



MINUTES - DENVER UNIT 361

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Denver Metro Bridge Studio – July 5, 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, Rob Vetter, Don Heitler, and Jim Calhoun and Forest Clark and District 17 Reps Carolyn Newcomb and Jerry Ranney.

Minutes for the June meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Heitler handed out three reports, "Profit & Loss," "Regional Report," and "Balance Sheet." Taxes were filed and paid. A budget for the Unit should be submitted by October, 2010. An audit was completed, and it was suggested that we should keep track of the individual payments made to caddies. Directors' fees were also discussed, as there was a substantial raise in their salaries this year. Jeffco Fairgrounds has also raised their rates, but it was stated that the facility is still the best facility we can get for the money. Fees for the Regional will be discussed in Committee. The Treasurer's Report was accepted

Two guest speakers, who are running for the office of District Director, attended the meeting. Jerry Fleming and John Van Ness both gave an account of their years of service to the bridge world, as well as the accomplishments they attained, including making the Western Conference viable. Jerry Fleming stated he would place some emphasis on improving the technology used by the District and John Van Ness stated he would request opinions from each unit as to how things might be improved. The term of office is three years.

Questions were raised as to what method of voting our board would prefer. All members are to notify Carol Levinson, by Friday, whether they want to vote as individuals, by mail, or as a unit. Ruth will then let the District know our decided method of voting.

Ann Martinez was approved as the new Caddie Chairperson. Carol Wendt has resigned.

Sectional: We have enough supplies for this sectional, but Rob stated we may have to buy new boards and cards in the future. Members will take home boards after the sectional and check them to see what needs to be replaced. Rob and other board members will be at Jeffco on Thursday at 2:00 to begin setting up for the sectional.

Committee Reports:

Caddies – Carol Wendt will walk Ann through the routine for the caddies for this sectional, and will be available to help her in the future, if necessary.

Partnerships – No report.

Photography – Jerry Marrs will take the photographs at the sectional.

Membership – No report.

Hospitality – Maxine is changing the food menus for the sectional. Friday will remain the same. Saturday will be a salad and dessert bar. Sunday will be catered by the same caterers we have used in the past. Barbeque beef will be served.

Intermediate Newcomers – Jim reported that classes will be starting in September in the middle schools.

District 17 Report:

Carolyn reported that our Regional for next year has been approved. The Las Vegas Regional will be held a week after ours.

New Business – A nominating committee has been set up to accept nominations for people who want to run for the board. There will be four positions open for election. The committee members are Jerry Newcomb, Penny Coffman, Merle and Maxine Divine. Ballots must be completed by August.

We will continue the Front Range Challenge with Colorado Springs in November. We will look for a venue to hold the games in the Denver area.

The next meeting was set for Monday August 2, at 4:30 pm, at the Denver House of Cards.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Carol Levinson