

MINUTES-DENVER UNIT 361  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Denver Metro Bridge Club -January 4, 2011

President Rob Vetter called the meeting to order. Present were board members Jerry Marrs, Blair Young, Bob Eberhardt, Sherry Levitt, Don Heitler, Nancy Rainwater, Jim Calhoun, and Ann Martinez, as well as Forest Clark, Carolyn Newcomb, and Jerry Ranney.

Minutes for December 7, 2010 were amended to show Sherry Levitt was chosen as Partnership Chairman and Special Events Coordinator, and approved as amended.

Treasurer's report:

Don advised that the fee for the Jefferson County Fairgrounds has been sent to them. The printer for the flyers for the Regional tournament made a \$36 error in our favor-Don suggests we correct this mistake with the payment for the next batch of flyers. He also brought up the need to clarify payments to kitchen staff and caddies for IRS purposes. Form 1099s will need to be issued for 2010.

**OLD BUSINESS**

January Sectional:

Caddies are all set, although Ann notes she still needs an additional \$70 for them. Don will provide this to her.

Joan Mager has volunteered to do photography for all the tournaments.

Various board members will meet on Thursday to get the tables and other paraphernalia set up; others will be working with the Hospitality Chairpersons to get the kitchen set up.

There have been some requests for partners, and it is hoped we can accommodate everyone's preferences.

March Sectional:

Flyers for this sectional were essentially approved as set up by Jim, and he will ensure some are distributed at the January tournament as well as to the various local clubs. Individuals who will be attending tournaments in other locations will take some of these flyers with them as well.

Regional:

We are required to run 2 ads for the Regional tournament in the Forum-the first should be sent to them by 2/5/2011; the second is due a month later.

Meetings for the Regional will probably start early February.

Spring 2011:

Jim provided a copy of the flyer for this tournament. Rob noted he has had some difficulty accessing the computer site needed to get sanctioning for the tournament, but he will persevere.

#### Website updates:

Carolyn would like the new members to send her a picture of themselves to update the ACBL website. Otherwise, she has threatened to take pictures of the new members herself, and we will have to live with the results.

Bob reported that he had not been able to locate the info for the January Sectional on the Denver Bridge website, and Carolyn has promised to look into this.

#### Table Talk:

Rob will make sure they have a copy of the flyer for the March sectional. If anyone has ideas for subjects they would like to see covered, they should submit their ideas to Rob.

#### Table Relocation, storage:

Our contract with the current storage provider ends at the end of January. Bob has been looking into a new, larger storage unit located much closer to the Fairgrounds. He has located one with a price that is about the same as the 2 units we now rent, and will make sure it would be available by January 10<sup>th</sup>. The current provider will transport the normal equipment to the Fairgrounds on January 6<sup>th</sup>, and will be able to move that equipment into the new storage unit on the 10<sup>th</sup>. He will also bring over any other equipment that is still in his storage unit at that time.

Rob will provide pallets for the tables for the new storage locker, but we will still need boxes constructed for the tables that do not have them at this time.

Bob and Jim have been looking into transportation. It appears we may be able to get a covered trailer that would accommodate 2 boxes of tables and that could fit into the storage unit. While this is initially expected to cost more than having a company haul the boxes to each tournament, the cost will probably be recouped in about 18 months.

#### Tournament Fee Increase, Capital expenditures:

At some point, we will need to determine how much new equipment we need to buy-many of the tables are in poor shape, as are some of the cardholders and bidding boxes. The director's fees are increasing in April. Although we might be able to reduce the directorial staffing, this is a significant increase. In addition, Jefferson County has increased the rental cost of the Fairground building and there are food cost increases.

It was determined that we could offset some of these increases by increasing entry fees for the tournaments. The cost will go up to \$10 a person for the games (\$12 for non-ACBL members). The cost for a Swiss team on Sunday will go up to \$104 a team as we also have to provide lunch. The entry fee for the I/N tournaments will increase to \$8 a person, \$80 for the Swiss team on Sunday.

#### New business:

There was some discussion regarding the 2015 National Tournament that will be held in Denver, and whether we should consider starting to build up a fund for it. We concluded that it is too early to do that.

The meeting was concluded at 6:30.

The next board meeting will be held at Denver Metro Bridge Club at 4:30, Tuesday February 1, 2011