



# MINUTES - DENVER UNIT 361

Denver House of Cards – January 2, 2012

President Ruth Pana called the meeting to order. Attending were Board Members Bob Eberhardt, Tom Burger, Carol Levinson, Shelbie Bastiaans, Blair Young, Nancy Rainwater, Sherry Levitt and Don Heitler. Also present were District 17 reps Carolyn Newcomb and Jerry Ranney, legal rep Forrest Clark.

Minutes for the December meeting were approved as amended.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don Heitler had a draft of the letter to be presented to Jim Calhoun, questioning expenditures made, and questions of authorization to make these expenditures.

**Sectional Tournament:** Bob Eberhardt will send an e-mail letting us know when the trailer will be unloaded. He will also buy the supplies needed for the tournament.

We discussed obtaining insurance for the trailer and all the supplies, including 400 bidding boxes, approximately 250 tables, cards and boards. Insurance would be for liability and contents. Carol will get some information on prices and present it at the next meeting.

**Hospitality:** Special thanks to Jerry Ranney for supplying the soda for the tournaments. Nancy reported she is ready for the tournament.

**Caddies:** Blair needs an extra caddy for Thursday night. Most of the caddies have already received their assignments. Blair requested an increase in the caddy budget to \$560. A motion was passed approving the increase.

**Partnerships:** Sherry Levitt will handle the partnership desk at the sectional tournament.

**Photography:** Tom Burger will take the pictures of the winners at the sectional tournament.

**Education:** We have been paying insurance for the educational program in the Jeffco School Dist. ACBL does have monies to give the unit to assist with expenses. Ruth will speak with Jim Calhoun to ascertain the status of the program to date.

**Membership:** Shelbie is waiting for the reports from Jerry Marrs. She will keep track of the different levels of play, at the March sectional, to determine badges to be awarded. The Directors have applications for membership, but are very busy collecting monies and handing out playing assignments, so a board member should be available to help in signing up new members, should requests be made. Forms for new membership should

also be available at the partnership desk. Shelbie also suggested some advertising on the website to see if we can get retirees to join the bridge groups.

**Directory:** If anyone knows of people or businesses that would like to place ads in the new directory, please let Ruth or Carol know. This information will be needed by the end of January. Kristie Endelicato will receive \$300 for putting together the directory, which will be given out at the March sectional.

**Website:** Blair will get a proposal from Kitty Cooper for designing the new website. She prepares a very flexible site. Jim Turner will be paid for his web hosting fees.

**Front Range Challenge:** Sherry Levitt will check on the dates for the challenge. Ruth will forward Rick Olsen's information to Sherry.

**Publicity:** Ruth will complete ads through March and send them to Tom Burger. Bob Eberhardt will send the flyer templates to Tom. Flyers for the regional tournament will be sent to Albuquerque. Jerry Ranney will distribute these flyers.

**District 17 Report:** The next meeting will be held in Tuscan at the end of February. The tournament in Phoenix, next fall, will again be held at the Sheraton. Directors fees will be going up 4% after 4-1-12. A discussion was held about increasing table fees, but there is no increase. Taos is interested in hosting a tournament. The Baldwin Plan has been signed for this year. If sanction fees are decreased, it will happen before the regional.

**New Business:** Table Talk will be ready for spring. It will cost between \$400 and \$500. It will be a four page printout, and will contain an explanation of the charity event

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2012, at Denver House of Cards at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Carol Levinson

Here is a list of the new assignments:

President - Ruth Pana  
Vice President /Caddies - Blair Young  
Treasurer - Don Heitler  
Secretary - Carol Levinson  
Membership - Shelbie Bastiaans  
Hospitality -Nancy Rainwater  
Partnership/IN Tournaments - Sherry Levitt

Regional Tournament - Co Chairs Maxine Divine and Shirley Gates

Sectional Tournaments - Bob Eberhardt

Education - Jim Calhoun

Photography- Tom Burger

Recorder - Penny Coffman

Legal Adviser - Forest Clark

Disciplinarian - Susan Grauer