



MINUTES - DENVER UNIT 361 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Denver Metro Bridge – June 4, 2011

President James Calhoun called the quorum. Attending were Board Members Bob Eberhardt, Carol Levinson, Nancy Rainwater, Jerry Marrs, Don Heitler, Blair Young, Tom Burger, Don Heitler and Sherry Levitt. Also attending was Forest Clark, Susan Grauer and Dist 17 Rep Jerry Ranney

The agenda was approved and the minutes for the May meeting were accepted. President Calhoun appointed Forest Clark as the Parliamentarian.

Jim Calhoun stepped down as President and resumed his previously held office of Vice President. Jerry Marrs stepped down from the Vice Presidency and remains as Chair of New Members. Penny Coffman agreed to become the new President and was unanimously voted into that position by all members of the board. Susan and Forest requested that each member of the board present a more formal job description of their individual positions. There is a packet listing all the job descriptions and Forest will find it and give each member their description so they can update it.

Ann Martinez has resigned as Caddy Chairperson and Blair Young will take over that position.

The May minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Heitler handed out financial reports and regional financials. The regional financials contained estimates of the monies to be received from Dist. 17, which were confirmed by Jerry Ranney. Carolyn Newcomb has to submit a bill for her expenses. The total cost for the hotel (to date) was \$11,650.84, which has been paid. There may, however, be additional monies to be paid to the hotel. The Unit made a profit of \$13,710.70. A check was issued to the charities for over \$1,000. Don discussed a problem with how to handle the large sums of money collected over the holiday weekend. This will need further discussion. Don also suggested we consider lending or charging a small fee for our tables to Colorado Springs for their Regional tournament in August. The treasurer's report was approved.

Regional Report:

Bob Eberhardt (Regional Chair) received an e-mail from Gary Zeiger (Renaissance Hotel) that all went well at the Regional. Penny requested that Bob schedule a meeting with the hotel, to obtain the leases for our future regionals. Don reported that all speakers scheduled to speak that the regional did speak and were very well received. Don suggested we improve on our speaker handouts, and requested that we have volunteers to introduce the speakers at our next regional. He also is sending thank you notes to all the speakers. Don also proposed that we add Knock Out games for those who are knocked out in earlier games. If we do this, we will have to alter the schedule, which was already approved by Dist. 17. Chris Compton has volunteered to help us with our scheduling. The schedule can be changed, but changes must be made by October. Some of our new tables have pen marks and will need to be cleaned.

Sectional Tournament:

All sanctions are in place and the tables are ready. The qualifiers for the Front Range challenge will be chosen from the Sunday Team games. We will need to advertise this, in the Forum, in the Flyer, and announce it at the tournament. Jim Calhoun will contact the Coopers about placing the info in the Forum. The information will also be placed on the website.

Hospitality Report:

Nancy Rainwater reported the reception desk in the lobby was well received. She suggested that next year, we give "loot" bags at the reception desk, instead of handing out gifts during the tournament. The food issues will be discussed at the next meeting. For the Sectional, all food preparations are in place. She will have more food on Friday, serve pizzas on Saturday, and a catered Italian meal on Sunday.

Partnerships:

Sherry Levitt reported the regional went smoothly. She would like a tract phone for the next regional. The phone at the partnership desk worked very well. Sherry suggested we start a notebook, for the entire regional, listing all the ideas and solutions to problems, so the information is all in one place.

Caddies:

Blair took over the caddies at the regional because Ann Martinez resigned. He stated all caddies should receive the same salary. He also suggested they have a room and be given free lunches.

I/N Tournament:

The tournament will take place October 8th and 9th. The flyer has been prepared.

Publicity:

The July ad is out. The July flyer will be in the mail tomorrow. The I/N flyer is prepared.

Membership:

There were 13 new members this month.

Photography:

Tom Burger will be taking the photographs at the sectional. Blair will make announcements at the sectional, letting people know times for picture taking.

District Report:

A meeting was held at the Denver Regional. Approval was given to raise the reception monies, subsidized up to \$2,000. Maxine Devine has been selected as a goodwill ambassador, in appreciation for all her hard work. A onetime approval was granted for monies given to the GNT Teams for Toronto, because of expenses in Canada. We have two teams from our unit.

Old Business:

Website – Blair Young reported there is no new information about the website.

Announcements – Carol Levinson made life master at the regional. Don Heitler achieved 7,500 master points.

TAP – Teachers Accreditation Program is in progress, which gives instructions for those who wish to teach bridge to players paraphernalia, but decided to postpone the decision for the next meeting, to allow further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday July 5th at Denver House of Cards.

Respectively submitted,
Carol Levinson