

Subj: Board Meeting of ACBL Unit 361
Date: Saturday, August 23, 2014
Location: Denver Metro Bridge Club
Time: 10:30am
In Attendance: Board members: Joan Kushner, Bill Beard, Lori Beard, Jim Calhoun,
Margaret Devere, Pat Henke, Shirley Heinsohn
District 17 Representative: Jerry Ranney
Legal Counsel: Forest Clark
Guest Speaker/Conduct & Ethics Committee Chair: Susan Grauer
Absent: Jeanne Achziger, Marilyn Ballon, Bonnie Smith

Joan Kushner called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

The July minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the July Sectional report were distributed to all present. The net loss was \$1090.18. Budgets were e-mailed to Board members and approved with the exception of preduplication expenses for the regional, which should be changed from \$1800 to \$1900. Lori Beard will make the changes and forward to Jerry Ranney. Jerry Ranney will forward these changes to District 17 at their next meeting. The Profit & Loss statement, through August, will be sent to Joan Kushner for inclusion in Table Talk. The Treasurer's report was approved as amended.

ADS

Web-Site

Margaret Devere has finished the ads for the I/N and November tournaments and these are in the mail. Jim Calhoun suggested that there be a separate page for Teachers on the website link to the ACBL which would include maps and other helpful information. All teachers would be included with or without accreditation. Jim Calhoun reported that there is a separate page for teachers on the ACBL link and that our Unit might want to use that on our website. Some teachers aren't accredited.

Regional

Margaret Devere reported that the Regional flyer needs to have several peaks changed to 14'ers in accordance with previous flyers: The "Zenoabia Peak" event will be renamed "Kit Carson"; the "Bison Peak" event will be renamed "Crested Butte" and the "Rito Alto Peak" event will be renamed "Creede".

It was also suggested that we have a Gold Rush Swiss teams rather than a Pairs event on Wednesday. Jim Calhoun suggested that the Gold Rush events be held in combination of Swiss Team & Pairs. This would allow for additional Gold MP awards. The changes would be on Wednesday starting with A/B Gold Rush Swiss. In addition, La Plata A/B will be a Swiss team event. Jerry Ranney will talk to Gary Zeiger for his approval. It is imperative that we get the Regional Schedule finalized so that the flyers can be printed and distributed as early as possible. The Board approved changes and Margaret Devere will make the appropriate changes in the flyers and web-site. Jerry Ranney will get higher authorization at District 17 committee meeting in October. Ruth Pana is going to send her file to Margaret Devere. Margaret Devere is responsible for the printing of the flyers.

The number of flyers printer will increase to 4,000. Joan Kushner and Margaret Devere recommended Double Quick. All changes will be pending Gary Zeiger's approval and District 17 authorization.

Pat Henke suggested that the Pro/Am Pairs be changed to Life Master & Non- Life Master Pairs. Most Board members thought that the Name "Pro/Am Pairs" should stand. Bill Beard felt that the purpose of the Pro/Am was to attract players at the lower end of the point spectrum so that they become comfortable with playing tournament bridge. The parameters for the "pro" are that the player be an experienced player. There were so many newer players that the "pro" qualification had to be lowered so that enough people were available to play with the less experienced players. The title "Pro" is a courtesy title. The goal of the event, and hence the name, are to encourage less experienced players to play in more events. The Board approved keeping the name of the event "Pro/Am."

The Regional Tournament Chair for 2015 will be Jerry Ranney with Shirley Heinsohn assisting.

I/N Tournament

It was suggested that the Unit try to obtain a picture and a biography to honor Tom Lenahan who donated money for I/N use. Dick Duff and Laura Limbrick have the information. A portion of his fund could be applied to the Pro/Am tournament.

TABLE TALK UPDATE

Joan Kushner has met with the printer. Everything is organized but she has not received a price quote yet. She needs information for the publication and was disappointed that her request for information on "social club games" got no response. She asked each member to make one phone call to a local club asking for the following; Club name, address, phone# and times of the games. Also, she needs information regarding the trophy winners and names of members who have passed away in 2014 as soon as possible. Jim Calhoun said he would relay the information to her. Forest Clark mentioned that his friend John Van Ness was very thankful to the Board for the acknowledgement of his loss and that he appreciated the beautiful card and thoughts.

FURNITURE/NEW VENUE FOR I/N REINTRODUCED

Unit 361 is in need of tables and chairs and 4 Bridgmates for the I/N and Front Range Challenge tournaments. Bill Beard will bring 4 tables that he will get from Cowboy Storage. Jerry Ranney and Pat Henke agreed to donate chairs and either Burke Snowdon or Bill Michaels will supply bridgemates.

Burke Snowden is directing the I/N and he is currently out of town. The game Directors will take care of the cash box. \$50.00 will be supplied by the Board for the "start-up. The Board will be reimbursed.

The House of Cards has requested a contract for their agreement with the Unit. They will be asked to write one and submit it to the Board for approval.

CONDUCT. ETHICS & APPEAL CHAIR – SUSAN GRAUER

Susan Grauer met with the voluntary committee about an incident that took place at the Sectional Tournament on March 7, 2014. The committee members were: Pat Henke, Chuck Henke and Jim Calhoun. The committee recommended that a "letter of reprimand" be sent. The "letter of reprimand" was submitted to the President, Joan Kushner, and was approved. It will be sent via certified mail to the parties involved in the incident and will be forwarded to the Unit Recorder. Susan Grauer did not think it was necessary to include the names of the individuals involved or the written charges in the Board minutes.

COMMITTEE UP-DATES

There was no new Partnership or new member business.

Directory

Regarding the directory, it was agreed that only the "snowbirds" addresses would be changed, possibly necessitating a change in Unit, unless those members chose to retain their affiliated Unit. Jim Calhoun will reconstruct a letter to help them understand that they need not change. He will then send out letters to those affected. The Unit will add e-mails to the directory in 2015. The ACBL data base is accessible to Margaret Devere and she will use it to accomplish the Directory additions. Bill Beard suggested it might be a good idea to have our own data base. Margaret Devere does not think we need one.

DISTRICT 17 UPDATES

Jerry Ranney announced that there were no updates at this time from District 17.

The next Board meeting will be on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 10:30am at the Denver Metro Bridge Club.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Bonnie Smith with thanks to assistance from minutes taken by Lori Beard and Shirley Heinsohn