

May Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

Date: April 30, 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, Allen Kane, Vard Nelson, Nancy Rassbach, Tom West
District 17 Representatives: Jerry Ranney
Legal Counsel: Forest Clark

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Devere.

Minutes: April minutes accepted.

Financials: I/N Tournament financial statement presented. Discussion of advertising costs and free plays allocated on report. Margaret requested that Saturday and Sunday lunch costs be broken out. Rick agreed to do this. Accepted by Board as revised.

Action Items Review: Site Search: Jeanne visited events center on East 40th Avenue and found it unsuitable. Their manager offered to add us to their distribution list but indicated that their rates were beyond what we can afford. Margaret stated that so far it looks as if we may have to remain at Jeffco Fairgrounds unless the site search can find an acceptable venue at our price.

Sponsorship Approval: Margaret stated that she has received no response from ACBL after two inquiries. She will contact the Colorado Springs Unit regarding their tournament sponsors.

Tax Returns: Rick stated that the tax return is ready to mail.

Itemization of Food Costs: Has been completed by Rick and Bonnie.

Caddy Clean-Up Responsibilities: Will be addressed by Nancy.

Directory on Website: Tom stated that Kitty Cooper is working on this item and has not yet responded to Tom.

Review of I/N Sectional:

Tournament was very successful. Attendance: 31 tables on Saturday morning, 21 on Saturday afternoon, and 17 teams on Sunday. Jeanne stated that it might be better to hold the team session on Saturday and the pairs games on Sunday because of space constraints on Saturday. (House of Cards holds a regular game on Saturday.) Board approved switching days of events for the fall tournament, later tournaments TBD. Al will change the tournament schedule. Jeanne stated that this event needs another director. Discussion followed regarding Alice Kinningham's willingness to work this tournament and compensation to be provided. Margaret stated that Milt Shioya may return to directing in November. Shirley and the Pro Am committee are working to recruit new players. Board lauded Shirley, Jeanne and Bonnie for their efforts resulting in an extremely successful event. Margaret stated that the budget for the I/N tournament would be reviewed before the fall event in order to handle Alice's compensation and free plays (discussed below).

Regional Prep:

Jerry stated that there were 772 room reservations to date. He may need more volunteers to set up on Tuesday at 9 am. WIFI arranged, speakers arranged.

Jerry asked Jim about posters. Shirley will get poster requirement to Jim.

Margaret stated that Don Boyarsky needs a poster for photographs. The photographer will be available at 6:40 pm every evening. Jerry passed on a request from Carolyn Newcomb that the photographer collect biographical information for new Life Masters so that she can write about them in the bulletin. Margaret will pass this item onto the photographer.

Jerry and Jim will go to Cowboy Storage today to obtain leftover packets from the NABC tournament. They will be put on tables for members to pick up at the Registration Desk. Anyone else who has leftover packets may bring them to the Hospitality Desk for distribution.

Bonnie needs more volunteers for the Hospitality Desk.

Al stated that he needs 8-9 new tables. Cost is approximately \$46 each. Board approved and Al and Jerry will handle the purchase.

The Pro Am tournament has approximately 90 pros and 70 amateurs signed up at this time.

Vard stated that there should be a system to direct new players to specific events. Discussion followed of various methods of assisting players to their locations.

Discussion of photos of winners.

Suggestion of new poster at the registration desk indicating that registration for the tournament is free.

July Prep: November flyer will be available at this tournament. Board approved adding a notation: "Special Game, See Website" for Friday night.
Mentor/Mentee game: no report.

Front Range Challenge: Al stated that this tournament will be held on October 29 and maintain the same format. Average points are: 0-500, 500-2000, 2,000 -3,000, 5,000+; two-session Swiss, \$8 per person per session including food, beginning at 10:00 am. Jerry indicated that this tournament does not conflict with the Jewish holiday. Board approved format. Selection of players will be based on the July Sectional and fill with earlier sectionals as required.

0-5 Discount Implementation:

Discussion of implementing free play for ACBL members (with 0-5 masterpoints) at I/N tournament and Sectionals. Jerry will check for Regionals. Free play accepted at regionals, except for the Pro Am. Tom will put free play designation in flyers and will notify Ken Monzingo, publisher of the Forum. Al will notify directors. Jeanne stated that this was not feasible for the Swiss Team event. Motion passed to provide free plays at all Unit 361 events for all 0-5 members, with Jeanne dissenting. Margaret stated that when the fall I/N tournament comes up, we should look again at the amount budgeted for free plays there.

Restrooms: Historically, there have been five incidents in the last five years according to Jeffco. They will begin charging for hourly inspections and \$75/hr. for cleanup, \$100/hr. for extra equipment. Margaret indicated that there may be extra charges in the future. Forest suggested we find methods to mitigate charges. Margaret suggested putting up posters to warn members. Margaret will draft wording for the poster and circulate it to the Board. Jim will produce the poster in time for the July Sectional.

Change of Date for March 2017 Sectional:

The current date coincides with the Kansas City NABC. Bonnie indicated that there may be lost attendance as a result. She checked the schedules of Jeffco and the district. Jeffco is available, and there are no direct conflicts with March 31-April 2. Jerry explained the district scheduling procedure. Board accepted motion to change the 2017 Sectional to March 31 to April 2. Bonnie will follow up on change procedures.

Jeffco Fairgrounds Unavailable for November Sectional:

Alternatives: another site or splitting venues. Margaret queried Board about whether we should solve this problem now or wait for 2017 Board to work on it. Consensus to implement by this Board. Jeanne's obtained a quote from the Summit for \$7,000 per event. Margaret suggested that this location may be the easiest solution for us. The Board directed Jeanne to obtain confirmation that the Summit facility was available, at the same price. Then Margaret will work out the numbers relating to a one-time change.

Bridge Clocks: HOC still planning to purchase clocks. They plan to sell one to the Unit at \$100 before the Regional. Purchase approved by Board.

Meeting Requirements: Margaret clarified that the bylaws call for eleven meetings per year but do not require them to be monthly meetings. She will check with Mike Thompson regarding the practicality of holding meetings at Denver Metro Bridge.

Tabled: Outreach discussion
Bridge teaching comments from Rick

Next Meeting: Saturday, June 4, 10:00 am, HOC.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by President.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Clint
Secretary
Unit 361

Action List

- Jeanne:** Pro Am Tournament prep
Confirm availability of Summit event center and cost for the November 2017 Sectional
- Jim:** Posters for Regional: photographs, free registration
Trip to Cowboy Storage with Jerry
Posters for restrooms during Sectionals
- Sherry:** Pro Am Tournament prep
- Margaret:** Contact Colorado Springs Unit regarding tournament sponsors
Check with Denver Metro Bridge regarding Board meetings at that location
Draft wording for posters in restrooms
Speak with photographer regarding bio information of new Life Masters
Work out tournament expenses for Nov. 17 if we go to the Summit
- Rick:** Modify I/N tournament report
Coordinate with HOC on bridge clocks
- Shirley:** Poster information to Jim
- Bonnie:** Recruit more volunteers for Regional
Check on schedule procedural change for March 2017 Sectional
- Al:** Change schedule for I/N tournament, Fall, 2016 to switch Saturday and Sunday events
Purchase new tables
Notify directors of free play for 0-5 members
- Jerry:** Trip to Cowboy Storage to pick up leftover packets from NABC
Assist Al with purchase of new tables
Check to determine if 0-5 free play is allowed at Regional
- Nancy:** Work with caddies regarding maintenance of playing facility during Sectionals
- Tom:** Flyer additions: "Special game, see website", "Free play for 0-5 members". Notify Ken Monzingo to include free play information in all write-ups for Unit 361 sectionals