

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
November 9th, 2017, 11:15 A.M

Board Members Present: Dennis Charles, Susan Lang, Dagmar Ragnow Morgan, Ken Thompson Invited Guest: Tom Ciacio

1. President, Dennis Charles, called the meeting to order at 11:21 a.m. and declared a quorum.
2. The board reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 14th, 2017 board meeting.
3. Dagmar distributed the Treasurer's report for September 2017. We lost \$301 for the month. Additional supplies were purchased in October but are in line with our year projections. The Treasurer's report was approved.
4. Tom submitted the October 2017 Club Attendance report. The table count is continuing to slowly rise, especially since moving back to Meister Hall.
5. ACBL will be discontinuing use of the STOP card at all tournaments as of January 1, 2018. The Board voted to discontinue the use of the STOP card at all Unit games and tournaments beginning December 19th, 2017. Notice of this change will be noted in the December Bridge Buzz, bulletin boards, and announced at Unit games.
6. Discussion was held on using a new website host service. The proposed BridgeWebs service is used by the Bridge Academy and Santa Barbara and will be similar in cost to our current system. Ken and Josh will spearhead the research and implementation of this service and report back at our next board meeting.
7. The Online Unit Directory is now accessible online. The User Name for accessibility to the directory is: U547; password is: 2CallorNot. Susan will inform Unit members how to access the directory and also how to make additions and corrections. Those who do not have computer access may obtain a printed version printed by Tom Ciacio. A few copies will be made available at each game locale.
8. The Valentine 499er Sectional flyer was finalized (except for a Hospitality Chair) and copies were made available at the recent Ventura Halloween Regional Tournament. Raeanne is Tournament Chair and continues to update the Board on its planning progress.
9. Josh reported via email the progress of planning the Strawberry Sectional – April 27 – 29, 2018. Final rental cost has not been finalized but Josh will continue to work with Denise at the Sr. Ct. Board discussed the pros and cons of offering either Swiss Pairs or Swiss Teams game on the Sunday. Board favored continuing the Swiss Pairs game.
10. Susan reported on the planning of the annual Holiday Potluck Luncheon and Game scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2017 at the Temple Beth Torah. 11:30 a.m. luncheon and 12:30 p.m. Western STAC game. Card fees are waived that day for all paid-up Unit members. \$6.00 for non-paid members. Sign-up sheets are being generated for all locales to include both potluck items to bring (restricted temple foods noted) and game registration.
11. John reported via email the nominating committee's recommendation on new board members to be added to our Board at our January 13, 2018 Annual Meeting. They are: Rosemary Reitz, Anne Conn, Mark Eckhout, and Raeann Korner. All nominees agreed to hold a two-year term. Dennis will contact each board member to review the voting process that will take place at the Annual Meeting etc.
12. Following the Annual Meeting Ken and Tom C. will update the calendar and web page with the new board members names and contact information including any director changes.
13. Dennis reported on plans for the Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 2018 at The Townhouse, Ventura, CA. 11:30 a.m. game (0-49 game – three tables required) and an OPEN game. Catering will be done by Wood Ranch and Dennis will coordinate the details with the restaurant. Joan and Susan will assist with additional hospitality required for that day i.e. pre-game snacks etc. Sign-up sheets will be generated and distributed with a deadline of Sat. January 6 requested.
14. Fast Pairs Game is scheduled for Thursday, December 28th – at Temple Beth Torah – at 12:30 p.m. Josh has generated a flyer. Announcements and flyer distribution will commence in early December.
15. It was suggested to try and acquire a date for the fall 499er Sectional now. The preferred date is Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the Camarillo Sr. Ctr. Dennis will speak with Denise at the Sr. Ctr. to reserve that date.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 pm. Our next board meeting will need to be changed from Thursday, December 7 as it conflicts with our Holiday Luncheon. A suggestion was made to consider a Saturday board meeting date. Dennis will look in to this matter and contact board members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Acting VUBC Secretary, Susan Lang