



MINUTES - DENVER UNIT 361 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Denver Metro Bridge Studio – May 5, 2010

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

Minutes for the April meeting were approved as read.

Don Heitler reported that I/N tournament made a profit of \$126. He also reported there is a \$16,000 deficit year to date. However, there may have been some check duplicated, and this deficit also includes some expenses paid in advance for the Regional, and does not reflect any projected profit that will be made from that Regional. The balance sheet shows \$18,000 in the checking account and \$76,000 in CDs and savings. A committee meeting will be held regarding the budget, so it can be broken out by individual tournaments, and we can see what expenses and profits were accomplished for each tournament. When the budget report is complete, a copy will be sent to each board member. An audit also has to be accomplished. Because of the audit and future committee meeting, no formal Treasurer report was given.

Curt Soloff was a guest speaker at the meeting. He is concerned about the lack of new players at the bridge clubs. He proposed a plan to help entice new players, as follows:

Six weeks of free lessons will be offered twice a year. An additional six weeks will be given twice a year, at a flat fee cost of \$50 per six week session. Curt stated he would be happy to teach both the free classes and the paid classes. Mike Thompson would then have a weekly game for these beginners so they could play duplicate and gain experience.

Several questions were raised: Where to teach these classes, where to advertise for these classes, would the ACBL allow some monies to defray the cost of expenses for renting a place to teach these classes. Ruth and Jerry Ranney stated there was a fund of \$1,800, which was given to Tom Lanahan before his death, and was returned to us, since it was not used. Some of these monies could be used for this proposal. It was decided to form a committee to discuss the proposal and the issues arising from the proposal. Jim Calhoun will head up committee

Committee Reports:

Supplies – No report.

Caddies – No report.

Partnerships – No report.

Photography – Tony Villa took the photographs at the I/N tournament, and may help take them at the Regional.

Membership – No report.

Hospitality – Maxine is in the process of obtaining the stickers that will be handed out at the Regional.

Intermediate Newcomers – Alice Kinningham would like to turn over some of the directorship for the tournament to Curt Soloff, so there will be two directors for the I/N sessions.

District 17 Report:

Forest reported that some health issues occurred at the Mesa/Chandler Regional. There was an outbreak of a virus (Norvirs), and several people got sick. The Arizona Health Department was called, and stated that the pre-duplicated boards might be a source of the illness. Ruth is going to obtain an official document from the ACBL concerning these issues, and will hold a meeting with Jerry Newcomb about steps to be taken to ensure the health of the players at our Regional. It was proposed that a statement be placed in the bulletin that we have taken the necessary steps to ensure the health of our players.

Regional – Don Heitler has gotten several speakers for the Regional. No topics have been solidified as yet. Ruth and Maxine are going to work on posters directing players to Dayflight pairs games. Jim Calhoun will get nearby restaurants to give coupons for the players.

New Business – Good Will would like to be considered as a charity in our charity events.

The next meeting was set for Tuesday June 1, at 5:00 pm, at the Denver Metro Bridge.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Carol Levinson