



MINUTES - DENVER UNIT 361

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Denver Metro Bridge Studio - October 1, 2009

President Ruth Pana called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attending were Board Members Ruth Pana, Jerry Newcomb, Maxine Divine, Don Heitler, Carol Wendt, Lew Dorough, Forest Clark, and District 17 Reps Jerry Ranney and Carolyn Newcomb.

Minutes for the September Meeting were approved.

Treasurer report by Don Heitler:

Our bills are paid. We have agreed to prepay the Jeffco Fairgrounds \$2770 for each sectional, and leave the \$1000 deposit, to cover their various future prepaids. We have \$80,000 in reserve, including the \$10,000 restricted for the next National. Don passed out and explained the proposed budget for 2009-2010. The budget was approved with the addition of \$200 per sectional tournament for preduplicated hand records. This budget will anticipate a loss of approximately \$2,700.

October IN Tournament:

Lew Dorough will run the tournament for Don Boyarsky who is out of town. Board has approved use of outside help for set up and hospitality if necessary.

We have set the December meeting/Christmas party for Dec 10. Carolyn Newcomb has volunteered to have it at her house. New members will be invited by internet invitation. Other guests may be invited. Invitations will go out by email.

Front Range Challenge:

Don Heitler reports that Denver won the challenge. We will have the trophy engraved. It is undecided where or whether we will have one next year.

We tabled the discussion on how to select the teams, and where to hold the challenge.

District 17 Report:

Carolyn Newcomb and Jerry Ranney will be at the meeting in Ruidoso next week.

One topic they will bring up is the spacing between tournaments. Las Vegas has scheduled their Regional for one week after our tournament, which could affect our attendance. A discussion will be held regarding the how much the District 17 cash reserves should be and how the money could be spent. It is established that any unit could get in trouble with a weather problem, or something like the swine flu breaking a tournament, but the consensus was that we have more than enough reserve to protect ourselves, and District 17 has their reserves to cover losses if the problems come up.

We voted to provide the Sunday lunch at the January sectional at no cost as member appreciation. Other options were discussed for reducing the treasury, but no decisions were made.

New Club:

There are two Colorado Springs members starting a new club in Castle Rock. They will have a game on Mondays, primarily for newer players. Curt Soloff will direct. They had a question regarding whether they need to change their unit affiliation since the club will be in Unit 361. We determined that that would not be necessary.

New Cards:

Norma Sands has offered to give us 6 dozen boxes of cards. We gratefully accepted, and plan to get old cards replaced at the November Sectional.

A discussion was held regarding allowing vendors to have booths at our tournament. Each Unit sets their own policy. We recognize the need to encourage the pros to attend our tournament. Jerry Newcomb feels any booth should be related to Bridge. This discussion was tabled for a future meeting. Forest is writing a memo to the Board regarding outside vendors at our tournaments.

We briefly discussed the need for a new web site and advantages of a web site such as the one at the House of Cards, where hand records are available.

The next meeting was set for November 5 at 7 PM at the Denver Metro Bridge Studio.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted.

Carol Wendt,

Substituting for Bill Johnson