

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
November 6, 2014, 11:21 A.M.

Present: Gary Morgan, Evelyn Fox, Dagmar Ragnow, Bob Gruber, Alan Greenberg and Tom Kline

Invited Guests: Tom Ciacio and Ilona Smith

1. President Gary Morgan called the meeting to order at 11:21 A.M.
2. The minutes of the board meeting of September 4, 2014 were approved as read (moved by Dagmar and seconded by Bob; unanimous).
3. Dagmar gave the Treasurer's report for October. Expenses for the month were up due to the rent being increased and the cost of \$305.27 for pocket calendars for the members. Approval moved by Evelyn and seconded by Tom K.; unanimous.
4. The Unit's holiday party, which will be held on December 4, was discussed. It will be held at 11:30. The Unit will provide the main course and the membership will bring salads and desserts. There will be no board meeting on the day of the party. The game will be free for Unit members who attend.
5. The question of having two 299er Tournaments a year was brought up. Tom C. said that the past 299er tournaments have been financially successful. Bob suggested that there should be one session on Sunday, instead of two sessions. Bob will check on dates for February, 2015.
6. Gary told us the Townhouse has been reserved for the Annual Meeting/Dinner. It will be held on January 24, 2015. Also, discussion was held on whether there should be games on November 29 and December 13. It was decided to have sign-up sheets at the games and if enough people want to play, the games will be held.
7. Tom K. and Dagmar reported on the approval of the Unit boundaries letter that was sent to the ACBL. Both Units (ours and Southern Gold Coast, Unit 532) agreed on the proposal that has been submitted to the ACBL. Tom K. moved to approve the verification of zip codes; seconded by Dagmar. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Tom C. reported on the status of the dealing machines. The old one has been refurbished and it will be sold. The new dealing machine has arrived and it is up and running.
9. Bob Gruber presented an update on the status of the Unit's Open Sectional Tournament. It will be held April 16-18, 2015. He will have a flyer ready to display at the games. Bob said the attendance at Swiss Team games is down. Discussion regarding that issue will be held at the next board meeting.
10. Ilona Smith, the Nominating Committee Chair, reported on the status of finding members to serve on the board. She said that she had no positive responses, but, some members said that they might be interested in being on the board. During this discussion, Judy Kupperman and Dagmar Ragnow said they would serve another term.
11. Tom C. talked about having Series Games. Four or more games would constitute a series. Extra master points would be given. The 299ers could also play. A motion was made that we try a series game (moved by Dagmar and seconded by Evelyn; unanimous). Tom C. will do what's necessary to set it up.
12. Tom C. recommended that we purchase a new storage cabinet as the old one is in very bad condition. A new Steel Case cabinet would cost between \$300 and \$400. The board instructed him to purchase a new one as soon as possible.
13. Tom C. gave the Manager's Report. The attendance at the Unit games is holding and the Saturday game is improving.
14. Gary adjourned the meeting at 12:19 P.M. There will be no board meeting in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Fox, Secretary