

MINUTES – DENVER UNIT 361

Denver House of Cards – 16 Sept 2013

Meeting was Called to Order, by the President, Ruth Pana, at 4:05pm.

In Attendance:

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| - Ruth Pana | - Jim Calhoun | D17 reps |
| - Bill Beard | - Lori Beard | - Flo Newlin |
| - Margaret Devere (graciously filling in as new Caddie leader) | | |
| - Shelbie Bastiaans | - John Gallagher | - Jerry Ranney |

August Meeting Minutes: Approved; with following adjustments.

1. Reminder that fiscal year for the unit is from 01 Sept to 31 Aug of the following year. We have begun a new fiscal year.
2. Procurement of new section markers for tournaments – although the action was approved last month, the costs for the new markers will be incorporated into the costs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013- 2014.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Financials: Three Unit 361 documents were presented for discussion – “Profit and Loss Detail for September 2012 through August 2013 (Board Fiscal Year 2012-2013),” “Balance Sheet Detail, as of August 31, 2013,” and “Profit & Loss statement, August 1 through September 9, 2013.”
 - a. After some discussion, all three reports were approved
2. Unit Budget for FY 2013 – 2014 was submitted from the budget committee for approval. The budget was based upon an assumption of 475 tables for each of the sectional tournaments, and included expectations from the Regional Tournament and the two I/N games. 475 tables is a lower number than has been previously used, but was based upon results for the previous FY.
 - a. After some discussion, the budget was approved and accepted by the Board.
3. A question was raised regarding a request for audit information for 2012 – 2013. Ms. Pana took responsibility to ask about the information.

Regional Report:

1. Ms. Newlin asked if the Unit would support a discount for Youth players (under age 20) and Juniors (20 -25). This is being encouraged across the ACBL in an attempt to attract additional younger players interested in bridge. After discussion, the following motion was made and approved, with details to be worked out prior to the Regional:
 - “For ACBL Youth and Junior players, discounts will be available.”
 - This statement will be added to the Regional brochure.
2. The draft of the Regional brochure was reviewed and a number of issues were raised.
 - The fees for playing in the regional had to be adjusted for the new ACBL requirement of \$4 for non-members.
 - The approved statement in item 1 above needed to be added.
 - Via phone, from Jerry Ranney (later attending in person), was notified that the schedule was not approved. Concern was expressed that the “Gold Rush Pairs” on Thursday/ Friday of the tournament were considered an unacceptable conflict with the GNT games. Changes needed to be made immediately, so the brochure could get to the printer in time for copies to be taken to the Tucson tournament.
 - Ms. Pana and Mr. Beard agreed to hold a meeting this week to resolve the problem (see note following minutes, below.)

- We also requested that someone express to the District our displeasure with GNT impacting our scheduling and revenues.
- Ms. Kushner kindly agreed to take a number of brochures to the Tucson tournament assuming they were completed in time.

Membership: Ms. Bastiaans stated that we had added 9 new members in August.

Monthly Meeting location and time change:

In order to meet the constraints of various board members, it was decided that time/day for Board meetings would be changed. The next Board meeting will be on Saturday, 05 October, at 10:00 AM, at the House of Cards.

The following meeting is now scheduled to be on Saturday, 02 Nov, same time, same place.

Board Responsibilities: Timeline:

- Ms. Devere will fill in as Caddie Master for the rest of the year. She will then assume Publicity and website chair responsibilities.
- All Board members are requested to review the "Board Member Responsibility" policy sheet and submit any proposed changes by the end of Sept.
- The Hospitality Chairperson responsibilities will be clarified. The Hospitality chairman has option of helping with I/N or "advising".
- Also, Ms. Devere requested a definition of publicity tasks expected in 2014.

December Meeting Committee:

- Five current Board members and Ms. Devere will continue into 2014.
- The "annual" transition dinner will take the place of the December Board meeting and, after checking calendars, hopes to be held on Monday, 16 December, place TBD.

Front Range Challenge: October 19, 2013: Ms. Pana and Ms. Levinson have taken over responsibility for insuring the success of the game.

I/N Tournament: October 12-13, House of Cards:

(Note: The owners of the House of Cards contacted me after the meeting and asked a couple of questions regarding cleaning the facility after the I/N in Oct, and who from the Board was Responsible. I suggested they speak with Mr. Calhoun; but it was apparent to me that they did not consider the fee being paid was to include cleaning.)

- Planning is complete for the I/N tournament with some discussion on who could be there to cover caddy duty, and preparation of snacks for the Sunday morning session.

Table Talk: Ms. Pana is nearly complete with the additional information for the Table Talk brochure.

NAP: Tucson Regional, Oct 7-13 – Flight "B" Friday, Oct 11, Flights "A" and "C" Saturday, Oct 12:

For information regarding North American Pairs, check the DenverBridge.Com website.

Unfinished Business: Colorado Springs/ Choice Pairs on January Tournament Schedule:

1. The Colorado Springs unit requested to borrow some of the Unit's materials, sectional cards and team scoring sheets (1,000). They will return the section cards to us and replenish the team sheets. Bill Beard will follow up. The section cards were delivered to the Springs by Jim Calhoun; the team scoring sheets delivered by Ruth Pana.
2. Mr. Calhoun was told by NAAC about a constraint regarding the "Choice Pairs" games previously approved by the Unit for our sectional tournaments. If an individual (pair) elect to play in 3 sessions, and have picked 2 as his/ her/ their "Choice Pair", they may play in those two, and may play in the third, but they are barred from eligibility to win any points from the third contest.
3. A motion was made and approved to remove "Choice Pairs" from an option in the January sectional and return to a plan for 3 separate side sessions.

New Business:

1. Continuing with Ms. Newlin's discussion earlier re: discounts for Youth and Juniors, this time at the Sectional tournaments, the Board agreed that "Discounts" would be appropriate. The actual amount of the discounts will be determined prior to tournament.
2. The ACBL has decreed an increase in the non-member fees for tournaments. There was some discussion about whether that was for Regional and up tournaments, or whether it include Sectionals also. Someone (?) was going to check on what the fee has to be.
3. A couple of comments were expressed extolling the way the Caddies worked at the Taos tournament. Those comments will be passed to Ms. Devere for consideration for our tournaments.
4. Mr. Peter Youngwith asked me (JG) prior to the meeting if we were interested in having him be the photographer for the upcoming I/N tournament as he did before. The answer was a whole-hearted "yes;" and Mr. Calhoun was asked to contact him and ask him to do it and given a free play.

Next Meeting: Per comments above, the next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 05 Oct, at 10:00AM.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:45. (See NOTE below, however.)

Respectfully submitted,

John Gallagher (substitute)

NOTE: P. S.: A Regional Tournament committee meeting was convened immediately after the Board meeting.

- The committee came to an agreement on schedule changes to accommodate the GNT and Gold Rush Pairs.
- With those changes and the ones addressed earlier, the Denver Regional brochure would be modified by the printer and printing of the brochures would be completed.