



MINUTES - DENVER UNIT 361

Denver House of Cards – July 2, 2012

President Ruth Pana called the meeting to order. Attending were Board Members Tom Burger, Carol Levinson, Blair Young, Nancy Rainwater, Sherry Levitt, Jim Calhoun, Don Heitler, and Shelbie Bastiaans. Also present were District 17 rep Carolyn Newcomb and legal rep Forrest. Minutes for the June meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Don Heitler presented the final Regional report. We made a profit of \$10,458.70. Miscellaneous adjustments may be allocated at a later date. Don also presented the board with copies of the current balance sheet and the year to date profit and loss statement, through July. The bank has not responded to the problems of charging for cash deposits, however, Don was able to obtain a waiver of \$125 from a \$135 fee. He will make out cashier checks for all future deposits, and this will solve the problem. There was a charge for pre-duplication of boards for the regional, which was refunded to us by Dist. 17. \$600 for the GNTs was subsidized by Dist.17. The bookseller at the Regional, Dan Williams, has not paid the charges for the past two years. We have agreed to waive the charges, and will not charge him in the future. We have paid \$400 for our signing deposit to Jeffco for the sectionals. All other expenses for the sectionals have been prepaid for July, and there are no additional charges for the July sectional. The November sectional will be paid for in August. There are still some outstanding monies owed for ads in the Directory. Ruth will call Norma Sands, Susan Grauer and Clyde. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Budget Committee: A meeting is scheduled for July 24th, at 3:00 p.m., at Tom Burger's home, to work on the budget for the coming year. The committee members are Tom Burger, Blair Young, Shelbie Bastiaans, Don Heitler, Ruth Pana, and Carolyn Newcomb.

Regional: The budget and schedule for the 2013 regional tournament should be submitted to District 17 by the end of July. The financial report and flyers for the 2013 tournament will be ready by September 2012.

A **Regional Committee** meeting, chaired by Blair Young will be held at Ruth Pana's home on July 17 at 3:00 p.m. Members of the committee are Carol Levinson, Jim Calhoun, Ruth Pana, and a District 17 representative. Ruth asked the board to present any changes they think of to the committee.

Membership: Shelbie reported Unit 361 has approximately 1,230 members. The badges are very popular. Penny Coffman and Blair Young will help with the orders for badges at the Sectional, since Shelbie will not be here. She is now ordering the badges once a month. Achievements of the unit members will be mentioned in the fall "Table Talk."

The Director's Trophy, at the 299rs event, will be given out at the I/N Tournament. Two Regional Trophies, awarded to Dave Capera and Ann Brenner will be presented at the sectional. The Lou Neff trophy will be presented to Frank Thorwald and Jim Wolf. Shelbie will order small trophies from Steel Images, to be given at the July Sectional, to recipients that they can keep. A motion was made and passed that we purchase these individual trophies, for a cost of not more than \$30 each.

Sectional Tournament: Nancy reported that we will have Subway sandwiches on Friday, pizza on Saturday, and a catered chicken dinner on Sunday. All partnership requests have been filled, to date. The caddies are ready. The flyers have been handed out.

Our Unit has decided to donate \$300 to the Red Cross to aid in helping the victims of the wildfires in Colorado. A motion was made and passed to ask all other units in Colorado to also make a donation. Shelbie will call the other units.

Education: Jim Calhoun stated that two students have moved onto to Junior High from elementary school, and want to take further instructions. He told the students to request their new school allow this program to take place. The insurance will be paid.

Nominating Committee: Bob Eberhardt will chair the committee. Penny Coffman is also serving on the committee. Bob will e-mail her to let her know who will not be running again. Nancy Rainwater and Sherry Levitt will not run again. Blair Young is going to run again. Don Heitler is undecided, and will let the committee know as soon as he makes a decision.

Front Range Challenge: Sherry reported The Aurora Board of Realtors wants to charge \$400 to host the challenge. She will try to find another place to have it.

District 17 Report: Carolyn Newcomb reported a meeting was held during the Las Vegas Regional. The District has entered into an agreement with Bill Michael to provide bridge mates for the tournaments, at a cost to the units of \$.50 per table. The District issued two grants to units who do not hold regionals; one to El Paso, in the amount of \$400, for new members; and \$600 to Cheyenne for new members. The District has increased the monies given for supplies. Our District 17 contact is Tom Schulman. Goodwill Awards were presented to Ruth Pana and Jerry Newcomb. A letter and pin will be sent to them from the District 17 committee. There will be a study reapportioning district representation. There will be a Regional in Taos, NM, in September 2013, from Sept 9 thru Sept 15.

New Business: Optional liability insurance for 299rs will be discussed at the next meeting

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 10 at Denver House of Cards at 4:45 p.m. There is no meeting in August.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Levinson