

MINUTES - DENVER UNIT 361 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Denver Metro Bridge - May 3, 2011

President James Calhoun called the quorum. Attending were Board Members Bob Eberhardt, Carol Levinson, Nancy Rainwater, Jerry Marrs, Don Heitler, Blair Young, and Tom Burger, and Ann Martinez. Also attending was Forest Clark and District 17 Representative Carolyn Newcomb.

The agenda was approved and the minutes for the April meeting were accepted as amended. .

Treasurer's Report:

Don Heitler presented a summary report for the I/N Tournament. We were budgeted for a loss of \$878; however, we made a profit of \$417.12. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Hospitality Report:

Nancy Rainwater reported there will be give-aways at the tournament. We have 1,000 decks of cards donated by Norma Sands, pens from Susan Grauer and patches from the Unit. The hotel will provide free coffee in the morning, along with cupcakes and cookies. There will be, "loot bags" containing candy. The registration desk will be located in the hotel lobby, where there will be a sign for daylight pairs, and a sign up for labels, which will be provided by the Unit.

Caddies:

Ann Martinez requested \$3,025 to pay the caddies. An additional \$100 will be given to pay the caddy in charge, as well as any additional caddy expenses. Blair Young will be in charge of the caddies when Ann is not at the tournament.

Regional:

Bob Eberhardt reported the tables will be moved on Sunday. Jim Calhoun reported that the new tables will be ready for the tournament. Bob will bring the player supplies and Jerry Ranney will bring the District 17 bidding boxes. Set up will be done on Tuesday, May 24 at 12 noon. Bob made an inventory of supplies for the regional and ordered only those supplies needed. He will order supplies twice a year. There has been an increase in tables at other regionals this year.

Partnerships:

The hotel will supply a telephone for the partnership table.

Membership:

Jerry Marrs reported there were 15 or 16 new members in April, and ten to 11 players who transferred in.

District 17:

Meetings will be ongoing during the tournament. Discussions will be about the Baldwin Plan and how it can be improved, as well as how the District allows sanctions and helps run the regional. Carolyn Newcomb reported that our Unit can present our schedule for next year for approval by the District. This will allow our flyers to be sent out earlier. Suggestions have also been made to have a game on Tuesday afternoons (in the future). Other tournaments have been doing this successfully. This will provide additional funds for the Unit. This game could be a charity pairs game or a gold pairs game. Another suggestion is a game for 0-750 point players, with gold points to the winners. Las Vegas is going to do this at the June regional. The Unit approved adding a game on Tuesday, at the next regional.

There will be a reception on Friday night for the Unit Board members and District 17 members and their guests.

Old Business:

<u>Website</u> – Blair Young will be speaking to other people for price comparisons. Carolyn Newcomb has been keeping the website up to date. She also contacted the people who created the website for the House of Cards, and will send that information to Blair. Daily bulletins can be found on the website.

All tables will be available for the regional. We have recovered 168 tables, at a cost of \$38 per table. An announcement will be made a regional, requesting that people treat the tables kindly. 2 more containers are being built. The trailer will take the containers to the regional, in two trips.

New Business:

A discussion was held about free plays; what to give them for and how to keep track of them. We discussed color changes for different free plays. Don Heitler should receive the free play cards back so the unit can keep track of them. White cards should be used for unit board members only.

The meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday June 7th at Denver Metro Bridge at 4:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted, Carol Levinson