

MINUTES - DENVER UNIT 361

Denver House of Cards – August 5, 2012

President Ruth Pana called the meeting to order. Attending were Board Members Tom Burger, Carol Levinson, Blair Young, Nancy Rainwater, Sherry Levitt, Jim Calhoun, Don Heitler, and Shelbie Bastiaans. Also present were District 17 rep Carolyn Newcomb and legal rep Forest Clark. Also present was guest Frank Queen.

Minutes for the July meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Don Heitler reported a profit on the sectional of \$1,209.64. He received a letter from the Red Cross, thanking us for our donation, helping those who suffered in the Colorado fires. We received additional monies, totaling \$1,050, sent from the other Colorado units, which will be sent to the Red Cross, as well. The sectional and regional budgets were also presented, both showing small projected profits. The Sunday lunch for the sectional will cost approximately \$1,000. Catering fees for the sectional will be subject to change in the future. Jeffco must give us 90 days notice of any monetary changes. The cost for Friday night services at the sectional will change because the kitchen staff will not be used. The sectional budget was approved. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Frank Queen spoke about the problems that occurred at the sectional. There were many criticisms of the directors at the sectional. The complaints were:

The tables were not in proper order

More than one director should be accepting entry fees

Master points were not acknowledged

The bridge mates did not work for the Swiss team, and there was not an adequate backup Plan in place

The demeanor and attitude of one of the directors toward the players

These issues were discussed with Bill Michael, the head director, who stated they will be addressed and steps will be taken to make the proper adjustments for future sectionals.

Regional Budget and schedule - A motion was made and passed to change the schedule to add a fast pairs game on Monday, as an alternative to the Swiss team games. It will be advertised in a flyer and the Bulletin, and will start at 10:00 a.m. A motion was also passed to repair the floor markers at the tournament.

Nominating Committee: Bob Eberhardt, chair of the committee, Penny Coffman, Nancy Rainwater, Paula Warren and Curt Soloff, stated that Bill and Lori Beard, John Gallagher and Joan Kushner, are the nominees running in the election to be held at the November Sectional.

Front Range Challenge: Sherry has contacted the players for the challenge. The place to hold the challenge has not been booked yet, but she is contacting several places at this time and will have the place and the fees for the next meeting. Board members should also plan to attend the Challenge and be represented there. The Challenge will take place on October 20th.

District 17 Report: No report.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 10 at Denver House of Cards at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Levinson