

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
August 7, 2014, 11:00 A.M.

Present: Gary Morgan, Evelyn Fox, Dagmar Ragnow, Judy Kupperman, Susan Lang, Bob Gruber
Invited Guests: Tom Ciacio, Ilona Smith

1. President Gary Morgan called the meeting to order at 11:03 A.M.
2. The minutes of the board meeting of June 5, 2014 were approved as corrected (moved by Dagmar and seconded by Bob; unanimous).
3. Dagmar gave the Treasurer's report for May 2014. She said table count is up from last year. The report was approved as read (moved by Evelyn and seconded by Susan; unanimous). As there was no board meeting in July, Dagmar also gave the Treasurer's report for June 2014. The report was approved as read (moved by Bob and seconded by Evelyn; unanimous).
4. Bob reported that our former insurance carrier no longer offers the policy we have had. However, he said that he obtained a policy with CNA for \$500. It became effective on August 1, 2014.
5. Gary reported on the current County Assessor situation. Nancy Marcus, the Temple's attorney, informed Gary that the Assessor's Office had called her and forwarded a draft of a letter to the state Board of Equalization requesting an opinion concerning our status and addressing options for assessing the Temple (and therefore Unit 547). Gary said the Assessor's Office said in the letter that fewer than five bridge players were also members of the Temple, and that he had corrected that, since a minimum of eight players are Temple members. The Board of Equalization could take several months to render an opinion.
6. There was a proposal from the Board to increase the card fees to \$5 for the Tuesday "Workshop" game. Ilona questioned this increase. After discussion, it was decided to raise the card fees to \$4, effective on September 1, 2014. The motion was approved (moved by Dagmar and seconded by Judy) unanimously.
7. A proposal to increase the Directors' fees was presented. At present, the Unit directors are paid \$7 per table with a guarantee of \$70 a session. The proposal would increase the fees to \$8 per table and \$80 a session. Gary, Bob and Tom recused themselves from the meeting because all are directors. The proposal was discussed by the remaining members of the Board. The motion to increase Directors' fees to \$7.50 per table with a \$75 guarantee was approved (moved by Evelyn and seconded by Susan) unanimously. Effective on September 1, 2014.
8. The 299er Sectional Tournament was discussed. It will be held on August 16-17, 2014 at the Camarillo Senior Center. Bob will purchase a trophy to be awarded to the Unit 547 299er who wins the most points at the tournament. It will be named for Katy Hunt, one of the unit's founders. Bob has arranged for Alex Kolesnik to speak between sessions on Saturday, and he (Bob) will give a talk about Swiss Team strategy between sessions on Sunday. Judy will take care of the food and Peggy Olson is the Partnership chair. The regular Saturday Open game will be directed by Gary Morgan.
9. The Unit's Sectional Tournament in 2015 was brought up. Bob said that it would be held in the middle of April, 2015. There will be more detailed discussion at the next Board meeting.
10. Gary suggested that we schedule our Annual Meeting for January 24, 2015 (the fourth Saturday in January), instead of the customary third Saturday in January, because the NFL Conference

championship games are on the third Saturday, which has impacted attendance at the Annual Meeting the past two years. Gary will contact the Townhouse to see if it will host our Annual Meeting again.

11. The issue of unit boundaries was discussed. Gary told us the ACBL set up the boundaries and we have an email specifying which zip codes comprise Unit 547. However, the ACBL cannot find its copy of that email and so will not validate it. Unit 532 (Thousand Oaks) has suggested redrawing the boundaries so that Simi Valley and Moorpark are in Unit 532 and Camarillo is in Unit 547. Tom Kline and Dagmar will meet with Gene Crubaugh from Unit 532 to define the boundaries.
12. Gary told the Board that members will be getting online ballots for the District Board of Directors election soon.
13. Bob said he will not seek re-election to the Board. Gary announced that he will not run for President of Unit 547 in 2015, but plans to remain on the Board to complete his term. Judy will also not seek re-election.
14. Tom gave the Club Manager's Report. He said that table counts are continuing to rise in our games.

Gary adjourned the meeting at 12:20 P.M. The next meeting will be on September 4, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Fox, Secretary