



MINUTES - DENVER UNIT 361 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Denver Metro Bridge Studio - February 2, 2010

President Ruth Pana called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Attending were Board Members Ruth Pana, Jerry Newcomb, Carol Levinson, Don Heitler, Carol Wendt, Rob Vetter, Chuck Anderson, Jerry Marrs, Forest Clark, and District 17 Rep Jerry Ranney.

Minutes for the December meeting were not available and will be approved via e-mail. The January minutes were approved.

Treasurer report by Don Heitler:

Don asked that expenses for future tournaments be approved. A motion was made and approved to give \$250 for each District Representative's expenses for attendance at the district meetings not held in Denver. Don received a bill from the ACBL for I/N tournament expenses. The tournament director should have included these expenses in his accounting report, and if that is so, then we may have been charged twice. Don will check to make sure this has not happened. Don handed out updated income statements from the January tournament. There may still be some outstanding bills. We lost a small amount of money, but did very well, considering that we comped the meals for the Swiss teams games held on Sunday. Although we have received payments for several ads to be placed in the new directory, Don stated we are behind in the collections for the ads. He will call those people with outstanding bills and remind them that payment is due now. If a board member has incurred any expenses on behalf of Unit 361, these expenses should be submitted to Don, with a cover sheet explaining what the expense is for, and he will reimburse the member. The treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Supplies - Rob Vetter will order supplies needed for future tournaments. Rob has sanctions through 2012 for the sectionals.

Caddies - Carol Wendt will send Don Heitler an expense report for the January tournament outlining the payments made to the caddies. For future tournaments, Don will give Carol a check and she will pay the caddies at the tournament.

Partnerships - Chuck received a call from a lady from Detroit about available games for beginners. It was suggested this lady might contact Milt or Marvel. Carol Wendt will call her.

Photography - To date, no bill have been received from Merle. tournament. After the tournament, the pictures will be uploaded to the website.

Membership - Jerry Marrs stated 29 new members have joined the ACBL, and 13 have been reinstated. He will send an updated membership list to Ruth for the directory.

Intermediate Newcomers - Jim Calhoun contacted the directors of the clubs. They have approved the \$5 free play for members attending classes given by these clubs. Shirley Gates is printing cards to be handed out to these players, which they will turn in for their free plays.

District 17 Report:

The Board of Directors passed a resolution to request ACBL to limit points given out at regular bridge club games. The ACBL has some extra funds to hand out for awards, and \$5,000 will be given to our charity, "Family First." Directors' fees will be going up 8% effective April 1, 2010. The District has approved lower sanction fees for tables at the Regional tournament. The new fee will be \$550 per table. There will be a \$1,000 subsidy given for I/N games. The Denver Regional for 2015 has been approved.

Postcards will be sent for the I/N tournament held April 10-11. If we want to say anything on those postcards, Bonnie Bagley must have the information now.

A meeting was held at the Newcombs' on January 31, to discuss preliminary plans for the Regionals in May. A new clock is needed and Jerry Newcomb will find out where to purchase the clock. Don and Anita Heitler were asked to speak at the Regional. Jim Calhoun will introduce the speakers to the I/N members. Carolyn Newcomb will continue to do the bulletin. She will talk to the printer to see if he would also print labels for players, and the list for label requests would be attached to the bulletin when submitted for printing. Don Williams will continue to sell books and will pay \$.10 per table. There is a \$9,500 banquet requirement, and it was suggested that some of this money be utilized to offer free coffee for the morning and evening sections. Some of the money may also be allocated for the lunch on Monday. There will be no other vendors at the regional, however, flyers concerning bridge related items may be placed on the tables. It was suggested that a banner be displayed for daylight pairs game. Jerry will check with the hotel for their approval. Posters will also be displayed for the daylight pairs game. We will also have stratiflighted games at the regionals. Explanations will be available for those who want it.

Winners of the 2009 MiniMcKenney and Ace of Clubs was announced. Rob Vetter has won both awards. Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney Award winners will receive their medals and certificates at the March sectional. Ruth Pana will notify them that the ceremony will take place before the afternoon game on Saturday, March 13th. Jack Larkin has achieved 10,000 points and this accomplishment will be acknowledged at the Regional, and an article will be written for Table Talk. Anita Heitler became an Emerald Life Master (7,500 points). Everyone will receive a letter from the Unit offering our congratulations.

New Business - A yearly audit will be accomplished by Jerry Marrs.

The next meeting was set for Monday, March 1, at 5:00 pm, at the Denver House of Cards.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted.
Carol Levinson