

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
August 15, 2013, 11:07 A.M.

Present: Gary Morgan, Judy Kupperman, Evelyn Fox, Bob Gruber, Jim Rupp, Alan Greenberg
Invited Guest: Tom Ciacio

1. President Gary Morgan called the meeting to order at 11:07 A.M.
2. The minutes of the board meeting of July 18, 2013 were approved as read (moved by Jim and seconded by Alan) unanimously.
3. At the July board meeting, Gary made a proposal to change the results display on the Bridgemates. Board members polled the membership to get their opinions and the consensus was to show just the percentage of each hand. The motion to implement this change was approved (moved by Jim and seconded by Evelyn) with one dissenting vote.
4. Susan Lang wrote a letter to the Board of Directors regarding the future of Wednesday's 199er game. She outlined several ideas, which were discussed by the board. Some of these suggestions are currently being implemented. Others need further discussion and planning.
5. Gary said he received a proposal to appoint a Social Manager/Social Committee. The purpose would be to create some fun events, provide refreshments for each game and, generally, to devise ways to get more players at our games. Gary will approach members to chair this committee.
6. Having a Pro/Am game was discussed. The issue was tabled at this time.
7. Jim and Bob gave a report on the upcoming beginning bridge classes that will be taught at Temple Beth Torah. There will be six lessons, lasting 1 1/2 hours each. Lecturers are needed.
8. The Nominating Committee for the next election of the Board of Directors was discussed. Jim Rupp, who chaired the last Nominating Committee, will also chair it this year. Gary suggested a bylaws change that would have the outgoing president serve one year on the board to provide continuity.
9. The 2014 annual Sectional was discussed. Gary reported that attendance has been dropping off at the two-session Swiss Teams event. He proposed that we have a one-session Swiss Teams event, which may include lunch. The decision was tabled at this time.
10. A name for the 299ers trophy, at Unit 547's next Sectional tournament, was brought up. Discussion was tabled at this time.
11. Holding a Non-Life Master Sectional was discussed. The Camarillo Senior Center is a possible place to hold the event. Gary will get more information, especially concerning cost.

12. Tom gave the Club Manager's report. Attendance is still down at all the Unit's games.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Fox, secretary