

Subj: January Minutes
Date: 1/04/2014
In Attendance: Board members: Joan Kushner, Bill Beard, Lori Beard, Jim Calhoun,
John Gallagher, Margaret Devere, Jeanne Achziger, Pat Henke, Marilyn Ballon,
Bonnie Smith.
District Representatives: Flo Newlin and Jerry Ranney
Legal Advisor: Forest Clark

The meeting was called to order by Joan Kushner.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

After discussion, it was noted that a few errors had been made in the minutes. The corrections were noted and Joan Kushner will inform Carol Levinson who will then send the corrected version to all board members for review and approval. Carol Levinson was not present due to the inclement weather.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lori Beard reported that there were no significant changes to be noted except that she was receiving checks for the advertising in the directory. Joan Kushner wished to alert all members to the need for new advertising and to submit any suggestions to Margaret Devere. All checks received should be forwarded to Lori Beard. The report was accepted unanimously.

JANUARY, 2014 SECTIONAL

HOSPITALITY:

Jeanne Achziger reported that all pies, cakes and bagels had been purchased from Cosco and that all necessary arrangements with the caterers had been made. The Saturday and Sunday menus had been established. Jerry Ranney will pick up the ice. John Marinos will arrange for coffee on Thursday night. Joan Kushner has arranged for six volunteers to be available and all Board members will be available as needed. Jeanne Achziger had located a box of supplies at Cowboy Storage. Lori and Bill Beard will set up tables, chairs, stanchions and bidding boxes. Assistance will be needed on Sunday with taking down all equipment.

CADDIES:

Marilyn Ballon reported that she was one caddy short on Friday. One caddy is working and another may be possible. Three caddies are working Saturday and Sunday. All possible caddies have been contacted.

PARTNERSHIP:

John Gallagher will respond to all partnership requests. Players will be informed of all available partners and will be given contact information. Each player will then be responsible for contacting available partners and making their arrangements to play. Partnership information will be posted at the Sectional.

SUPPLIES:

Bill Beard is in charge of supplies. All supplies have been taken care of for the upcoming Sectional.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Pat Henke, Margaret Devere and Joan Kushner will be responsible for photography. Joan Kushner has a digital camera that can be used and suggested that a note be posted at the playing site as to the time the photographer would be available.

WEB-SITE:

Margaret Devere reported that the information for our Web-Site was ready to be downloaded. Flyers for the Pro-Am tournament were not printed yet but were being prepared. An inquiry was made regarding the use of the site "Bridge Results" and the cost of using this site. It was generally agreed that this site was useful and that this issue will be addressed in the future.

An announcement was made that free plays were to be passed around to the Board member for the upcoming Sectional.. One free play could be used by a board member for one session of play. The free plays do not expire and may be used in the future.

A television will be rented for the Bronco game on Sunday at the Sectional. No Bronco scores will be announced during the Sunday team game. A request had been made for this by several members of our Unit.

ON-GOING BUSINESS SURVEY

It was decided to include 3 items on the survey to be given to players at the Sectional:

- a) Second session starting time for the Saturday 2 session event
- b) Number of rounds/boards to be played in the Sunday Swiss at the Sectional with an inclusion of the possible relevance of these choices. The choices were 7/7, 7/8, and 8/7..
- c) Inclusion of a player's e-mail address in the bridge directory.

Players will be asked to put their ACBL number on the survey. Joan Kushner will make announcements regarding the survey.

The inclusions were voted upon and the vote passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Bonnie Smith passed on a suggestion from a player regarding the possibility of duplicating the boards in the final Swiss team at tournaments. A discussion was held and it was decided that this item will be addressed in the future. The cost of doing this might be prohibitive

CHAIRS

Joan Kushner asked for volunteers for chairing the Front Range Challenge. John Gallagher and Jim Calhoun will be Co-Chairs for this event and Penny Coffman will be asked to assist as well.

AWARDS

Joan Kushner purchased awards for the Mini-McKinney race at a minimal cost of \$53.95.

MARCH- FLYERS and DISTRIBUTION

Flyers for the I/N event will be prepared by Margaret Devere and will be distributed in March. Joan Kushner will take some to the Vegas tournament. 600 flyers are being printed. Pat Henke and Shelbie Bastianns are in charge in the I/N event. The event is in April, 2014.

REGIONAL AD

Margaret Devere will correct the I/N Regional flyer. Bill Beard checked the Regional schedule in the published form,.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Jerry Ranney suggested that the ACBL web-site should be updated and corrected. Margaret Devere also suggested that to make the site more interesting, personal interviews could be performed

and published. Candid photos of club players could be posted and Pro-Am programs could be developed. Pat Henke mentioned that a mentor program used to be in place and that this could be beneficial for the program.

DISTRICT 17 ANNOUNCEMENTS/BUSINESS

Flo Newlin announced that District 17 is awarding a \$6.00 discount coupon per session at D17 sponsored regional to Youth/Junior members of good standing. The coupons will be available for the first time at the Las Vegas Regional in January. A sample card was passed out to the Board.

Jerry Ranney reported that the sanction fee has been lowered from \$5.50-\$5.00 a table. The decision was made not to increase fees. Entry fees will be \$11.00 per session. The district will lose \$15,000. Input was requested from the Board. If fees were to increase the Unit would receive \$4.00 per table. Tournaments are likely to make less money than before.

The next Board meeting will be held on Saturday, February 1st, 2014 at the House of Cards. A vote was taken as to the starting time. It was decided that the starting time would be at 10:15 am.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Bonnie Smith