

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
August 3, 2017, 11:00 A.M

Board Members Present: John Anderson, Rose Buckley, Joan Cathcart, Dennis Charles, Susan Lang, Dagmar Ragnow Morgan, Josh Rosenbluth, Ken Thompson Invited Guests: Tom Ciacio, Raeann Koerner, Ken Monzingo

1. President, Dennis Charles, called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.
2. Ken Monzingo, the incumbent District Director for District 22, presented his case for continuing his representation on the national ACBL board. Ken is running against District 22 Treasurer, David Lodge. 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 July 13, 2017 board meeting. Josh agreed to do the minutes for our September board meeting in Rose's absence.
4. Dagmar distributed the Treasurer's report for June 2017. The additional profits for this month reflect a correction to the card fee formula in Dagmar's software. Since we receive a discount on our rental of the Camarillo Sr. Ctr. venue for our tournaments if a Camarillo resident submits the rental agreement, Dagmar suggested that Bob Gruber should be the one in the future to submit those lease applications.
5. Tom Ciacio submitted the July 2017 Club Attendance report. Year-over-year monthly attendance continues to be down on Ilona's Tuesday game and the Thursday game due to the ongoing Temple construction. Tom announced that Rosemary Reitz may begin directing the Townhouse Sunday game early next year and Nancy Hall, our Saturday game. Once they officially start, Susan will put an announcement in her Bridge Buzz newsletter.
6. Annual Meeting. The optimal date, for non-conflict with football post-season games per Dennis, is Jan 27th, 2018, however Tom C. would be unavailable to direct. The board agreed to hold the annual meeting on Jan 13th, 2018. Dennis will coordinate the facility, working once again with Samantha at the Townhouse.
7. Special games. The board agreed to have two separate special games after Meister Hall is reopened which we estimate to be the 1st week of October: a memorial game for Tom Kline, and a "grand reopening" game. For Tom's memorial game, it was suggested that parallel games be held at the Temple and at the Camarillo Sr. Center where Tom directed for many years. Thursday was suggested for the "grand opening" game with a side-by-side 49er and Open game. Joan and Susan Lang will plan both of those games and do the publicity once we get a firm date for moving back into Meister Hall.

Our next theme game, "A Bridge Cruise" will be held Sat Aug 12, Camarillo Sr. Center, 11:30 am. The August Twilight game is scheduled for Mon Aug 21st, Townhouse, 6:30 pm.

Dennis received a suggestion of holding a "fast pairs" game (each hand has a 5-minute time limit) as one of our next quarterly special games. Some board members thought that our Saturday game would be a good forum
8. The date for the Temple parking lot being closed has changed to Monday and Tuesday, August 14-15.
9. 2017 Fall Sectional, Sep 30th. Raeann will submit insurance. Susan passed out packets of flyers for distribution.
10. 2018 Strawberry Sectional. Josh asked for a copy of the rental agreement. Dennis will send it to Josh who, if necessary, correct it to Bob Gruber. Rose will not be in town on Apr 16-22 due to the Gatlinburg regional at the same time. Josh will change the date for the Sectional to April 27-29. Rose agreed to be in charge of hospitality. Susan and Joan will assist.
11. John Anderson agreed to take over Tom Kline's duties, consisting of membership, welcome packages, get well and sympathy cards. Susan suggested giving each new member to our unit a personal phone call which John will do. Tom C. will send the in/out report to all board members from now on.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. Our next board meeting is Thursday, Sep 7th, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Buckley, VUBC Secretary