

Denver House of Cards - August 5, 2013

President Ruth Pana called the meeting to order. Attending were Board Members Tom Burger, Carol Levinson, Joan Kushner, John Gallagher, Jim Calhoun, Shelbie Bastiaans, Lori Beard, and Bill Beard. Also present was legal rep Forrest Clark and District Reps Flo Newlin and Jerry Ranney.

Minutes for the July meeting were approved as amended.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Lori Beard stated there was a loss for the July sectional tournament of \$1,186. Tom Burger and Lori will be working on the budget. A budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 6th. The unit has netted approximately \$800 for the year. The treasurer's report was accepted.

New Positions - Margaret DeVere, who has been nominated to become a member of the board in the upcoming elections has volunteered to handle Caddies for the November Sectional, as a replacement for Blair Young, who has resigned. Jim Calhoun has been elected Vice President and will hold this office until December 2013, also replacing Blair.

<u>July Sectional Tournament Wrap-up:</u> The hospitality was well received and the food was very good. Joan Kushner will speak with John about supplying us with staff for the kitchen for the next sectional, at a cost of \$11 per hour, as opposed to using Sally Hughes again, since she charges \$35 per hour. Joan will also speak with John about having someone serve the food during the tournament.

The caddies have been paid. The partnership desk worked well.

Supplies: All supplies were on site. We have enough supplies on hand at this time. A motion was made to have Jim Calhoun construct 12 section markers to replace the balloons and existing section markers, at a cost not to exceed \$700. Motion was passed, with one abstention. The incurred expense will not be until 2013-2014.

Photography: Tom took pictures of the winners and sent them to Rob Vetter, to be placed on the website.

<u>Website:</u> - Las Vegas is not happy about uploading info onto website. North America pairs will be posted on the website, District finals will be held in Tucson. Jim Calhoun has a new phone number, 720-346-1446, which will be put on the website.

<u>Changes for upcoming Sectionals:</u> The Thursday night game will remain the same. Motion was made and passed to have Choice pair games will be held on Friday for both open pairs and 299'r games, for the January 2014 sectional. A motion was made and passed to change Swiss Teams to 7/7 games, as opposed to 7/8 games, at the November sectional. This must be approved by the sectional director.

<u>Regional:</u>- The budget will be complete upon receipt of the final numbers from the hotel. Schedules for the Regional and Sectional games will be posted on the website.

<u>District 17 Report:</u> Jerry Ranney and Penny Coffman have been appointed to the Goodwill Committee. Pins have been awarded. Non-members of ACBL will pay \$4 more than members, per session, at the Regional, and at least \$3 more at sectionals, starting January 1st.

<u>Front Range Challenge:</u> Ruth and Carol are working on assigning teams to represent us in the Challenge, which will be held on October 19th, in Colorado Springs.

New Business - Virginal Gunter's Arvada club has requested to hold a special game, which was approved by the board.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 16th, at 4:00 pm, at the House of Cards.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Levinson