

**MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING**  
**November 15, 2012 at 11:20 A.M.**

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

Invited Guest: Tom Ciacio

1. President Gary Morgan called the meeting to order at 11:20 A.M.
2. Minutes of the board meeting of September 26, 2012 were approved (moved by Dagmar, seconded by Judy) as read.
3. Dagmar gave a preliminary Treasurer's report for October. The bank statement has not arrived so the report is not final.
4. It was decided to hold the Unit's annual business meeting and dinner on Saturday, January 12, 2013. The meeting and dinner will follow the game, which will be a Unit Club Championship. The annual game business, meeting and dinner will be held at the Vista Room of the Ventura Townhouse. An Italian buffet will be served at no charge to the Unit. Members will have to make reservations. The charge to non-members will be \$10.00. In addition, two upcoming Saturday games will be played at the Townhouse. The dates are November 24 and December 8, 2012 at 11:30 A.M.
5. The Unit's Holiday party will be held on December 13, 2012 at Temple Beth Torah.
6. Jim Rupp was appointed chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
7. Discussion was held regarding increasing the number of board members. It was suggested having an advisory member who would not be a voting member.
8. Gary Morgan, Tom Ciacio and Bob Gruber attended a meeting with ACBL President, Sharon Anderson during the Ventura Regional. She wanted input as to what the ACBL can do for the Unit.
9. Education and recruiting of beginners was discussed. Having a class consisting of 5 or 6 lessons was brought up. The cost of each class would be between \$12 and \$16. This would be a class for beginners who do not know point count, suit rank, etc. The idea would be to prepare them for the sequence of classes taught by Bob Gruber and Tom Kline. Further discussion was tabled for the next board meeting.
10. The board discussed developing a "Welcome" kit for new members of the Unit. It would contain a deck of cards, a Unit directory, something with times and locations of games in the Unit, and perhaps other things.

11. The subject of having coupon books for Unit-owned games at a discount or full price was discussed. The consensus was that such a book isn't needed at this time.
12. Tom Ciacio reported that he will order the Mini-McKinney Medallions for 2012.
13. The Grass Roots Fund Game was brought up. The consensus, after hearing Tom's report, was not to participate in this league project.
14. Judy gave a report regarding the Sectional Tournament for 2013. She contacted the 99 Cents Store to ask if they would be a Tournament sponsor. She was told that they only sponsor charity events. Judy also said she will try to schedule the dates of April 4-6, 2014 at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center for the 2014 Sectional.
15. Tom gave the Club Manager's report. He stated that attendance is up at the Saturday game.
16. There will no game on New Year's Day 2013. Temple Beth Torah is closed and the Townhouse is unavailable.
17. The next board meeting will be held on December 20, 2012 at 11:30 A.M.
18. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Fox, Secretary