

August Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

Date: August 13, 2016

Location: Denver House of Cards, Englewood, CO

Time: 10:00 am

Attendees: Jeanne Achziger, Sherry Clint, Margaret Devere, Bonnie Janzen, Al Kane, Vard Nelson,
District 17 Representatives: Jerry Ranney, Ed Yosses
Legal Counsel: Forest Clark

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Devere.

Minutes: July minutes with revisions accepted and will be redistributed to Board.

Financials: Regional tournament netted \$4,000 profit due to reduced sanction fee. Sectional netted nearly \$2,000 due to elimination of Saturday lunch and the inclusion of a free director (ACBL Field Supervisor). P&L netted a \$600 loss this year as compared to a \$4,000 loss at this time last year. Financial reports approved by Board.

Action Items Review: Items assigned to Tom West will be deferred to next meeting. Vard will contact Jim to get his Board designated badge. Jim's items will be deferred to next meeting. Al has received approval from Bill Michael to add Milt to director duties, and Al will notify Milt. Blair has declined our invitation to be a director. Margaret has responded to a suggestion about utilizing the Marriott for tournaments. Nancy's item will be deferred to next meeting.

July Sectional Feedback: 485 tables, compact KO's attendance down, other events maintained consistent attendance. Jeanne suggested we evaluate continuing KO with such poor attendance. Mentor/Mentee game was well attended. Bonnie reported that the caterer sold 100 lunches and that he would like to revise method of sales to facilitate amount of his provisions. Several suggestions were made to discuss with caterer including deadline for sales and possibly signage. Bonnie will speak with caterer. Jerry received complaints regarding expanded time between sessions. Margaret suggested that we begin the later session at 2:30 pm. Motion approved to change later session start

time to 2:30 in January and announced at the November tournament. Margaret will provide Tom with the change in time for January.

Margaret stated that the restroom/illegal substances posters were up and that she has received no feedback from participants at tournament. She indicated that they will be available for future events.

Jerry stated that there have been complaints regarding smoking pot on the premises, which is not allowed by Jeffco. Al and Forest will provide a warning to the perpetrator prior to the beginning of the next tournament.

Vard inquired about beginning Sunday events at 9:00 am instead of 10:00 am. Jerry replied that those who attend church would object.

Bonnie will provide snacks at evening sessions.

Discussion of limitations on flyers displayed on table at tournaments. Board consensus to allow bridge-related items only to include instructors' advertising. Margaret will notify teacher of allowable information and ask Jim to send out notices to local teachers.

I/N Prep: Jeanne and Sherry will begin organizing this week for tournament to be held September 24-25. Al will provide supplies.

Friday Night Event at Sectionals:

Discussion of various types of games. Motion approved to hold Fast Pairs event in November at 7:00 pm on Friday. Jerry will add this item to his supply of existing flyers. Tom will add to website and send e-mail.

Front Range Challenge: Vard stated that he has signed 3-1/2 teams (0-500); Margaret 3 teams (2,000-5,000), Al has full roster of 5,000+ teams. Al will make flyers for team chairs to distribute to teams.

Nominating Committee: Submissions for candidates include Wayne Eckerling and Dianne Vannoss. Vard will submit his bio to the Board. Margaret stated that if we have six candidates, we need to find a seventh, and that the deadline for bio's is September 15.

Mentor Program: Shirley has reported that there was less participation in the reimbursement program and that four mentees were unhappy with their mentors. Board discussed creating a survey for mentors and mentees. Margaret will accomplish this task.

Jeffco Visit: Attended by Margaret, Bonnie, Al and Forest. Committee met with the Director of Fairgrounds and his assistant (45-minute mtg.). Jeffco requested a contact list. Margaret will provide telephone numbers of Margaret, Bonnie, Al and Directors. They discussed the Thursday afternoon and evening set up and Jeffco indicated that this may become a problem in the future. Their request for a planning meeting has been changed to a telephone call notice before every event. Al will accomplish this task.

The remodeling project at the fairgrounds may affect the January 2018 Sectional. The Board discussed methods to address this problem. Options include Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Summit Events Center or canceling event. Bonnie and Margaret will compare availability and cost of Summit Event Center vs. Arapahoe Fairgrounds. Al recommended retaining event in January 2018. The Board determined that we could go ahead and make arrangements to use a different venue even if Jeffco is available and resume arrangements with Jeffco in March 2018. This is the safest approach.

Table Talk: Margaret invited writers to submit articles. Asked Forest to provide a retrospective on the Denver Unit. He will provide 1,000-word document by Sept. 15. Al and Sherry will assist Margaret with proofreading submissions.

D17 Elections: National Board: Bonnie Bagley won by default.
Denver Representative to D17: Ed Yosses will run for reelection. Margaret will send out an e-mail announcing this election so that other interested parties may run.

Pianola: Margaret will add Bonnie as authorized user.

Regional 2017: Jerry sent schedule to the committee. It does not recommend having bracketed Swiss on Monday. Change includes three start times per day: 10:00 am, 2:30 pm, and 7:30 pm. Prime events will be held morning and afternoon with side games in evening. Daylight pairs provide largest attendance. Choice pairs will be held on Saturday and Sunday. Budget predictions are that we will have an \$8,000 profit, same as last year.
Motion approved to accept 2017 Regional budget and schedule with expected modifications from D17. The regional flyer must be printed in time for the Colorado Springs Regional. There are still items to be determined such as Partnership Chair and Pro-Am Chair.
Jerry has requested a two-year extension to the contract with the hotel.

D-17 Report: Jerry reported on an incident whereby two teams sat the same direction during the Swiss Team event at the Regional. Facts are unclear, but apparently they independently decided on a tie, which is against the rules. The issue was reported it to the ACBL Ethics Committee which deferred their ruling until the Orlando National. Unit 361 and District 17 were not informed of this incident or involved in the process, which is not correct procedure. Jerry will discuss this incident at the D17 meeting.
Ed reported that GNT participation is down and suggested more participation at local clubs. This item postponed to next meeting.

Next Meeting: October 8

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by President.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Clint
Secretary
Unit 361

Action List

- Jeanne:** Organize I/N Tournament with Sherry
- Jim:** Badge for Vard
Set up committee for "Learn Bridge in a Day" program
Recruit 500-2000 teams for Front Range Challenge
Send notices to teachers to allow flyers on table at Sectional
- Forest:** Provide warning to tournament participant not abiding by no drug policy on Fairgrounds
Submit 1,000-word retrospective on Unit 361 by September 15 to Margaret for Table Talk.
- Sherry:** Assist Jeanne with I/N Tournament
Proofread documents submitted to Margaret for inclusion in Table Talk
- Margaret:** Announce change of time at November Sectional for afternoon session in January
Notify Tom of time change
Ask Jim to send notices regarding flyers at Sectionals
Compose Mentor/Mentee survey
Provide event contact list to Jeffco
Analyze cost/availability of Arapahoe Fairgrounds vs. Summit Events Center for January 2018 Sectional
Add Bonnie Jantzen to Pianola
Send out e-mail notice of D17 election
- Bonnie:** Meet with Tom to work out details of automating labels at Regional
Meet with caterer to resolve provisions/ticket sales for Saturday lunch
Provide snacks for evening sessions of Sectional
Analyze cost/availability of Arapahoe Fairgrounds vs. Summit Events Center for January 2018 Sectional
- Al:** Notify Milt that he has been approved as Sectional director
Provide warning to tournament participant not abiding by no drug policy on Fairgrounds
Create flyer for Front Range Challenge team chairs to distribute to teams
Proofread documents submitted to Margaret for inclusion in Table Talk
- Vard:** Check with Jim regarding Board-designated badge

Jerry: Check with hotel re: room credits
Add Friday night game designation to November flyers
Report of Regional Swiss team incident to District 17

Nancy: Hire Head Caddy for 2017 Regional

Tom: Notify Forum re: 0-5 free play
Ask Kitty Cooper to set up aliases on website
Meet with Bonnie to work out details of automating labels at Regional
Post Shirley's Goodwill Committee appointment to website
Add start time change to website
Add Friday night game designation to website and send e-mail