



# MINUTES - DENVER UNIT 361

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Denver Metro Bridge Studio - January 5, 2010

President Ruth Pana called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Attending were Board Members Ruth Pana, Jerry Newcomb, Carol Levinson, Don Heitler, Carol Wendt, Rob Vetter, Jim Calhoun, Chuck Anderson, Jerry Marrs, Ethics Chair Susan Grauer, Legal Rep Forest Clark, and District 17 Reps Jerry Ranney and Carolyn Newcomb.

Minutes for the December meeting were not available and will be approved at the next meeting.

### Treasurer report by Don Heitler:

Don handed out and explained the year to date financial statements. We have \$84,000 in cash on hand. September 1<sup>st</sup> losses (year to date) are expensed items prepaid for regional and sectional tournaments, and expenditures for supplies, food and flyers. Jeffco Fairgrounds is paid through January. Don Heitler will check with Gary Garner to make sure all our bills are paid. A motion was passed to compensate Alice Cunningham for the computer printing paper she supplied to the unit. The treasury report was approved.

### Committee Reports:

#### **JANUARY 7-10 SECTIONAL:**

**Rob Vetter** (supplies) checked the storage locker. We will need to order supplies for the future tournaments. Rob also spoke with Gary Garner and ordered 106 tables for the tournament, which will be at the Jeffco Fairgrounds and set up on Thursday morning. Jerry Ranney and Jerry Newcomb will be at Jeffco early on Thursday to assist.

**Hospitality** - Jerry Ranney has purchased the soda for the tournament. Menus will be placed on posters. The ice machine is broken, and we will have to buy ice. Lost and found items from previous events will be brought to the tournament. If any these items have not been claimed by July, they will be donated to Goodwill.

**Caddies** - The caddies are all set for the Jeffco tournament. Carol Wendt will get cash to pay them at the tournament. Carol is building a new caddie staff. Marlene will train the new caddies.

**Partnerships** - Chuck reported that he has only received two calls for partnership requests for the Jeffco tournament. The partnership table will set up in front of the stage.

**Photography** - Merle will take the pictures at the Jeffco tournament. After the tournament, the pictures will be uploaded to the website.

**Membership** - Jerry Marrs' name must be submitted to the ACBL as the Membership Chairman for 2010/2011. The form will be submitted by Carol Levinson (secretary). New members will receive free plays, a directory, a Kantar bridge play sheet, etc.

**Intermediate Newcomers** - Jim Calhoun will be in charge of a beginner's/intermediate players promotion, for players who are taking lessons at the various clubs in Unit 361. He will hand out free plays to the teachers, to be offered to players to play for free, one time, in

participating clubs. A motion was passed to talk to the people who run the clubs to offer a one time free play, with us paying \$5.00 of the entry fee, and the club augmenting the balance of the free play. The free play cards to be handed out will be discussed at the next meeting.

There will be a flyer going out in February for the April tournament. The tournament will be played on a Saturday at 10:00 and 3:00, and on Sunday at 10:30. Don Boyarsky is obtaining sanction for this tournament from the ACBL.

**DIRECTORY** - Kristi has all the names who will be listed in the directory. Sanjoy Dasgupta is going to take an ad again. Requiring pre-payment for ads was discussed, but it was decided it was not necessary. Carol Wendt will call Jade Barrett to see if he will order an ad. Roy Weinstein's name was also mentioned as a possible advertiser.

**REGIONAL** - A meeting is scheduled for January 31 at 6:00 p.m., at Carolyn and Jerry Newcomb's house to discuss general planning for the tournament. Carolyn will serve lasagna. All board members should attend, if possible.

**TABLE TALK** - Ruth will get the 4 page Table Talk out by the middle of March. Articles are needed for the newsletter. Ruth requested articles from the Regional Chairman (Jerry Newcomb), the Partnership Chair (Chuck Anderson), and Membership Chair (Jerry Marrs).

District 17 Report:

Carolyn Newcomb and Jerry Ranney will attend the District 17 meeting in Albuquerque. The ACBL has approved the Nationals for Denver for 2015. There is still a question as to whether or not we can run our regional that year. There is a very negative effect for us if the regional is not held. Boulder and Northern Colorado have also expressed a desire to have regionals. We will have a conflict this year's regional, with Las Vegas. They will run their regional about a week after ours. We will have to assess the impact this has for us. There is a new process in place to try to avoid these types of conflict in the future.

**WEBSITE** - A meeting will be held on January 31 at 5:00 at the Newcombs' for all members interested in the website.

No new business.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, February 2 at 5 PM at the Denver Metro Bridge Studio.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted.

Carol Levinson