



DECEMBER 2009 MINUTES

DENVER UNIT 361

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting was called to order at the home of Carolyn and Jerry Newcomb by Board president Ruth Pana at 8:00 PM.

Members in attendance: Ruth Pana, Merl Needham, Jerry Newcomb, Don Boyarsky, Don Heitler, Carol Wendt, Maxine Devine, Lew Dorough, and Bill Johnson. New board members in attendance: Jim Calhoun, Carol Levinson, Jerry Marrs, and Rob Vetter. Also in attending were District 17 Representatives Jerry Ranney and Carolyn Newcomb; Legal Advisor, Forest Clark; ACBL Board of Governors member Frank Queen; Director (emeritus), Milt Shioya; Charity Chairman, Lori Beard and Forum Editor, Jared Johnson

President's Comments: Ruth introduced Frank Queen, Milt Shioya and Jared Johnson. She then thanked all the outgoing board members (Boyarsky, Dorough, Johnson and Needham) for their services, and officially recognized the new board.

November Minutes: Approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Don Heitler reported that while he is still awaiting a few invoices, the November Election Sectional will have a positive margin. He will have a detailed P&L for the board at the January meeting. Ruth also mentioned that we had 460 total tables at the November Sectional, down from 500 last year. It was agreed that most of this shortfall could be attributed to the bad weather on Sunday. Don also reported on the significant difference in interest rates between CD's and a savings account. He will have a full analysis to show the board at the January meeting. The treasury report was approved.

Frank Queen's Overview of the Board of Governors: Frank provided a short overview of the purpose of the Board of Governors and an explanation of their meeting scheduling. He usually is unable to attend all the meetings and suggested that anyone who might be interested in attending as his proxy to please contact him. He would be please to appoint a proxy in order that Unit 361 leadership gains an insight into the issues and discussions at this level of the ACBL.

Officer Assignments for 2010: As is Unit 361's tradition, each of the **Incumbent Officers** was asked by outgoing Vice President Don Boyarsky if they would like to retain their current position. The incumbent officer (Ruth Pana, President; and Don Heitler, Treasurer) both indicated they would like to retain their positions. Then new nominations were requested from the floor. As there were no new nominations, each incumbent was then elected by unanimous consent. For the **vacated position of Vice President**, Jerry Newcomb was nominated. There were no other nominations and after Jerry indicated his acceptance of the responsibilities, he was elected by unanimous consent. Carol Levinson was nominated for the **vacated position of Secretary**. As there were no other nominations and Carol voiced her acceptance of the responsibilities, she was elected by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ASSIGNMENTS: Committee assignments were appointed by the President. Much like with officers, existing Chairs are asked if they'd like to continue their current responsibilities. All the

incumbent Chairs indicated their desire to continue in their current assignments, this included:

Caddies: Carol Wendt
Hospitality – Maxine Devine
Regional Tournament – Jerry Newcomb
Partnerships – Chuck Anderson

The remaining new board members were asked what position in which they might be interested. After discussion, and each new member indicating acceptance of the responsibilities entailed with their new role, Ruth appointed the following new chairs:

I/N Tournament & Education: Jim Calhoun
Membership – Jerry Marrs
Sectional Tournaments & Supplies – Rob Vetter
Publicity & Table Talk – Ruth Pana, with support from Carol Levinson

All the returning board members confirmed their availability to assist the new board members especially for the January Sectional, which starts on January 7, less than a month from this meeting.

New Business: Ruth asked for volunteers to take copies of our Regional Flyer to the upcoming Kansas City Regional. Don Heitler volunteered.

Ruth asked for volunteers to form a Web Committee. Carolyn Newcomb agreed to chair the committee and Jim Calhoun, Rob Vetter and Ruth Pana agreed to be members. Ruth presented an award and card signed by all members as a “Thank you” to Milt in recognition of his contribution to Unit 361 as a Director at our sectionals. He received a round of applause. He will be missed.

A motion was made to change the Thursday night pairs game at future sectionals, starting with the March 2010 Sectional, to a Strata-Flighted event. (In simple terms, A and Ax play together, and B, C, and D play together). It is believed that such a change may encourage more I/N and below 500 point teams to play.

Both Milt and Forest pointed out that we need to have a Sanction number on our Sectional Flyers.

The next meeting will be January 5, 2010 at 5:00 PM. Tentatively, meetings for 2010 will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at Denver Metro Bridge Club at 5:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM by President Pana.

Submitted by Bill Johnson for Carol Levinson, Secretary