



MINUTES - DENVER UNIT 361 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Denver Metro Bridge Studio – November 1, 2010

President Ruth Pana called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Attending were Board Members Jerry Newcomb, Carol Levinson, Maxine Divine, Ann Martinez, Jerry Marrs, Rob Vetter, Don Heitler, and Jim Calhoun and Forest Clark and District 17 Reps Carolyn Newcomb and Jerry Ranney.

Minutes for the September meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Heitler reported we have \$28,000 in cash, (including the payment for the next tournament). Ruth requested that Don bring a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement for the year end, to the next meeting. Don also reported that Alice Kinningham will bill the unit \$20, for the set up of her computer at the I/N tournament. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Caddies – There will be 11 caddies at the November Sectional, at a cost of \$385. Those caddies who take pictures will receive an extra \$5. Caddies will also help set up and take down the tables.

Partnerships – A player, who has approximately 850 points wants a partner for the upcoming November Sectional.

Membership – There are 16 new people in our unit this month. The ACBL has decided that if the amount due to our unit for membership is less than \$1,000, we will receive the monies at the end of the year.

Education - Jim reported the classes started last Thursday. Five out of the seven who signed up came to the class. Jim will make a poster about the upcoming tournament for the I/N players. Rob Vetter is working on obtaining sanctions for the I/N tournaments. The food for the last tournament I/N tournament cost \$300, to feed 100 people. Work will have to be done regarding the trophy to be given in Tom Lenehan's name.

Hospitality – The menus are all set for the Sectional.

District 17 Report:

Carolyn reported on the District meeting held October 1 in Tucson. The District 17 Board has set up a Goodwill Committee, to honor volunteers and good manners at the table. Names for the good will awards can be submitted to Karen Griffin or Leslie Davis. The ACBL is cutting 12 positions from its staff. The representatives will keep their two year terms. Congrats to Carolyn Newcomb for retaining her Rep position. The District is investigating putting their investment monies in CDs. Election results will be forthcoming within the next ten days.

Sectional – Sectional contracts are signed through November 2011. Rates have increased to \$ _____ .. Rob reported that we have all the supplies we need for the November Sectional. Rob will be at the lockers at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday. Gary Garner, who stores our tables, no longer wants to store them. He has been pre-paid for three months (through the January Sectional). Several suggestions were made about this problem, including purchasing a bigger storage unit, building more boxes, or asking Gary if he would sell his trailer to us. Further discussion will be held on this subject at the December meeting. Joan Mager will help with the photography at the Sectional. We will ask the directors to announce that pictures need to be taken.

Front Range Challenge – Jerry Newcomb reported that the teams are set for the challenge. The games will start with the pairs game at 10:00 a.m., with a break for a box lunch, and then continue in the afternoon with the team game. A continental breakfast will also be available. Colorado Springs may be having some difficulty in adjusting brackets. Alice Kinningham will direct the game. Duane will be the caddy.

New Business – A decision was made to have the December year end meeting at White Fence Farm. Jim Calhoun will make the arrangements with them. Invitations will be sent to all the current board members, the newly elected board members, Susan Grauer, Forrest Clark, Jared Johnson, and Frank Queen. There will be 20 people attending, and the unit will pay for the meals. There will be a cash bar for those who want to buy alcoholic drinks.

If there are nominations from the floor, voting on the new members will take place during the November Sectional on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Requests will be made for any nominations from the floor at the annual meeting, which will be held Thursday evening at 6:30, before the Swiss Team game.

Publicity – Cooper, who is now doing the Forum, has asked the unit if we want to pay up front for two ads per sectional. If they have room and we have only one ad paid for, they may or may not put in a second ad for us. Ruth suggests we only pay for one ad, as we mail out our flyers. The directory will be done by Kristi Endelicato, with assistance from Ruth Pana, Carolyn Newcomb and Carol Levinson. Ads are being sold by Carol Levinson, will help from Ruth Pana.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m., at White Fence Farm.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Carol Levinson