

April Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

Date: April 2, 2016

Location: Denver House of Cards, Englewood, CO

Time: 10:00 am

Attendees: Jeanne Achziger, Jim Calhoun, Sherry Clint, Margaret Devere, Rick Gardner, Shirley Heinsohn, Bonnie Janzen, Vard Nelson, Tom West
District 17 Representatives: Jerry Ranney, Ed Yosses
Legal Counsel: Forest Clark

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Devere.

Minutes: March minutes accepted.

Financials: Rick stated that the March Sectional lost \$2,000. Last year lost \$1,700. Table count this year was 425 tables, last year 501 tables. 70 tables x \$4 = 280 difference. Indicated that table count decrease may have been a result of the National tournament during this period. Bonnie asked that we examine future dates for March, and Rick stated we should look at dates that coincide with the Regional as well. Margaret asked Jerry to explain dates in District 17. He stated that dates are set by District 17 and our dates are already set at Jeffco Fairgrounds on the second weekend for all Sectionals. Bonnie will analyze future conflicts.

Rick will obtain an itemization of food costs. The Balance Sheet indicates that we continue to lose money. He will file tax reports within two weeks.

Financial reports accepted by Board.

Action Items Review: Margaret: has updated the tournament schedule and forwarded to AI for approval.
Bonnie: has analyzed Bridge Results and ACBL Live. Bridge Results is faster but some errors occur. Tom will check with Bill Michaels regarding this issue.
Margaret explained that uploading data is not always easy. Bonnie recommends keeping both systems. Jerry stated that District 17 is keeping Bridge Results. Motion to continue with Bridge Results accepted by Board.
Sherry: all awards have been sent to winners.

Review of March Tournament:

Bonnie received a complaint about no cake left.

Jim stated that there were no 299er teams in the Sunday Swiss game. His recommendations were to offer 299er "home style Swiss" (assigned teams) or hold a 299er pair game on Sunday. Rick stated that he has data on past participation on past tournaments. Jeanne will provide feedback from her 299er tournament. She stated that it is difficult for beginning players to set up teams. Discussion postponed to next Board meeting. Jeanne and Shirley will get feedback from their respective 299er tournament players.

Jeanne asked for suggestions on keeping the facility clean. Margaret stated that the Unit is responsible for the security and maintenance of the facility. She indicated that no insurance claim will be made to reimburse the \$100 charge from Jeffco for the incident in the men's restroom. Margaret asked Jim to prepare some posters regarding clean up. She stated that the caddies are responsible to help with clean up and will let Nancy know.

Margaret researched past use of 0-5 free play. Rick, according to the AI's request, sent reimbursement to players requesting this item. Jim reported that the ACBL sent them Bridge Bucks. Jeanne will poll 0-5 players during the I/N Tournament. Discussion to provide \$5 discount instead of free plays to save money. Discount is for card fees, not lunches. Discount will be applicable to our open Sectionals, but not to the I/N Tournaments. Motion so passed. Implementation on flyers to be determined next meeting.

Revised Budget: Unit is still losing money.

I/N Sectional Prep (April 9-10):

Jeanne stated that there are 54+ pairs entered and that preparations are being made to have the facility (HOC) set up and ready. All will deliver supplies, Paul and Chuck will prepare boards. Caterer is charging \$8/ea., Unit will pay \$2/ea. Discussion of using timer and methods to secure PCs for this purpose.

Regional Prep: Jerry stated that he will set up another meeting with participating Chairpersons to coordinate final preparations. Bonnie displayed purchased favors and has saved \$1,000 compared to past tournaments.

July Prep: Rick asked if we were having a proliferation of tournaments and asked if we could eliminate some.
Mentor/Mentee game: Margaret suggested that we go forward with the flyer.

Special Games for Castle Rock: After discussion, Board has no objection to either the Worldwide Bridge Contest or the Instant Matchpoint game. Accepted by acclamation.

Directory: Has been printed and distributed to membership. Tom is working with Kitty Cooper to upload it to the Unit website.

Committee Reports: Site Search: Jeanne stated that the Summit facility was too expensive. She said that it is very difficult to find a viable site for the tournaments. She described various possibilities and indicated that the committee will continue the search.
By-Laws: Margaret indicated that the committee was deadlocked and has been disbanded.

Mentor/Mentee post program: Shirley stated that process has proceeded well. Margaret asked Shirley to extend the program through July for the Sectional tournament.

Money-saving Ideas: Margaret is continuing to obtain approval from ACBL for sponsorship of events.

District 17 Report: Nothing to report

Next Meeting: April 30, 10:00 am, HOC.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by President.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Clint
Secretary
Unit 361

Action List

- Jeanne:** I/N Tournament feedback for Swiss Team participation in our Sectionals
Feedback on 0-5 discount coupons.
Continuing site search
- Jim:** Facility clean-up posters
- Margaret:** Sponsorship approval
- Rick:** Itemization of food costs
File tax returns
- Shirley:** Feedback from Mentees for Swiss Team participation in our Sectionals
Extend Mentor/Mentee program through July
- Bonnie:** Analyze future tournament date conflicts
- Jerry:** Meeting of Regional Tournament Chairpersons
- Nancy:** Notify caddies regarding maintenance of playing facility during Sectionals
- Tom:** Coordinate upload of directory to website
Flyer additions: Mentor/Mentee game and 0-5 coupons