



MINUTES - DENVER UNIT 361
Denver House of Cards – November 5, 2012

President Ruth Pana called the meeting to order. Attending were Board Members Tom Burger, Carol Levinson, Blair Young, Nancy Rainwater, Jim Calhoun, Don Heitler, Bob Eberhardt, and Shelbie Bastiaans. Also present were District 17 rep Carolyn Newcomb and Jerry Ranney, as well as legal rep Forrest Clark. Minutes for the October meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Don Heitler handed out balance sheets as of the end of October, as well as the I/N Report and the Front Range Challenge reports. The only outstanding bill is for the trophy engraving. Don has paid for six months storage, and we will get one month free. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Front Range Challenge: Sherry reported there were 64 tables. Denver won the Challenge. It was changed to a charity game. In the future, the game should be sectionally rated or at least be a charity game. The game will be held in Colorado Springs next year.

Sectional Tournament: Nancy reported that hospitality is ready. The kitchen staff has some questions about fees, and Nancy will address these questions.

Elections: On Thursday, at 6:45 p.m., Blair will list the nominees and ask if there are any other nominees. There are five candidates: Lori and Bill Beard, John Gallagher, Joan Kushner and Blair Young will be elected. Sharon Anderson, the ACBL President, and her husband, are attending our sectional. Blair will introduce her to the players. The Unit has also voted to allow Sharon free plays for the sectional games.

Blair will give Don a list of the caddies who earned over \$600 this year, so we can issue 1099 forms to them. A motion was made to pay caddies an additional \$10 if they help clean up after the games.

299'r Tournament Committee Report: The House of Cards will host the I/N Tournament. The cost to us will be \$400. This will include coffee and the use of Bridgemates. They have also offered to help with directors if needed.

Education: We currently hold classes in two schools; one elementary, Hackberry; and one middle school, North Arvada. Seacrest Elementary has expressed interest in having a class. Jim Calhoun will take pictures to be posted on our website.

Directory: Ruth Pana, Carol Levinson and Carolyn Newcomb will be working on the new directory for 2013. Carol will contact current advertisers to ascertain if they wish to maintain their ads for 2013. Ruth will get bids for printing the directory. We will also have a Unit page in the directory, and people can place an ad as a friend of the unit for \$10 on that page.

Teacher's Accreditation Program: We will run the TA for two days at the Regional, at a cost of \$1,700. We will need one room for the class. Bill Michael will also teach a director's course, for \$300, plus a room for him. The first day will be new classes. The second day will be a refresher course. We will negotiate for room costs. Free advertisements for these classes will be available in the Bridge Bulletin.

Website: Rob Vetter will be our Web Master, and chairman of the Web Committee.

District 17: A board meeting was held in Phoenix. Unit 361's budget and schedule have been approved. A list of Regionals being held in 2013 was handed out. Garret says we need more time clocks (6). We now have only two. District 17 has gotten a group rate of \$340 per clock, to purchase the clocks. We will have further discussion about the clocks at a future meeting. There is money in the budget to improve equipment. Our 2014 Regional and Sectionals have to be sanctioned. Bob Eberhardt will handle the request for sanctions.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Carolyn Newcomb's home. This will be our Christmas party/year end meeting. Invitations will be sent to everyone, along with directions to Carolyn's house.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Levinson