



DENVER UNIT 361

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Denver House of Cards
September 10, 2012, 4:45 pm

President Ruth Pana called the meeting to order. Attending were Board Members Tom Burger, Bob Eberhardt, Blair Young, Jim Calhoun, Don Heitler, and Shelbie Bastiaans. Also present were District 17 reps Carolyn Newcomb, Jerry Ranney, and Legal rep Forest Clark. Nominee for District 17 as our representative, Flo Newlin was also present.

Minutes for the August meeting were amended: the Teacher courses and Director courses for the Regional were not approved in August but were tabled to be presented at a later meeting. Both budgets (Regional and Unit Budget) were approved so minutes were amended to reflect this vote. All approved the amended August minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Don Heitler did not bring copies of the balance sheet as of August 30th. The final fiscal budget will be sent to Board members for an e-mail approval. (The August special meeting included a final report. There were only a few additional checks written after the August meeting). This report will be included in the Fall Table Talk and will be printed before the next board meeting.

Discussions included Table Talk Schedule and In Memoriam—copies were passed for the board's input. All sectional flyers are on our website. The sanctions have been obtained for all sectionals through 2013 and as soon as new board members are selected in December for the positions the flyers will be updated on the ACBL site and the necessary changes will be made on the website.

Shelbie and Bob mentioned classes in Castle Rock; new classes have 62 people. Curt should e-mail Ruth so the website can be updated. The Academy of Learning at DU, a class for newer players taught by Sally Kneeser has 132 people that are new to duplicate bridge.

Judy Randel has joined our unit. There was discussion about players that live outside of Denver come into our unit. There will be an article about David Caprera on his achieving 10,000 masterpoints. A plaque will be ordered by Ruth. The I/N Director's trophy is being made and will be picked up by Shelbie.

District 17 Report: There is a meeting coming up in Phoenix; the budget and schedule has been sent out and they are waiting approval. Allen Johnson of Cheyenne resigned and Rod Southworth is taking his place. Carolyn Newcomb is not seeking re-election. She has worked for the unit board and District 17 since 1999 and is taking a break. The Unit Board gave Carolyn a round of applause and thanked her for all of her wonderful work on behalf of the unit. She will continue to help us with the website. Flo Newlin would like to be nominated for the District 17 Representative position. She addressed the board to thank everyone for the opportunity stating she is passionate about this game and would like to serve in this position as a way to give back and to help our unit.

Board members were reminded that nominations for the position of District 17 Representative from Unit 361 can be accepted until September 30. The vote will be taken at the October 1, 2012 meeting of the Board.

Front Range/I/N Update: Sherry reported that Aurora will allow us to keep tables there for the Front Range on the 20th. The I/N Tournament is on 13-14 of October. We need to make sure we have them inside the crate. Bob Eberhardt says we could store the trailer at Heather Gardens for the week.

Website: The website is up and running. Don Heitler will send Ruth a "Hand of the Month" this week. Thank you to Carolyn Newcomb for all her help.

Sectional: Bill Michael has stated he will solve the problem with one of the directors in the upcoming months. He has sent Ruth a letter and has talked with Bob Eberhardt about the plan to put John Worley on an improvement plan. He will not be directing at the November tournament. Bob needs to buy 5 more table of bidding boxes and table mats for B & C. Bill Michael would like to use bridgemates for Thursday night and is seeking permission. There was a motion by Tom Burger to do Thursday swiss without machines. Jim Calhoun seconded motion. Discussion ensued stating time constraints at Jeffco, credibility, back-up system, size of game influences, no guarantees it would work this time. It was decided to wait a little longer for the system to be tested. The board unanimously voted not to use the bridgemates for swiss teams.

New Business: Discussion came up regarding Jim Calhoun's directing and managing the new club at Highland Hills Park and Recreation and Pearl Mack Center. Forest stated that since he had no financial interest in this invitational, one evening a week game that, for now, it was in line with our bylaws. Dan Williams ordered a plaque from Shelbie. Jerry and Carolyn said they would bring it to him at the regional (where he presorts cards for the regional) and collect the money. Shelbie would like to change meeting date to a Wednesday but Jim Calhoun has bridge classes with the elementary school on that day so it was agreed to keep it on Monday at least for this year, October and November.

Blair made a motion to adjourn at 6:15. It was seconded by Tom.

Submitted by Shelbie Bastiaans

Next meeting: Monday, October 1, 2012, 4:45pm, at House of Cards