

**MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, December 1, 2016, 11:15 A.M**

Board Members Present: John Anderson, Rose Buckley, Dennis Charles, Tom Kline, Susan Lang, Dagmar Ragnow Morgan, Ken Thompson    Invited Guest: Tom Ciacio

1. President Dennis Charles called the meeting to order at 11:15 PM
2. The Board reviewed the minutes with minor revisions. Minutes were approved as revised.
3. Dagmar submitted the Treasurer's report for September and October 2016. These were reviewed and approved.
4. Tom Ciacio, club manager, submitted and discussed game attendance reports for October and November 2016.
5. Old business. Dagmar ordered the bridge calendars.
6. Holiday Luncheon on Thursday, Dec 8 at 11:30 am. Potluck lunch followed by game. Mike Gaddis will set up the tables the night before. Planning is for 60 folks. Board approved publicizing the addition of a limited novice game (0-? Master points) if enough players are interested – 3 tables is minimum. Rose checked out water dispenser which works fine. She'll bring water and pick up the chicken – 110 pieces from Winco. Judy and Evelyn will setup food.
7. Annual Meeting, Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 11:30 am. catered by the Townhouse. We estimate 60 people. Last year we had 18 tables. The board approved having a Novice Game (0-49er) if enough players are interested. Game sign-up is required. We'll have two sign-up sheets, open and novice. No separate sign-up for the dinner.
8. Nominating Committee. Tom Kline Chair. Dagmar and Dennis will run for another term. Judy Kupperman, current Vice President, will not be running again. In addition to her position, the board approved adding up to two more board positions. Tom has talked with several candidates including Josh Rosenbluth and Joan Cathcart who would be willing to serve.
9. Strawberry Sectional, Fri. Mar. 31 to April 2. Rose has withdrawn from chairing this sectional but offered to handle hospitality. She and Susan walked through the new venue, the PVRPD, Camarillo Sr. Ctr, auditorium. Size is approximately 64 x 56 ft. We have use of the kitchen, ice machine, one frig. but no cooking. Two problem area: chairs and lighting. The molded plastic chairs were uncomfortable and the lighting was dim. Dagmar and Tom C. also checked out the area. The board decided to put up with the lighting and see how it works for this sectional. Dennis will negotiate with Denise Cleric about switching the chairs to the more comfortable padded chairs. Games were approved by the board. Two sessions 10 and 2:30. \$60 for Sunday Swiss Pairs on Sunday incl. lunch.
10. Valentine Sectional, Feb 11, 2017. Buki Burke, chair, submitted the flyer to ACBL It is now posted on their site.
11. 2017 Special Games: Suggestion that in the Pro-Am game, the "pros" should get a break on the card fee. Thursday, March 2 was suggested for our next Swiss Pairs game. Susan and Tom C will verify there is no conflict with Bob Gruber's club games schedule. We will move our board meeting to the following Thur. March 9<sup>th</sup>.
12. Marsha Vandiver donated a small carpet sweeper to the bridge club. It's in our club closet. Shelves have been installed.
13. GNT Competition. Tom C. will schedule for February or March, concurrent with a Thursday pairs games. This is a team club qualifying game. All members must be a member of District 22.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. Our next board meeting is Thursday, January 5th, 2017 at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose Buckley  
VUBC Secretary