

Subject: Board Meeting of ACBL Unit 361
Date: Monday, October 6, 2014
Location: House of Cards
Time: 4:30pm
In Attendance: Board Members: Joan Kushner, Bill Beard, Lori Beard,
Marilyn Ballon, Shirley Heinsohn, Jeanne Achziger,
Pat Henke, Jim Calhoun, Bonnie Smith
Legal Counsel: Forest Clark
Absent: Board Member: Margaret DeVere
D17 Representatives: Flo Newlin and Jerry Ranney

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Kushner.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

The minutes were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lori Beard reported that there were a few typos in the "Table Talk" as regards the Treasurer's Report on the Statement of "Income and Cash Flows". Joan Kushner is aware of these errors and the corrections have been noted. Rent at the Jefferson County fairgrounds has increased by \$500.00. The rent per tournament is now \$3825.00. Joan Kushner has signed the contract. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of other venues but none that were mentioned have the convenience that the fairgrounds offer. For example a venue used in the past ,the Greek Orthodox Church, has limited parking and poor temperature control. Lori Beard has sent a check of \$1500.00 as a deposit on the rent, and she reported that the Unit will be in the red by \$300.00 after the January tournament, \$400.00 after the March tournament, and finally by \$1500.00 after July, 2015.

A "Balance Sheet" and a "Profit and Loss" was presented to all Board members. The Balance Sheet was reviewed and the "Total Liabilities & Equity" is \$105,575.85

The amount of \$50.00 was given to Pat Henke to be used for the I/N tournament.

Joan Kushner reported that a member of our Unit is taking the course to become a director and wondered if the costs of taking the course would be covered by the Unit. The general consensus was that the person should pay their own expenses for this endeavor.

The Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

Congratulations were given to Joan Kushner regarding the excellent "Table Talk" edition. Joan Kushner was appreciative of all the help she had been given and gave special thanks to Shelbie Bastianns and Carolyn Newcomb.

COMMITTEE UP-DATES

Shirley Heinsohn had nothing new to report. No problems are anticipated for the upcoming sectional.

Jeanne Achziger will have a report for the November Sectional. No problems are anticipated. Jeanne Achziger presented a letter that Flo Newlin had received from Bill Michael regarding the upcoming Dupli-Swiss.

Bill Beard reported that Bill Michael is very confident that the Dupli-Swiss will go well. Mr. Michael has already directed a tournament with this movement. He will require one experienced caddy. Marilyn Ballon will provide the caddy. If the event runs well, then a dupli-Swiss may be added to the January schedule and, if so, the announcement could be made on the web-site about its inclusion. This will not be in the January flyer. Bill Beard is listed as the Sectional chair. Bill Beard will instruct Al Kane regarding supplies, etc for the Sectionals as it is anticipated that Al Kane will be the Tournament Chair after Bill Beard retires from the Board. Bill Beard will give Al Kane a written explanation of all the tasks and contacts that are needed for the Sectionals.

Marilyn Ballon reports that the caddies do not always respond when asked to work the Sectionals.

I/N TOURNAMENT UP-DATE

Pat Henke reported that all is ready for the I/N tournament. Joan Kushner plans to stop by on Sunday. Pat Henke, Shirley Heinsohn and Joan Kushner called many I/N players to confirm their attendance. Pat Henke reported that some of the I/N players do not have teams so Shirley Heinsohn volunteered to call them and help them with partnerships. Pat Henke is expecting 34 tables on Saturday and 26 tables on Sunday. Jeanne Achziger will bring the necessary cups, plates, creamers, sugars, napkins and any other required equipment/ supplies, probably on Thursday. Supplies will be stored in a corner area at the House of Cards.

Paul Ossip, from the House of Cards, asked to speak to the Board regarding an issue that he was concerned about. The computer that he uses at the House of Cards has a direct access to the ACBL data base. He is concerned that the computer that will be used at the I/N tournament will not have this direct link and, therefore, the masterpoints given to specific players will not be able to be directly input to the ACBL data base. Pat Henke will discuss this issue with the event Director, Burke Snowden and have him attempt to rectify any problems. Burke Snowden is bringing his own computer to use at the event. Pat Henke will also consult with Margaret Devere about this topic. Paul Ossip was thanked for his concern and input.

Extra chairs and tables are being brought in for the event. The discussion was ended and everyone wished for a successful and enjoyable event.

FRONT RANGE CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT

Jim Calhoun reported that all the teams have been arranged for the different flights. One of the Denver Open teams was still arranging for a partner but everything else has been set up. Play is to start at 10:00am on October 18, 2014. Shirley Heinsohn inquired as to how the members of some of the teams were selected. Jim Calhoun explained that the categories were filled according to masterpoint totals and each category was set up with that in mind. In Denver, there are frequently several candidates for a limited number of positions in each masterpoint category; the best candidates that qualify in each category that are able to play are selected. In Colorado Springs, the number of available players is much lower in number than in Denver. They do not always have enough players in all categories, so the set-up is much different. All hospitality needs have been addressed. The Board thanked Jim Calhoun and wished for a successful tournament.

Jim Calhoun will give Joan Kushner the up-date on the table count for the I/N tournament once he receives all the information.

FLYERS-NOVEMBER SECTIONAL

Joan Kushner reported that the flyers for the upcoming Sectionals have been completed.

DISTRICT 17 BUSINESS

Both D17 Representatives, Flo Newlin and Jerry Ranney were absent. There was no business reported from D17 at this time.

HOLIDAY PARTY DISCUSSION

The holiday party was held last year at the club house located in the residential neighborhood of Cal and Flo Newlin. Flo Newlin has sent an e-mail that she could probably rent the clubhouse for our event again if that is what the Board desires. Jim Calhoun mentioned that one party in years past had been held at the White Fence Farm restaurant and cost approximately \$300. Joan Kushner expressed the opinion that cooking for the party, bringing decorations, drinks, clean-up, etc. was a lot of work and that it might be more enjoyable to go to a restaurant. Forest Clark preferred to have the party at the clubhouse as the atmosphere was more enjoyable. Bonnie Smith suggested that possibly the clubhouse or another venue could be used and a caterer hired. Joan Kushner asked Bonnie Smith to investigate the possibilities and report the results to the Board. A total of 20- 25 people will probably attend. Spouses are not invited unless they are on the Board or are involved with the ACBL/Unit 361 in a voluntary position. The date of the party is to be in the first two weeks of December, 2014. Bonnie Smith will call Flo Newlin and find out if the clubhouse is available and she will also check on other possible venues re: cost and availability. Bill Beard suggested using the caterer that the Unit uses for the

Sectional would be a good idea. Jeanne Achziger volunteered to check with the caterer regarding his availability and the cost of catering this party and will report the results to Bonnie Smith. The time, date, location will be selected at a future date after all the information has been gathered and the Board informed and choices made. The cost of all food and drink will be covered by those who attend.

The next Board meeting will be chaired by Bill Beard and will be held at the Denver Metro Bridge Club on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 10:30am. Bill Beard requested that he be informed of any topics that anyone wished to add to the agenda.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Bonnie Smith