

## April Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

**Date:** April 15, 2017

**Location:** House of Cards

**Time:** 10:00

**Attendees:** Jim Calhoun, Margaret Devere, Rick Gardner, Vard Nelson, Nancy Rassbach, Wayne Eckerling, Pam Root, Dianne Vanoss, Bob Stansbury  
District 17 Representative: Jennifer O'Neil  
Legal Counsel: Forest Clark

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Devere.  
March minutes accepted.

**Minutes:**  
**Financial Report**

Rick gave the current amount in both the checking and the savings account. We have come through the tight period, and are in good shape regarding rent for future tournaments. We have paid in full for July 2017, and half each for November 2017 and January 2018.

**Action Items Review**

Margaret

- Meetings will be held at Denver Metro Bridge beginning July, 2017
- Date change with Colorado Springs in process
- Small group going to Jeffco to discuss contract issues
- Swiss pairs and Sunday side games discussed with Bill Michaels. He suggests delete Friday night game. A side game on Sunday would not be a problem. Margaret will prepare a questionnaire for the July sectional. Rick suggested that the Sunday game be bracketed teams for all levels, rather than for 2000 and below, as is the current state.

Bob

- Supplies are in order. Entry forms will be ordered.

Pam

- Met with the FRC person from Colorado Springs. No action required at this time.

## **Sectional Review**

- Attendance increased by 20 tables
- Earned \$2400
- Table positions were in accordance with ACBL guidelines. A layout for the Jeffco venue was shared. We discussed ensuring that Jeffco is using it.
- Late arrival of Directors was discussed. This caused delay in entry sale and long lines. Rick will follow-up with Bill Michaels.
- Trouble with the PA system was caused by speakers not being correctly turned on. Bob will address with Jeffco during preparation for July. Sound check will be done during setup
- Help Desk was a success. Dianne will write an article for The Forum.
- Insufficient food on Friday was discussed. Pam will ensure that lunch tickets are purchased at the time of entry so that Caterer will have time to purchase adequate food.
- Bridge Results website was not set up on preparation for the tournament. Margaret will communicate the problem.
- Awards were presented. Dianne will mail certificates and medals not collected.
- Jeffco was cooperative. Their representative, Karen was helpful. There will be a post-event face-to-face meeting. There are telephone numbers posted for help with physical plant issues, e.g. Bathroom leaks.
- The future of the Friday night game was discussed. It was agreed to stay with the existing plan of having one more Friday night game, then reassessing the situation.

## **I/N Review**

- 0-5 attendance increased (21 tables, 80 pairs)
- Rob Vetter helped with keeping players moving correctly.. Consider more support for new players in October.
- Upload to Bridge Results was slow. Wayne

will check

- Motion made and carried to continue \$2 coupons for Fall I/N to be distributed during July Sectional and to do this for all subsequent I/N tournaments.
- It wasn't clear on the flyer that the Swiss teams game was a two session game. Need to improve wording on next flyer.
- Wayne suggested that we consider dropping the bridge lecture because it made for a very long day.

### **Coaching Program**

- There are 54 participants. Dianne will make follow-up contacts to work out any problems that may arise. Margaret posted the program on Bridge Winners and has received emails from other units to ask about the program.

### **Regional Planning**

- Room commitment has been met
- No caddies as yet
- Daily Bulletin will be continue to be print and digital
- Susan Marshall is working on speakers
- Pam is working on hospitality. Coupons will be given in lieu of ice cream social because of the price schedule
- Vard is working on partnership. Vard and Jim will work together on a more permanent partnership poster.
- Supplies are on target
- Pro-Am is in process. More "ams" are needed. Wayne will send out reminder email to I/N players

### **Chair Reports**

- Rick gave all necessary information to Phil Debus, who is prepared to file the tax forms on time.
- Audit is in process. Margaret and Rick have sent the appropriate files to Phil.
- ACBL website has incorrect tournament information. Margaret got it corrected. Margaret and Rick will follow-up to see if there's a way to review the ACBL website posting on a regular basis.
- Nancy will meet with group to review by-laws
- Badges may be ordered at a cost of \$4.00 in the unit, \$6 outside the unit. Jim will order in groups of six.

### **D17 Report**

- Planning for Regional is underway.

- Officer elections were held. Officers will shift to a 3 year term
- Table count for the district is down
- ACBL suggests caddies be paid minimum wage. Motion made and approved to pay caddies \$40 for a four hour work session and a flat \$15 for clean-up.
- Send suggestions for Goodwill nominations to Jennifer

## Action Items

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| Wayne    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send follow-up email regarding Pro-Am</li> <li>• Talk with Tom re: coupons for I/N tournament to be distributed in July</li> </ul>                         |
| Dianne   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write article for The Forum about Help Desk</li> <li>• Follow-up on coaching program</li> <li>• Mail certificates and medals</li> </ul>                    |
| Jerry    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for May regional</li> </ul>   |
| Jim      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Vard on partnership poster</li> <li>• Contact ACBL re: demographic information on Sectional attendees, particularly January, 2017</li> </ul>     |
| Pam      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with Karen Dak regarding Front Range Challenge</li> </ul>   |
| Margaret | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with Jeffco</li> <li>• Prepare questionnaire re: Swiss Teams for July sectional</li> <li>• Communicate problems with Bridge Results setup.</li> </ul> |

The next meeting will be June 3, 2017 at House of Cards. The following meeting will be July 1, 2017 at Metro.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Vanoss  
Secretary, Unit 361

