

**MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, October 6, 2016 11:15 A.M**

Board Members Present: John Anderson, Rose Buckley, Dennis Charles, Tom Kline, Ken Thompson  
Invited Guest: Tom Ciacio, Bob Gruber

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 (September 1, 2016).
3. Dagmar was absent so the Treasurer's report is deferred until the next board meeting.
4. Tom Ciacio submitted the Club Manager's Attendance report for August 2016.
5. Rose created an inventory list (spread sheet) of our public storage items as of today. Tom C. noted that we should have more than 31 tables – closer to 38. Rose will recheck that and post the inventory lists inside the storage unit.
6. Rose reported on the Fall Sectional held 10/1/16. Dagmar will have more specifics on profit / cost for this event next meeting. We had 21 1/2 tables in morning and 14 in the afternoon. This is about normal. We tried our 4 new ideas to improve attendance, particularly our afternoon session, The earlier session hours (9:30 and 2:15) was well received by attendees. We had very positive feedback on the healthier food choices, including presentation and hospitality. Kudos to the Hospitality Team, Mimi Draves and Karen Chakrabarti, as well as Carol (coffee) and Buki. They donated their time all day and were an immense help. We sold about 31 of the 48 lunches we purchased (net loss of \$30) which the board felt was reasonable. Rose purchased a package of 100 "generic" embossed prize pens (for this and other tournaments) at .50 / pen. These can be used as "ads" for our club. Also she had 4 very nice pens engraved for overall 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> session winners (her donation to try out the idea -- \$30). She purchased 3 plastic table top sign holders for this and future tournaments – e.g. for Partnership Desk, Registration, etc.
7. Dennis forwarded a suggestion that we have hand sanitizers at games and tournaments. The pros and cons (including doctors' warnings about overuse of hand sanitizers) were discussed. The board opted to not provide them at this time.
8. Dennis reported the new dates for our Strawberry Sectional will be March 31<sup>th</sup> to April 2, 2017, at the Camarillo Sr. Center. Rose will be the tournament chair. Tom C. will be the director. Dennis will change Tourney Trax.
9. The Swiss Pairs Game held Thursday, September 22 was well-received with good attendance. The board felt that having an occasional new game like this, such as quarterly, can encourage attendance. The board proposed to hold another Swiss Pairs game within the next couple of months. Dennis will look into other games, such as: Eight Is Enough, Sr. Pairs and Pro-Am. Discussion of special game "agenda" will be on next month's agenda.
10. Bob informed us that Alan Curtis may have a good deal on card decks -- \$1 ea., 4 different colors, same style, 33mm., work on dealing machines. John moved, and it was approved, that the club spend up to \$200 on new decks at \$1 ea.
11. Our "Valentine" Sectional will be held Feb 11, 2017 in Camarillo. Several potential chairs were discussed.
12. A date for our Holiday Luncheon will be held at TBT Thursday December 8, 2016.
13. Dennis proposed a possible date for our annual meeting / elections – Sat. Jan 28, 2017. Tom Kline will be the chair of the nominating committee. Two non-board members (whom Tom K. will select) must be on the committee.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm. Our next board meeting is Thursday, November 3rd, 2016 at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Buckley  
VUBC Secretary