



MINUTES - DENVER UNIT 361 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Denver House of Cards – July 5, 2011

President Penny Coffman called the meeting to order. Attending were Board Members Bob Eberhardt, Carol Levinson, Nancy Rainwater, Jerry Marrs, Don Heitler, Blair Young, Tom Burger, and Sherry Levitt. Also attending was Forest Clark, Carolyn Newcomb and Jerry Ranney

The minutes for the June meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Heitler reported he made payments for the table storage and the Jeffco Tournament. He also requested that we make payments for the storage in a six month amount, as this would save a month's payment. Motion was made and approved to allow this method of payment. The tax return is due August 15. A Budget Committee will meet at Pres. Coffman's house, and will present the budget for next year's Regional Tournament to District 17, which is due to them by July 31st. Free plays were also discussed. There have been several problems with the free plays, i.e., the signature block is difficult to read, no color distinction between different types of free plays. Bob Eberhardt and Don Heitler will be in charge of the free plays. The new forms will contain a clear signature block as well as a signature line for authorization of the free play. The free plays will be given out at the clubs or handed out by the tournament or partnership chairperson (free plays for extraordinary assistance at the tournaments), or directly to the board members by Don Heitler. New members will receive a white colored card for their free play, which will be given out by the Membership chairperson. District free plays are given only at the Regional and will be green in color.

Regional Report:

Proposed changes for the next regional:

- Gold pairs team games, 0-750 points
- 4 session knockouts
- New knockout on Friday and Saturday
- Swiss Team games at 7:00 p.m. every night
- Knockouts the day before and day of Swiss Team events
- Fast pairs on Monday

Motion was made and approved to try these changes at the next Regional. These changes will have to be presented to the District and ACBL for approval.

Sectional Tournament:

Set up is organized. All shopping for the sectional is completed. Help is needed to get the tables. Caddies are also set. Photography is being handled, with the exception of Thursday night. Winners from the Thursday night game will have their pictures taken on Friday, and an announcement will be made about this. A motion was made and approved to store our trailer at Jeffco Fairgrounds, in their yard, which is padlocked. The cost is

\$20 a month. We will give them a combination lock. There will be access to the trailer from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There is also a discounted storage bill, by paying six months, we will get one month free.

TROPHIES – Blair will give out trophies on Saturday at the sectional. The Frank Thorwald Trophy will be presented to the best Denver Unit Novice (it will be small and the winner will be allowed to keep it). It will cost \$250 to engrave. Other trophies and certificates will also be presented. The unit will have a plaque, which will list all the names.

District Report:

Fund raiser games for National are similar to stac games. An article is in the Score Card.

Old Business:

Venue lease for Regional – Penny Coffman, Forest Clark, Don Heitler and Bob Eberhardt spoke with hotel representatives. They appreciate our business and offered us a lease through 2016. Next year (2012) we will have a 610 room commitment, \$10,000 food revenue. In 2016, we will have \$12,000 food revenue. We have to present them with a registration list and give them a credit guarantee. In 2015, we will have both the National and the Regional tournaments. The new lease must be submitted to the District now, which would be before it is signed. A motion was made and approved to approve the lease, which will be signed and given to the District. The person who signs the lease gets points for Marriott rewards. In the past, these were split up for those who were members and eligible for the rewards. A motion was made and approved to keep the points with the chairman of the regional and the president.

Job descriptions should be e-mailed to Forest Clark, along with any ideas, suggestions and extra duties.

The Front Range Challenge will take place on October 15 in Colorado Springs. An announcement will be made at the July sectional. Jim Calhoun will make a poster for the Challenge. Colorado Springs may ask us to loan them some tables.

Website – Blair Young reported Chris Champion offered to set up the website, and Blair would like to speak with him. If anyone has any input, please let Blair know. Carolyn Newcomb is keeping the website updated as well as possible.

New Business – I/N Tournament will be August 5. Flyers will be passed out at the Sectional.

Nominating Committee – Elections take place in November. Penny will chair the committee. Table Talk will present bios of those running.

Table Talk- two issues are presented each year. Ruth Pana will take care of this. There will be a memorial box for those in our unit who have passed on. There will also be an explanation of stratified vs. stratiflighted events.

Supplies – new cards have been ordered.

The meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday September 7th at Denver House of Cards AT 4:30.

Respectively submitted, Carol Levinson

