

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

March 15, 2012 at 11:15 A.M.

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

Invited Guest: Tom Ciacio

1. President Gary Morgan called the meeting to order at 11:16 A.M.
2. Minutes of the board meeting of February 16 were approved (moved Jim Rupp, seconded by Bob Gruber) as corrected.
3. Gary Morgan distributed the financial report. It was approved (moved by Jim and seconded by Evelyn Fox) as corrected.
4. Discussion was held about the rent increase at the First Christian Church, where the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday games are held. Bob Gruber and Judy Kupperman are looking at possible sites to move the games, if an agreement with the church cannot be reached. Other possibilities are raising the card fees to \$11.00 or \$12.00 a pair or cancelling one game.
5. Upcoming events: The Swiss Team event that will be held on Thursday, April 5, and will be designated as a Grand National Team qualifying event. Bob Gruber will give a 30 minute talk on Swiss Team strategy prior to the game.
6. Bob gave a report on the Sectional tournament. Flyers have been distributed to Unit games and other games in the area. Awards will be given to the winners of each flight of the 299er games.
7. A report on the events of March 1 and March 8 was given.
 - a. The reception for Valerie and Alan Greenberg was a success with fifteen tables attending. Sandwich wraps and a cake were served.
 - b. The Mini-McKinney and Ace of Clubs Awards were given out and desserts provided by Bob Gruber and Gary Morgan were served.
8. Tom Ciacio, the Club Manager, gave the attendance report. Attendance was up slightly for February.
9. Gary brought up the question of possibly having a second Sectional tournament. It could be held in the fall and could be just for non-life masters. More discussion will be held at future meetings.
10. Gary suggested that we get a smaller post office box than the one we have now, to save some money. The current box is up for renewal. After discussion, Tom Ciacio agreed to

have his address used for Unit correspondence. As a result, the board consensus was to eliminate the post office box (a savings of \$120/year).

11. Also discussed was conducting an assessment survey for Unit members to let the board know what they think are important Unit issues. Gary will come up with a list of potential topics for future discussion.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 P.M. The next board meeting is scheduled for April 19, but Gary said a special meeting to finalize Sectional matters may be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Fox, Secretary