

MINUTES OF THE ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING
November 21, 2013, 11:18 A.M.

Present: Gary Morgan, Judy Kupperman, Evelyn Fox, Bob Gruber, Jim Rupp, Dagmar Ragnow,
Alan Greenberg

Guests: Tom Ciacio, Susan Lang, Maurine Moore and Dick Daskais

1. President Gary Morgan called the meeting to order at 11:18 A.M.
2. The minutes of the board meeting of October 17, 2013 were approved as read (moved by Dagmar Ragnow, seconded by Jim Rupp).
3. Dagmar gave the Treasurer's report. The report was approved as corrected (moved by Evelyn Fox, seconded by Jim).
4. Three Unit members addressed the board. Susan Lang asked the board to approve a request for a small sum to provide refreshments for the Womens Pairs and 199ers games. Alan Greenberg moved to give the games \$60 a month. Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried and will start on January 1, 2014.

Maurine Moore brought up the problem of slow play and talking over of hands by some members and also the use of cell phones during the games. Tom Ciacio said he would remind players to move when the move is called. He will also remind members to turn off their phones.

Dick Daskais asked that all the results be shown on the Bridgemates after each hand, but there would be no discussion by the players.

5. Gary commented on several things. The members need to be reminded to clean up after the games and also to push the chairs in after the game on Tuesdays. Also, he said some members of the Novice games would like to learn more conventions. Jim Rupp announced that he will give a lecture on defense.
6. The board discussed whether we should continue with having the Bridgemates just showing the percentages of each hand. The board will informally poll the membership.
7. The 299er Sectional Tournament was discussed. Bob Gruber passed out flyers. The tournament will be held January 18-19, 2014 at the Camarillo Senior Center.
8. A name for the trophy to be awarded to the Unit 299er who garners the most points at the 299er Sectional Tournament was discussed. Alan is getting a travelling trophy, which will be called the Pete Bendorf Memorial Trophy.
9. The annual board meeting and dinner will take place on January 11, 2014. It will start at 11:30 A.M. and will be held in the Vista Room on the 7th floor of the Townhouse. There will be a game, dinner and a business meeting, including election of new officers.
10. The April (open) Sectional Tournament was discussed. There will be a flyer coming soon.
11. Tom gave the Club Manager's report. The Wednesday game is up about four tables. The 199er game is increasing to about 5-7 tables a game. Saturday's game has had a decrease in the table count. It was suggested that if there were a pregame lesson, attendance might improve.

12. Alan brought up improving the lighting at the Temple. Gary and Alan will look into it.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 P.M. There will be no board meeting in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Fox, Secretary