

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

February 16, 2012 at 11:15 A.M.

Present: Gary Morgan, Judy Kupperman, Floyd Richards, Evelyn Fox, Jim Rupp and Bob Gruber.

Invited guest: Tom Ciacio

1. President Gary Morgan called the meeting to order.
2. The first order of business was to discuss adopting Robert's *Rules of Order* as our operating protocol. It was moved by Judy Kupperman, seconded by Jim Rupp and passed unanimously.
3. Minutes of the board meeting of February 2 were approved (moved by Rupp, seconded by Bob Gruber) as corrected.
4. It was decided to hold a Unit Championship game in recognition of Alan and Valerie Greenberg's winning District 22's North American Pairs Flight C. It will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 12:30. The card fees will be \$6.00. The additional dollar is because a Unit Championship game carries substantially higher fees. The Unit will pay the card fees for Alan and Valerie Greenberg, as they are the guests of honor. The Unit will supply sandwiches and a cake. Floyd Richards will take care of ordering and picking up the food.
5. The presentation of the Unit Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney Awards will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 12:30. Bob Gruber reported that the certificates and medallions have been ordered.
6. Gary reported that the bank said changes in signatures on the checking account have to be done at the "home" branch for the account. He will pursue this.
7. The financial statement for 2011 was passed out to the board. Evelyn moved that we approve the financial statement and Floyd seconded it. The motion passed.
The tax return will be completed by Dagmar Ragnow and signed by Floyd Richards.
Tom Ciacio presented a report showing the attendance at unit games by number of tables for the past 4 years and January, 2012. Attendance is down for most games, but Wednesday's game has shown recent improvement.
8. The upcoming Unit Sectional was discussed
 - a. Gary thanked Judy Kupperman for confirming that we do have a contract with the Oxnard Performing Arts Center and a deposit of \$325.00 that rolls over every year.
 - b. Plaques and (free play) awards will be given to the winners of the 299er's section.
 - c. Bob Gruber will print flyers for the Sectional.
 - d. Gwen Wagner will be in charge of partnership.

- e. Judy checked the site for the game. Lights will be fixed and replaced as needed.
 - f. There will be a Swiss teams game at our club game on Thursday, April 5, as a “warm up” for the Swiss games at our tournament. Thousand Oaks will be having one at their club game on April 15.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15. The next board meeting will be held on March 15, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Fox, Secretary