

## **Meeting Minutes for Unit 361 Board Meeting**

September 2017

### Call to order

The meeting was called to order. The following members attended: Jim Calhoun, Margaret Devere, Wayne Eckerling, Rick Gardner, Vard Nelson, Nancy Rassbach, Pam Root, and Bob Stansbury. Also in attendance was the newly appointed legal counsel Penny Coffman.

### Minutes

The minutes of the July meeting were unanimously accepted without revisions.

### Financial Report

A brief review of the July Sectional showed a profit of approximately \$2000. The change over previous sectionals was attributed to no longer providing free lunches.

### Action Items

Nancy/Jennifer

- A document about issues with the Regional ProAm has been produced and reviewed, but is still pending additional revisions

Margaret

- Online directory is now available. A few minor issues were noted: password (ACBL ID) is case sensitive. Addresses are not listed. Members with any data privacy protected are not listed.
- Margaret will contact Arlene about the possibility of using more local tournament directors at Sectionals

### July Sectional Review

- Food (Pam). It was noted that some people did not get enough food at the Saturday lunch.
- Help Desk (Margaret) was staffed but barely used. It was determined that the Help Desk should be discontinued.
- Bidding cards (Bob). Bob will review all bidding boxes for missing/damaged cards and will remove the Stop card following the November Sectional.
- The board decided to retain the use of the web movement despite negative comments from one unit member.
- It was determined that there is no ACBL regulation regarding local club games during tournaments, except that such games cannot provide extra master points.

### I/N Prep (Wayne)

I/N preparation is on schedule, with facilities, caddy, and director arranged. A \$2 coupon for the November open sectional will be distributed.

### Survey Results (Margaret)

Based on survey results, no changes will be made to the Sectional schedule. BridgeResults may be discontinued after this year.

## Forest

- Penny Coffman has been appointed to fill the legal counsel position. In this position she will coordinate state incorporation documents.
- A card expressing the board and unit's appreciation for Forest's contributions was signed by the board members.
- It was determined that the Friday night game at this year's November Sectional will be named in honor of Forest, and will be a charity game with all profits (less expenses) and donations donated for relief of victims of Hurricane Harvey. Rick will prepare the donation jar and Jim will prepare a poster. These will be set up early on Friday and will stay out through the Sunday game. Pam will ensure that there are good snacks.
- It was determined that the Mt. Massive Charity Pairs at next year's and future Regionals be renamed the Forest Clark Charity Pairs.
- Margaret will clear the above two items with Forest's daughter Julie.

## November Sectional Prep

- The board decided that the Friday night game in honor of Forest Clark be an individual tournament where all players will use Standard American Yellow Card. Bob will ensure that sufficient yellow cards are available for the tournament Margaret will handle publicity (email, website, flyers at sectional, etc.). Max of 24 boards. Rick will communicate this to Sam Stoxen.
- A membership meeting will be held 15 minutes prior to the start of the second session on Saturday. A slate of nominees for the board will be presented with the following names: Rick Gardner, Dan Marthaler, Nancy Rassbach, Mary Ann Rose, and Rob Vetter. An election will be held if additional nominations are received.
- The Friday night game at the January sectional will be TBA. Margaret will communicate this to Tom.

## House of Cards

In anticipation of the possible closing of House of Cards, Rick will present the honorarium for 6 months of board meetings in the facility. Efforts will be made to publicize other clubs if HOC closes. Margaret will update the website and send email.

## Front Range Challenge

Captains for each bracket have been selected. Pam will contact the captains and remind them to coordinate their teams.

## Table Talk

Rick and Bob agreed to review Margaret's draft of the online Table Talk prior to publication.

## Regional 2018 Report

- Wayne reported that contracts and budget are in place for the 2018 Regional, but that costs for the 2019 Regional may be a problem because of hotel price increases. The tentative schedule was reviewed and accepted, with the exception of the change in name of the Mt. Massive Charity Pairs to the Forest Clark Charity Pairs. Margaret will make the required changes to the flyer and send it for final review.

### 299er Tournaments in Future

The board discussed the idea of combining the current I/N tournaments with the regular Sectional tournaments, as a way of reducing costs. The group consensus is that we should continue with both and provide coupons to encourage I/N players to attend existing 299er events in the Sectionals.

### D17 Report

No representatives from the D17 Board were present at the meeting, but Margaret summarized the results of the last meeting.

- There has been no response regarding the D17 resignation from the Western Conference.
- Las Vegas is cancelling its February Regional, and the Mesa Senior Regional is also cancelled due to lack of facilities. The latter event may be moved to Tucson.
- The D17 board is still looking for a candidate for Jerry Ranney's replacement. Jerry is running, and will be considered elected if no other candidates come forward. This is a one-year term.

### Other Business

- Bob presented a tentative tournament schedule extending through 2024. He took the action to set up all of these tournaments in the ACBL database (Tourney Trax).
- The 2019 I/N tournament currently includes Easter Sunday. Bob and Margaret will research to resolve the conflict.
- The board discussed possible ways to increase attendance by new players. Jim, Wayne, and Vard agreed to meet to discuss ways to attract newer players. Jim is leading this effort. Sally Kneser's suggestions will be included in their discussion.
- The board agreed to add an area for policies and procedures to the existing website.
- Vard built a container for the poster board which seems to take care of the fragility problem.

### Next Meeting

10:00 am, Saturday, October 7, 2017 at Denver Metro Bridge Studio.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

### Action Items

Margaret:

Contact Arlene re using local TDs (Tree especially)  
Check with Julie Clark re Forest's action items  
Manage publicity re Friday night  
Manage whatever needs to happen re House of Cards moving or closing  
Work with Bob to resolve Easter 2019 conflict  
Ensure website is ready for I/N and November sectional  
Add page to website for board procedures

Rick:

Send (take) honorarium to House of Cards

Manage donations jar at November sectional  
Review Table Talk  
Tell Sam that we're running a 24-board individual on Friday night

Jim:

Lead group to discuss ways to attract newer players  
Prepare and set up poster for donations at November sectional

Vard:

Participate in discussion on attracting newer players

Wayne:

Carry on with I/N tournament  
Participate in discussion on attracting newer players

Bob:

Work with Margaret to resolve Easter 2019 conflict  
Set up tournaments in TourneyTrax through 2024  
Review TableTalk  
After November sectional, go through bidding boxes to replace worn cards and remove Stop card

Pam:

Carry on with Front Range Challenge  
Check with all captains to ensure they're good to go  
Ensure good snacks for Friday night at sectional

Penny:

Get herself registered as the agent of record for the unit's incorporation papers