

Subject: December Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

Date: Friday, December 11, 2015

Location: 2500 E. South Cherry Creek Drive, Clubhouse

Time: 6:00 pm

Attendees: Current Board Members: Joan Kushner, Jeanne Achziger, Marilyn Ballon, Phil Debus, Margaret Devere, Pat Henke, Al Kane, Bonnie Smith

District 17 Representatives: Flo Newlin, Jerry Ranney

Legal Counsel: Forest Clark

Newly Elected Board Members: Rick Gardner, Nancy, Rassbach, Tom West

Unit 361 is very grateful to the following members who have worked tirelessly for Unit 361 in 2015, and who were Honored Guests at this meeting:

Shelbie Bastiaans: Goodwill Ambassador, Pro/Am

Chuck Goudey: Mentor/Mentee Program Co-Chair

Susan Grauer: Conduct and Ethics Chair

Jared Johnson: Denver Post Bridge Columnist

Frank Queen: Board of Governors Representative

Carolyn Newcomb: Mentor/Mentee Program Chair

Cal Newlin: Goodwill Ambassador

The Unit Board would also like to thank other contributors who were unable to attend:

Penny Coffman: Recorder

Board Members unable to attend: Shirley Heinsohn, Jim Calhoun

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Kushner.

Election of District 17 Representative

Flo Newlin, D17 representative, conducted the election of her replacement on the D17 Board of Representatives. All current Board members present at this meeting were given ballots with the names of the four candidates. Flo had received the votes of Jim Calhoun and Shirley Heinsohn in absentia. The candidates for this position were Jim Calhoun, Don Heitler, Jennifer O'Neill, and Ed Yosses. After two votes, the candidate elected to the position was Ed Yosses. Flo Newlin will inform the candidates, and the Board thanks her for all her excellent representation.

Minutes and Financials

The November minutes were accepted on-line by the Board on November 12, 2015.

The financials were also accepted on-line on November 12, 2015.

Mentor Program

Carolyn Newcomb reported that the mentor/mentee program was very successful and will be continued in 2016. She is responsible for obtaining the Mentors, and Chuck Goudey is responsible for Mentee registration. Phil Debus reported the budget allows for 34 mentees to be included in the program. A discussion was held regarding the situation of a member wishing to play with a relative or specific person. The Board decided that if this situation should occur, then the cost would be covered by the persons involved as the accepted procedure is as random matching of players. However, a mentor/mentee pair who wishes to continue as a pair can do so within the mentor program.

November Sectional

All current Board members had received a copy of the November sectional financials via email. Phil Debus reported that the November sectional showed a loss of \$4,133.71. He recommended that hospitality costs be lowered by perhaps providing less food in the mornings. Jeanne Achziger recommended that perhaps only bagels and cream cheese and coffee be provided. The new hospitality chair(s) will address this for the upcoming January sectional. Phil Debus plans to discuss the costs of hospitality with the caterer, to see if costs can be lowered in the future.

The Life Master/Non Life Master event was successful and 24 tables were present. Phil noted, however, that the number of members playing in the Friday KO was lower and it may have been because some people who would otherwise have played in the KOs were scheduled to play in the LM/NLM event. A suggestion was made to hold the LM/NLM event on Thursday night to avoid this problem. The Board will address this in the future. Bonnie Smith felt that the event was very successful and suggested that it be held once a year at one of the Sectionals. Joan Kushner reported that the Head Director was pleased with the operation of the event and felt it went very smoothly. The new Board will decide if and when this event will be held in 2016.

Formal Resignation of Joan Kushner

Joan Kushner formally resigned as president of Unit 361, effectively immediately, and also resigned from the board. The meeting was turned over to Vice President Margaret Devere. The board thanks Joan and wishes her well in the future.

New Board and Officers

Margaret Devere welcomed the newly elected Unit 361 Board members: Rick Gardner, Nancy Rassbach, and Tom West. Jim Calhoun and Jeanne Achziger are continuing for an additional two-year term. Marilyn Ballon, Pat Henke, and Bonnie Smith are retiring from the board after the completion of their two-year terms.

Margaret Devere then conducted the election of next year's officers. The positions were filled as follows:

- President: Margaret Devere was nominated and elected unanimously.
- Vice President: Jeanne Achziger was nominated and elected unanimously
- Secretary: This position was left open at first. However, Margaret Devere appointed Rick Gardner as acting secretary, and he accepted the position.
- Treasurer: Phil Debus was nominated and elected unanimously.

Committee Responsibilities

- Publicity Chair: Tom West
- Hospitality Chair: To be decided. Jeanne Achziger will ensure that hospitality is covered for the January sectional.
- Photography Chair: To be decided.
- I/N Co-Chairs: Jeanne Achziger and Shirley Heinsohn
- Partnership Chair: Shirley Heinsohn
- Membership Chair: To be decided. Jim Calhoun has been asked to continue in this role.
- Caddy Chair: Nancy Rassbach
- Sectional Chair: Al Kane
- Regional Chair: Jerry Ranney
- Budget: Phil Debus
- Directory: Tom West and Rick Gardner
- North American Pairs: To be decided.
- Supplies: Al Kane
- Website: Tom West
- Any committees not mentioned will be decided at future meetings of the Board.

Suggested Topics for the New Board

- November 2016 Sectional: Phil Debus reported that JEffcvo would be available on November 16, 2016 but not November 17. The selection of a site for this tournament will be decided by the board at future meetings.
- Format of future sectionals: Al Kane will lead a committee to decide what events will be featured at future sectionals.
- Format of the Front Range Challenge and the Grand National Teams: Al Kane will lead the discussion on this item.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Saturday, January 2, 2016, at 10:00 am at the House of Cards.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

A buffet dinner followed, attended by the 2015 and 2016 board members, the D17 representatives, the legal counsel, and honored guests. The Board thanks Marilyn Ballon for arranging for the buffet dinner.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Smith
Secretary, Unit 361

Note: An action list usually follows. However, since the appointment and election of the board and committee chairs has just occurred, the list will be determined at the next board meeting when more discussion will lead to more accurate determinations.