Treasurer's report for May 2017. In May, we cleared \$400 thanks to the extra tables at the Saturday theme game. Otherwise, the numbers were as expected with about \$300 in net income for the year and a bank balance of about \$34,000. The Treasurer's report was approved.
5. Tom Ciacio submitted the June 2017 Club Attendance report. In spite of the Saturday theme game, attendance was down about 2 tables per session in June compared to 2016. Tom projected we will be down about \$600 in income as a result, and we should expect the next treasurer report to reflect the reduced revenue. He speculated the reason for the downturn is the Temple construction and he hopes the numbers will go back up after construction is complete. The board agreed to have a Grand Reopening special game on a Thursday after Meister Hall is reopened. The board also agreed to have a Tom Kline memorial game, likely on a different Thursday after Meister Hall is reopened. Joan and Susan Lang will plan both of those games later on.
6. Raeann suggested that we establish a 99er or 299er section in our Thursday games in order to attract more players. Dennis thought that it might be a better idea for Saturday, and to start it at one of the theme games. Joan said that after the August theme game, Susan Lang and she would like to take a break until November because the games require substantial effort and they now have the additional games (Grand Reopening and Tom Kline memorial) on their plate. The board agreed with that idea. Josh suggested that in advance of the November game, Tom should see how many tables we would have had in each section in the past theme games if we offered a 99er or 299er section going forward. That way, we could judge which masterpoint cutoff is likely to work the best. Even with the possibility of two sections on Saturday, Raeann said she would pursue asking the people who play in the non-masterpoint game on Tuesday and both sections on Wednesday to see if two sections might work on Thursdays.
7. Dennis reported that the parking lot will be closed for paving on Monday and Tuesday, August 7-8. Parking will be available behind the Temple in the church parking lot. However, there needs to be an effort to publicize this fact to the members. No one was assigned to take care of this task.
8. The second Twilight game drew only 4 tables, down one from the first game. The August game is scheduled for August 14. After the meeting, Joan asked Josh if the game could be moved back one week to August 21 to give Susan and her more time after the next Saturday theme game, scheduled for August 12. Josh will check with Dick Wagner and the Townhouse as to their availability for August 21.
9. There is no update for the 2018 Strawberry Sectional because no tasks were to be done in July.
10. Raeann reported that the Fall Sectional planning is on target and the only pressing need is to clarify what insurance covers the event. She will work with Rose Buckley to address that issue.
11. The board agreed to pursue having John Anderson to take over Tom Kline's duties, consisting of membership, welcome packages, get well and sympathy cards and the in/out report.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm. Our next board meeting is Thursday, August 6, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Josh Rosenbluth, substituting for VUBC Secretary Rose Buckley