

Unit 361 Bridge Board Meeting, 1/15/2022

Attendees: Julie Clark, Carol Gumpert, Susan Grauer, Tom Barrett, Kathleen Kelly, Vivian Heggie, Rita Simas, Arjun Singh, Eric Mead.

Nonvoting attendees: Margaret Devere, Jennifer O'Neill.

Absent: Ed Yosses

9:33 Meeting called to order.

Welcome to Susan and Arjun as new board members.

Jim Calhoun was a no-show at the Jan Sectional. Julie will get in touch with him. (and she lost \$5.00 bet)

Cowboy Storage – decided to keep using them since there have been no problems and they serve us well. Motion passed, Yes-8, 1 abstain.

Photos – Margaret asked us to list people's names from left to right and indicate the event they won.

Board Positions needing to be filled:

Photo – Tom

Mentors – Ed (Program is for players with  $\leq 299$  pts with mentors  $\geq 1500$  pts. Need more games to play. **NEW DISCUSSION at another meeting** – how to get new players. Some ideas are Change beginners game to be mentee/mentor game, to hand reviews/tutorials for new players. Come early to tournaments to answer questions.)

Supplies – Kathleen and Eric

Caddies – Eric (Tom P gave him info)

Partnership – Susan

Communications – Vivian (Carol – look into adding Vivian to Pianola) Includes flyers, Directory, sending flyers to ACBL \*(Carol has done this). Carol will send Vivian the flyers developed so far. They should be watermarked as 'tentative'. Send correct flyers to ACBL when we print them.

I/N chair and coordinator – Arjun. Rita is co-chair

Education – Arjun (get list of teachers)

Membership – Vivian (Sends welcome email (Julie will give her example)

GNT – Jennifer (Feb 28 deadline.)

Front Range Challenge – Susan (has been Denver & Colo spgs, but Ft Collins and Boulder want to be added). 2 team games per flight. Colo Spg has the roving trophy. Elly will hold/direct on a Sunday.

Ask teams from latest tourney to be in it). 8 teams per unit. Pairs in morning? Table that for now. Start in May/June and plan with other participating sites.

Jan Janitscke award – Donna and Margaret

Regional – Wayne and Don. Also ProAm work with Jennifer.

Tournament chair – Kathleen.

Hospitality – Rita. Try to get co-Chair to learn the ropes.

Secretary – Carol

Vice President – Tom

President – Julie

Carol – get Steel Images badges for new board members and new members from in/out report. If they still charge Rick, change it to Ed.

Jennifer can get report from District of people and their points.

**January Sectional Discussion:**

Good:

1. Tarps covering crates worked well
2. There are enough supplies (don't need to order more this year. Look into possibly printing score sheets on 2 sides next time).
3. Hospitality room with round tables

Problems:

1. Still need to make sure people wear masks properly
2. Underattended, especially by beginners
3. get volunteers to set up at a specific time to unload.
4. 1 person with Covid. Per ACBL, make sure we have contact information. Reprint vaccination sheets with email and phone (don't need which event they came to since they only checkin once anyway). Vaccination check-in should verify with each person. Rita will work on reformatting the sheets.

NOTE: Person with Covid name must be confidential per HIPA. In emails, regarding Covid, reiterate 'Please be aware that names should not be shared'.

Ways to reduce losses: Free play suspension, raise rates.

Discussion: Margaret- looks good if board 'shares the pain'. Don – other units follow Denver (re rates). Julie: Sectionals lost money most of the time in the past, especially January and I/Ns, and we made up \$ at Regional.

MOTION: for now:

Keep free plays (Yes-7, No-2)

Do not increase rates (Yes-8, No-1)

Jennifer: Las Vegas Regional lost \$6K. Tucson and Albuquerque cancelled

**Website update: Margaret.**

Do we want to put financials on website? Tom Motion: State that financial info is available by request for unit members. Yes 9 (unanimous)

Susan – look at Conduct and Ethics page.

All – look at new member rates.

Board procedures: Rita will forward them to Margaret

Jan Janitsche award: Donna's information was approved (yes-6, abstain-1 (Tom and Eric had to leave). Margaret will put info on website the last week of January. Carol will send out Pianola email about it.

**Plans for March Tournament:**

Discussion regarding food. Unanimous vote for Kathleen to check with Lexie to see if we can have Food Trucks and if there is a fee for that. She will let us know asap so we can start trying to get them set up if free, or decide what to do if there is a fee.

Bracelets – Carol should order more (we have about 300 remaining now).

Present Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs awards. Carol – get ACBL listings and order medallions. Letters will be signed by Julie.

Actual tournament is sanctioned but not yet approved by Scott Humphreys Kathleen will pursue this.

Get club addresses to send flyers for Colo Spgs, Boulder, Ft. Collins, Wyoming, Pueblo, Western slope. (also will send Regional flyers to them, plus Nebraska, Kansas, and other nearby states). Vivian and Carol.

**Other:**

New Board Members – sign conflict of interest form and send to Carol.

Communications – Should unit acknowledge milestones? Yes, we should send them an email and also put in TableTalk (data is from in/out report).

Email addresses – should we have unique addresses separate from our personal emails? Yes. Margaret will send out a few formats. When we determine format, should send our email and password to Margaret. She should maintain the forwarding emails on the website.

11:27 – Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: 2/19 at 9:30.