

DENVER UNIT 361  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Subject: April 2014 Minutes of ACBL Unit 361 Board Meeting  
Date: Saturday, April 5, 2014  
Time: 10:30am  
In Attendance: Board members: Joan Kushner, Bill Beard, Lori Beard, Jim Calhoun, Pat Henke.  
Shirley Heinsohn, Jeanne Achziger, Marilyn Ballon, Bonnie Smith  
Legal Counsel: Forest Clark

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Kushner. She requested the following:

- 1) That Board members speak one at a time so the minutes could be accurately recorded;
- 2) That Sheryl Siegel be given some free plays as compensation for her volunteer work in photography.

Jim Calhoun suggested that one free play be given for each day volunteered. Lori Beard suggested that guidelines be set up to allow for the gifting of these free plays. Jeanne Achziger mentioned that Chuck Goudey also deserves free plays for his considerable assistance to her at all tournaments. Pat Henke would like to give Norma Sands free plays also as she is speaking at the I/N tournament in April. Bill Beard informed everyone that all speakers at tournaments are given \$50.00 so free plays are not necessary for compensation. The Board then approved of free plays for Sheryl Siegel and for Chuck Goudey as compensation and appreciation for their volunteer services.

#### APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

The March minutes were approved unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT: P& L BALANCE SHEET

A copy of the "March Tournament Report" was presented to each Board member. A copy of the "Balance Sheet" was passed around for perusal to each Board member. Jim Calhoun volunteered to send a copy of the "Balance Sheet" by e-mail to all members so each could have a hard copy.

Lori Beard reported that the Tournament Report does not include the soda expenses. The expenses will be accounted for after the July tournament as a great deal of the soda was unused. The profit from the

tournament was \$190.00. The directors' fees increased by \$600.00 and the hospitality increased by \$800.00. The meals served were larger and more well- rounded and that was reflected in the increase of costs. Cowboy Movers' costs were \$250.00. \$142.50/trip). Bill Beard escorts Cowboy Movers to the Fairgrounds the Monday before the tournament and back to their facility on the Monday after the tournament.

Total liabilities and Equity is \$94,954.43. Tom Burger assisted with the taxes for 2013 and they are completed. He has been given some free plays in gratitude for his services.

Bill Michael's loan will be paid off in July. Bill Michael is still responsible for all boards at all the tournament and the condition of the cards.

The report was accepted unanimously.

### SECTIONAL WRAP-UP

All Board members agreed that the Sectional was very successful. There were two complaints made by Unit members and Penny Coffman and Susan Grauer have addressed these problems.

Bill Beard has informed Bill Michael that Unit 361 does not wish to employ John Worley as a director. Mr. Worley does not have a welcoming attitude and does not encourage a friendly atmosphere for all players. If necessary, more money may need to be spent to have better directors at the tournament.

Bill Beard also discussed the options of 24 boards versus 26 boards for the Friday 10:00am game. After talking to Bill Michael he concluded that the directors do not have enough time between sessions to use a 26 board movement, therefore, a 24 board movement will be retained. Bill Beard also reported that currently Bill Michael charges \$12.00/36 boards for duplicating but that he will be increasing his fee to 15.00/36 boards starting with the next tournament. This price is in line with charges already in place for duplicating boards at the Regional. Bill Michael will still be responsible for providing cards in good condition. Bill Michael would also like to be given another loan in the amount of \$2,000.00. This is a no-interest loan and the money is used to keep the cards used in good condition as well as to pay his fee for duplication. Joan Kushner suggested that Bill Michael present a proposal to the Unit Board regarding this loan. The board approved of this suggestion.

Marilyn Ballon reported that the caddies did very well at all events. All present agreed.

Jeanne Achziger reported that she had given Chuck Goudey free plays for his assistance at the Sectional. Bill Beard moved that Chuck Goudey be given free plays for his work at the tournament. This was approved unanimously.

Shirley Heinsohn stated that there were no partnership concerns or problems.

Jim Calhoun reported that in the 299 events approximately 6 players were concerned about the number of boards they were required to play.

Joan reported that she had received many compliments regarding the Sectional.

## ON-GOING BUSINESS

### I/N SECTIONAL

The tournament will be held on April 12 and April 13th, 2014 at the House of Cards.

Pat Henke reported that Alice Kinningham is the director and she is all set up for the tournament. Pat Henke has printouts for all the boards and has them stored in her car.

The space has been arranged for and everything has been taken care of.

Chuck Henke is making cinnamon bread and has been give \$50 for his supplies. John, the caterer, will be providing a taco bar for lunch and Pat Henke will be making brownies. The fees for the caterer, caddy and the director be paid from the proceeds received at the tournament. The caddy service is arranged. The cleaning lady has been hired. Joan Kushner and Jim Calhoun will help set up for the event.

### FRONT RANGE CHALLENGE

The Front Range Challenge will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Jim Calhoun reported that a stratified event will be included, if possible, so team averages can be used for scoring. There will be 299/ 300-1000, 1000-20000 and 2000+ levels. Flight A and B will play together in the team events. C and D will play together but will be rated within their stratum. The House of Cards has been contacted regarding the site. A caddy will probably be needed so Marilyn Ballon will prepare for this. The qualifications will be set up and the players with the best results from the March and July Sectional will be invited to play to represent Denver. Chris Champion is the coordinator for the Front Range Challenge from Colorado Springs and he is responsible for choosing the players from Colorado Springs.

### REGIONAL UP-DATE

BILL Beard reported that we guarantee the hotel a specific number of rooms and we are meeting that requirement. The number of rooms rented at the moment are 590. The Unit contracts with the hotel to rent a certain number of rooms. We have been responsible for a certain number of rooms (750 last year) and it appears that we will satisfy our contract.

Speakers:	Afternoon	Evening
	Wednesday: Marvel Heinsohn	Robert Todd
	Thursday: Terry Endino	Anita Heitler
	Friday: Norma Sands	Billy Miller
	Saturday: Jan Janitschke	Robert Hartman (CEO of ACBL)
	Sunday: Curt Soloff	Max Aeschbacher

Two other people have volunteered as well: Don Heitler and Frank Queen

The Unit will have rooms for Board members that require a room: Bill and Lori Beard, Jeanne Achziger, Marilyn Ballon, Shirley Heinsohn, Jerry and Carolyn Newcomb. Shirley Heinsohn and Jeanne Achziger will share a room. One room may not be in use and the cost may be put towards free coffee for the Unit members. Joan Kushner does not require a room.

Partnership people are needed at 9:00am, 10:00am, 1:00pm and 7:00pm. The partnership and registration desk require someone to man these stations. Joan Kushner had sent a list of volunteers to Jeanne Achziger and the list will be shared with Shirley Heinsohn. Jeanne Achziger had a list of when and how many volunteers are need for each time slot. Jim Calhoun would like a space at the hotel for membership needs: name tags, badges, ACBL membership, and any other relevant information.

Jim Calhoun will also be responsible for having signs printed. If a sign is needed, all request should be given to him. Bill Beard will provide Jim Calhoun with the box of signs from other tournaments. Joan Kushner emphasized that signs must reflect specific times for registration, so that the volunteers' time is respected. The hotel will supply the necessary easels.

Jeanne Achziger asked about storage of giveaways. Bill Beard reported that the coat- room under the escalator is the storeroom and all supplies can be brought in on Monday. Jerry Ranney, Jerry Newcomb and Bill Beard will always be in the facility and will be available for assistance. Joan Kushner will always be available for assistance as well. The hotel is extremely accommodating. The person in charge of the Charity event is Joan Mager and she has arranged for cookies to be supplied for the players.

Marilyn Ballon reported that Elyse Zeiger, "Murphy" is the head caddy and that she is very professional Bill beard requested that he be given a roster of the caddies and when it is completed, Marilyn Ballon will present him with it. Two caddies, Julianna Rissler and Laura DeVisine have been contacted but have not returned her calls. Ten caddies are hired but more may be needed. Marilyn Ballon will review the schedule and assess the needs.

The number of participants in the ProAm event has increased significantly. Jeanne Achziger will check on exactly what is needed as regards to hospitality. Giveaways may include convention card holders and coupons for restaurant coupons. Patches and convention card holders have been ordered. Generally approximately 1200 people attend the Regional with repeating players totaling a number of 8,000 players. A grid will be designed to include the number of volunteers needed and giveaways, any necessary information for each event.

Candy baskets are typically filled by the caddies and a specific amount of candy will be allotted for each day. Marilyn Ballon will instruct the caddies.

## DISTRIBUTION -COMMITTEES UP-DATE

### WEBSITE –QUESTION PUT FORTH BY MARGARET

Margaret Devere was absent from the Board meeting. She e-mailed a request to discuss whether there should be a backup for the person who posts the tournament results to the website. She suggested that Rob Vetter, if he is willing, would be an excellent choice since he has done this job before. Bonnie Smith mentioned that she had talked to Rob Vetter and he would be willing to help as needed.

Bill Beard felt that the director should be responsible for this task and that it could be entered at the end of each event on the computer. He feels that the directors should learn how to do this and that this should be part of their regular job. He will discuss this with Bill Michael and ask what the charge would be for this added service and report back to the Board of the result of his conversation.

## MEMBERSHIP

Jim Calhoun discussed the effect on the Unit when members move to different districts when the weather changes. If a member designates a specific area as his permanent residence then that unit receives a certain amount of money from the ACBL. Jim Calhoun volunteered to draft a letter that could be sent to members whose residence changes explaining the situation. He will contact the ACBL and find out how much the Unit 361 receives in dues and what the relevance would be to the Unit. He will inform Lori Beard of this amount and present the report to the Board at the June meeting. If any Board members have any thoughts regarding this, they will e-mail Jim Calhoun.

### PHOTOGRAPHER UPDATE BY JOAN KUSHNER

Joan Kushner announced that Sheryl Siegel will be responsible for photographs at Unit 361 tournaments. Sheryl Siegel is not a Board member but is kindly volunteering her services. A sign will be posted as to time/area when photographs will be taken.

### ADDRESS BY ROY WEINSTEIN FROM ACBL

Joan Kushner has called Roy Weinstein but he has not responded as yet so is not available to address the Board today. Roy Weinstein and Bonnie Bagley are the coordinators for the National tournament that will be held in Denver in 2015.

### DISTRICT 17 BUSINESS

Jerry Ranney, District 17 representative was not present but Joan Kushner reported that the nominations for the good-will committee are due by the end of May and requests that any nominations please be submitted to him before the deadline.

Flo Newlin, District 17 representative was not present but she sent an e-mail regarding the ACBL Charity Foundation Grant awards. As of date, she has received 6 applications and her co-chairman has received 3. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2014. The D17 board of directors will vote on which charities will receive the award in October at the Phoenix Regional. The names of the six winners will then be forwarded to the ACBL Charity Foundation committee who will notify the recipients in 2015.

Flo Newlin also sent an e-mail regarding the reception at the Regional in Denver. The reception is one that occurs every time D17 has a D17 meeting. Its purpose is to allow the local board and D17 Board members to mingle. Flo Newlin will be emailing an invitation to all Unit 361 Board members in late April. Each invitee may bring one guest. The reception is not being held to honor the ACBL CEO although he will be invited.

Jim Calhoun announced that an advertisement regarding the Metro Bridge Club was in the Bulletin. It is up for sale due to the ill health of the owner, Mike Thompson.

The next meeting: Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at the House of Cards. A meeting was unable to be scheduled in May because of the dates of the Boulder Sectional and Denver Regional. Forest Clark, legal counsel, was consulted if the date was within the by-laws and he said it was acceptable.

No further business was discussed. The meeting was adjourned.