

January Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

Date: January 7, 2017

Location: House of Cards

Time: 10:01

Attendees: Jim Calhoun, Margaret Devere, Rick Gardner, Al Kane, Vard Nelson, Nancy Rassbach, Tom West, Wayne Eckerling, Pam Root, Dianne Vanoss,
District 17 Representative: Jerry Ranney, Jennifer O'Neill
Legal Counsel: Forest Clark

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Devere.

Minutes: December minutes accepted.

Financials: The Budget Committee met on January 3, 2017. Suggestions included

- Reduce Player Development from \$2000 to \$1000
- Increase card fees to \$12 beginning March, 2017
- Discontinue free lunch for Friday and Saturday games. Sunday lunch unchanged.

Lunches will be the responsibility of the caterer with no Board involvement. The schedule will be modified to accommodate lunch by beginning the afternoon session at 2:30.

The Board discussed and approved these changes. The expectation is that there will be a loss in the January, 2017 due to inclusion of Friday lunch, increased site and setup fees, and probably low table count.

Actions to be taken to inform the membership include flyers, posters, letter, email, etc

Action assignments are as follows:

Jim posters
Tom flyers
Margaret pianola
Margaret membership letter

Other Items Discussed

- Reducing sectionals to three times yearly dropping the January sectional
- Raising card fees at 2018 regional
- Actions to increase participation

Action Items Review

Margaret completed membership reimbursement, sent free plays to Newcomb, obtained approval of protest letter, notified all of bridge rate at Fairfield, notified Board of Jeffco meeting results, and checked on status of sale of Denver Metro Bridge

Wayne will assist AI with setup on 12 ad will arrange training with Jerry for the Spring Regional

Rick spoke with Paul about purchasing clocks. The clocks are no longer available at the approved price and will not be purchased. He remitted the honorarium to House of Cards

AI reserved the Arapahoe facility for setup on Jan. 12 at 9am and will purchase \$200 worth of replacement cards

Vard will assist with table setup

Jerry checked with Bonnie Bagley re: point award of penalized team and set up training for the Regional

\$20

Board members donated money for a gift for Bonnie. There is \$20 remaining which will be used for board hospitality

Preparation for January Sectional

AI responsible for setup and directors, Nancy responsible for caddies. Pam Root will help with caddy supervision on Friday in Nancy's absence.

Pam has hospitality organized.

Jerry has purchased soda.

Vard has 2 requests for partners and will assume duties of photography.

Rick will give free plays to Jerry for distribution on

site

March/July Sectional Planning

Discussion included location(Jeffco), card fees(\$12), Friday schedule, bracket changes, food. The Friday and Saturday schedules will be amended for afternoon games to begin at 2:30. Friday lunch no longer free, Friday evening game will be a Swiss team.

Reports on Chair activities

Al will start the Front Range Challenge project but he would like somebody else to take it over thereafter. Jennifer will assist.

Wayne is reviewing the current mentor program to present suggestions about an improvement plan or discontinuation.

Dianne is compiling a list of teachers and will coordinate with Wayne. There was a brief discussion regarding the overlap in the domains of education and the I/N chair. Wayne and Dianne will work together on the I/N tournament and player development.

Dianne has amended the welcome packet.

D17 Report

Planning for Regional in May will get into high gear after January sectional.

Topics for follow-up

Q&A panel at July sectional
Mentor program
Front Range Challenge
Report from Wayne/Dianne re: cross committee work

Action Items

Board Decide on discontinuation of winter sectional
 Front Range Challenge
 Q&A panel for July sectional

Wayne Review current mentor program to present suggestions re: improvement or discontinuation

Dianne Review teacher list
 Coordinate with Wayne re: I/N tournament, mentor, and player development

Next Meeting: February 4, 2017, 10:00 am, House of Cards

Adjournment: 11:55 January 7, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Vanoss

Secretary

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