

## MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

May 17, 2012, 11:00 A.M.

Present: Gary Morgan, Ilona Smith, Evelyn Fox, Judy Kupperman, Jim Rupp and Bob Gruber

Invited Guests: Tom Ciacio, Roy Green, Dagmar Ragnow

1. President Gary Morgan called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M.
2. Gary introduced Roy Green, past President of the ACBL, to the board and invited guests. Green spoke about how we can attract new members and how to teach them bridge basics. He said that, in his opinion, the unit needs a business plan, and he volunteered to be a member of an *ad hoc* committee to work on that. He also said that our unit is charging too little – far less than the price of a movie – for games. He added that having food at games helps make the game a social activity. As for teaching, he said he has created a two-page syllabus to teach basic bridge to complete beginners.
3. Minutes of the board meeting of April 12, 2012 were approved (moved by Judy and seconded by Bob) as corrected.
4. The March financial report was presented and discussed. Also, there was a preliminary report for April. It showed that the Unit made a profit from the Sectional Tournament.
5. Dagmar excused herself while the board discussed the resignation of Floyd Richards as Treasurer. Judy moved that the board appoint Dagmar as Treasurer and the motion was seconded by Ilona. After discussion, Jim moved the question and the motion passed unanimously. Gary did not take part in the discussion or the vote.
6. The board discussed buying new tables, but no conclusion was reached. It was agreed that some of the old tables need to be replaced.
7. Gary reported that we are continuing our search for a new site for our games.
8. The Sectional Tournament was briefly discussed but the post-mortem was deferred to the next meeting in the interest of time.
9. The board agreed that it will be set up a new business committee that will focus on bringing new members into the Unit and teaching them to play duplicate bridge.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 P.M. The next meeting will be held on June 21, 2012 at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Fox, Secretary