

MINUTES – DENVER UNIT 361

Denver House of Cards – 05 Oct 2013

Meeting was Called to Order, by the President, Ruth Pana, at 10:05 AM, a quorum being present.

In Attendance:

- Ruth Pana
- Tom Burger
- John Gallagher
- Also participating: Flo Newlin, Jerry Ranney
(Please remember Carol L, who is recovering from a broken foot)
- Jim Calhoun
- Shelbie Bastiaans
- Joan Kushner
- Margaret Devere

September Meeting Minutes: Approved, with one abstention; with following adjustments.

A correction was needed to the stated non-member fee for Sectional tournaments. Ms. Kushner proposed, Ms. Bastiaans seconded, and the motion was passed to raise the non-member fee to \$14 for sectionals.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer, Ms. Beard, was out of town. She provided a report, via Ms. Pana, of expenditures in Sept. However, a complete status of finances for the month was not provided and no action was taken on the report.
- Cheques had been prepared to pay for costs for I/N games in Oct
- There was some discussion and concern about listing of some of the expenses; discussions postponed until next month.
- Costs for new Section markers and new storage boxes for hospitality equipment were paid in Sept.

Membership:

- Ms. Bastiaans stated that we had added 7 new members in Sept.
- There was a discussion regarding what to do about "part-time locals" (Snowbirds and others) and keeping their information on our roster. Shelbie requested that they contact her if they want our roster to reflect their information also.
- Phone numbers for "Household Memberships:" ACBL only allows one number per Household memberships. How do we ensure that we have numbers for both members, if different? Ruth and Margaret agreed to discuss options.

Board Responsibilities: Timeline:

- Ms. Pana reminded everyone that the Responsibilities Document is a guide, and not subject to board vote.
- There was some discussion regarding from whom the data should be garnered.
- Ms. Devere discussed a number of items regarding Caddy and Caddy Master responsibilities to update the draft she provided to everyone via e-mail. A couple of suggestions were made, including: check with Shirley (?) with her experience working as and with the caddies; it was also suggested that we start a list of caddies from past experience; and have a discussion about possible sources for new caddies when needed.
- It was obvious to all that Ms. Devere is taking her role seriously and with enthusiasm.

December Meeting Committee:

- Ms. Newlin was able to reserve her housing area's clubhouse for the December meeting on Monday, 16 Dec. Remainder of the details and directions will be out with the next meeting.
- The Board President has an account for "special" activities to be used at his/her discretion. Outgoing President, Ms. Pana, offered to pay for the main course. All other costs will be picked up by the attendees.

- In prior years, only outgoing and incoming Board members attended, the suggestion was raised to perhaps hold the Board meeting prior to the dinner, and then allow members to have a guest join us all for dinner. That suggestion is still being considered.
- Ms. Bastiaans offered to head the committee for the meeting/party planning.
- Checks have already been cut to cover the deposit and cost for renting the facility.

Front Range Challenge: October 19, 2013: Teams are set and everything is ready for the challenge.

I/N Tournament: October 12-13, House of Cards:

- Planning is complete for the I/N tournament with some discussion on who could be there to cover caddy duty, and preparation of snacks for the Sunday morning session. Ms. Bastiaans, with help from the tournament director, Mr. Calhoun, has caddy duties covered.
- There was going to be a speaker during the break on Saturday. There has been some confusion with the planning, and the search for a speaker is continuing.
- Ms. Newlin graciously provided the Board with a photograph printer that should help with getting photos developed in a timely manner. It was also suggested that in addition to winners, that other pictures be taken showing the angst of other players, too. All thought this to be a good idea.
- As clarification to a question asked, the Board has agreed to \$400 rent for the facility for the I/N tourney, and an additional \$75 for cleanup after Sunday's event.
- A "situation" within the Unit was brought up and discussed. One of the clubs within the Unit, for whatever reason, will not help publicize the I/N tourney. The Board, after discussion, is in complete agreement that Ms. Pana discuss the situation with the club.

Table Talk: TT is done and at the printers. It will be ready for January tournament.

NAP: Tucson Regional, Oct 7-13 – Flight "B" Friday, Oct 11, Flights "A" and "C" Saturday, Oct 12:

For information regarding North American Pairs, check the DenverBridge.Com website.

(No new discussion for this subject.)

Unfinished Business: Colorado Springs/ Choice Pairs on January Tournament Schedule/Other:

- A motion was made and approved at the Sept Meeting to remove "Choice Pairs" from an option in the January sectional and return to a plan for 3 separate side sessions, due to complications caused by ACBL Rules.
- Ms. Pana asked if there was any disagreement with that decision. There was none.
- The 2014 Denver Regional Tournament flyers are completed; and Ms. Newlin and Ms. Kushner were "discussing" who would have the privilege of carrying some to Tucson.

New Business:

- There was a discussion about whether or not the Board should purchase a "Unit" copy of MS Publisher to allow everyone involved with document preparation, flyers, Table Talk, et al, to be working off the same software, although it may not be compatible with someone working on a Macintosh system.
- The discussion was to get a "unit" license to allow it to be installed on multiple machines; at least 3 positions are thought to need it on a regular basis.
- Ms. Devere made a motion that "she would search out and purchase one copy of MS Publisher, that would allow for use on multiple machines, with the only constraint being that it be within a reasonable cost." Ms. Kushner seconded, and the motion passed with one abstention.
- Ms. Newlin and Mr. Ranney announced that they would be attending the District meeting on Saturday, October 12th (?). Because of finances and other issues, they expect the meeting to be "challenging."

- i. The Board requested that they report to the District that we did not care to be the “permanent” host for GNT’s at our Regional tournament.
 - ii. Ms. Bastiaans (and Ms. P. Coffman, who jointly chair the Pro/Am at the Regional) expressed some concern about whether or not the Regional Tournament budget had adequately provided for additional play and hospitality costs, or whether the Unit should be asking the District for additional funding for that event. Mr. Ranney said that he expected that with Regional budget issues, that is unlikely to happen. Also, a number of the Board members expressed that they believed the Regional budget had incorporated additional costs and there should not be a need for a request from the District.
- Mr. Gallagher brought up an idea with regards to the Boulder Sectional (25 – 27 Oct in Longmont). Because of the flooding challenges in that area, what might the Unit do to assist the Boulder Unit, if they were doing anything special? After a short discussion about our support to past disasters, Mr. Gallagher was allowed to volunteer to contact the Boulder Unit and see what the situation for the tournament might be.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 02 November, 2013, at 10:00AM at House of Cards.

(- IF (!) there is an AFA – Army football game that day, the Partnership Chairperson will be absent from the meeting – GO FALCONS!)

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gallagher (substitute)