

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 4, 2016 11:15 A.M

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

1. President Dennis Charles called the meeting to order at 11:15 PM and reported that Board Member Judy Kupperman has asked to be withdrawn from the Board. We will miss her. John Anderson will assume the position of Vice President.
2. The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of our last meeting (June 2, 2016).
3. There was no Treasurer's Report as Dagmar Ragnow is out of town.
4. Tom Ciacio submitted the Club Manager's Report for June/July 2016. Overall attendance is improving even during the summer months. Due to publicity and word of mouth recommendations interest in our games is growing, especially in the 0 – 49 category.
5. The Board of Equalization refused to certify our club as a charitable entity. This means the Temple will pay roughly \$4,000 annually in property taxes due to our rental. The Board voted to share in the cost of property taxes already paid by the Temple in the amount of \$4,000. Tom Kline will contact Jim Rupp to further investigate whether the assessed amount seems reasonable. Tom will report back next meeting. We will continue to pay \$750 per month rent to the Temple until our contractual agreement is up and renegotiate at that time.
6. In Rose's absence Susan reported on the status of planning for our 499'er Sectional on Saturday, October 1st. Flyers are being finalized now but Rose is searching for another partnership chair. If none is secured in a timely basis Rose will assume that responsibility and flyers will be printed shortly. Susan submitted an action plan for publicity/flyers covering the tourney and everyone has been assigned tasks to get the word out.
7. Tom Kline presented costs to the Board if we rented Camarillo's Community Center Auditorium (Friday & Saturday) and the Skylight Room (Sunday) for our April 7 - 9, 2017 Sectional INSTEAD of renting the Oxnard Performing Arts Center. The Board agreed it would not only save money to rent the Camarillo space but bring in more people due to the proximity to the freeway. It was voted to have Dennis/Tom put a deposit on the space. Dennis will work with Unit #532 on co-sponsoring the event, sharing in the work and profits. A final decision will be made next meeting.
8. Susan suggested we schedule a date for the Swiss Pairs Game that was postponed earlier due to scheduling problems. She will work with Tom Ciacio and Martha Richardson (temple) to secure a date. Suggested dates were Thursday, September 22 or Thursday, September 29. Upon a selected date flyers, notices, emails etc. will be generated to publicize the event.
9. Additional shelving is needed in our storage closet at the temple. The temple has previously agreed to the project and Susan and Tom will coordinate the design, purchase of materials, and installation of same.
10. A Unit member suggested we utilize game scoring cards that can be used on both sides that might save on paper costs. Discussion was held and the Board decided to keep using the standard score sheets at this time.
11. Another suggestion by a Unit member was to have every player sort their cards following the hand. It was noted there may not be a time savings but a trial run will take place in Ojai and further discussion will be needed.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm. Our next board meeting is Thursday, September 1st, 2016 at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Lang
Acting VUBC Secretary