

## Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

**Date:**

July 7, 2018

**Location:**

Denver Metro Bridge Club

**Time:**

10:01 AM

**Attendees:**

Margaret Devere, Wayne Eckerling, Rick Gardner, Joe Jenkins, Alice Kinningham, Vard Nelson, Nancy Rassbach, Bob Stansbury, Rob Vetter  
District 17 Representatives: Jennifer O'Neill, Jerry Ranney  
Legal Counsel: Penny Coffman

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Gardner.

**Minutes:**

Minutes from the June meeting were approved.

**Financial Reports:**

Due to the resignation of treasurer Dan Marthaler, there were no financial reports available.

**Action Items Review:**

- Rick            Joe Jenkins has joined the board and has agreed to serve as hospitality chairman through the end of the year. Rick will contact Jim Turner about the status of the Denver unit domain name. The Unit will determine whether email forwarding is available through GoDaddy, and if so, use this as the hosting site rather than HostGator. The Front Range trophy will be engraved with winners names only for missing years.
- Rob            Flyers for the I/N tournament were approved. It was agreed that the number of boards should be at the discretion of the director and should not be published on the flyer. There was discussion regarding the November flyer to be available at the July Sectional. It was agreed that bracketing of teams should be at the directors' discretion and should not be published on the flyer. It was agreed to look at the attendance for this Friday's Eight Is Enough game to decide what to do in November, but to publish the Friday night event as TBD. It was decided that we should continue to offer \$2 coupons to 299er players for the I/N tournament at the July Sectional, and also \$2 coupons at the I/N tournament good for the November Sectional. Rob would like to review the cost vs. benefit of these coupons for next year. As Vice President, Rob will begin selection of a nominating committee for next year's board members. Joe, Wayne and Bob

have agreed to run for another term, which will leave 2 potential vacancies.

- Wayne Is scheduled to meet with the hotel regarding contracts for the next 5 years. A committee consisting of Margaret, Joe, Vard, Jerry, and Wayne will meet July 24 to set up the budget and schedule for the 2019 Regional.
- Bob Still having issues with ACBL regarding updates to Tourney Trax, but should have the situation resolved this month. Bob was asked whether there are arrangements with any local hotels for the Sectional. Currently there are no such arrangements, but Bob agreed to contact local hotels to determine if they are willing to offer a "standard" discount (such as AARP) to tournament players. We do not want to make a commitment regarding number of rooms.
- Vard Partnership email is now working correctly. Vard (and several other members) noted that reimbursements had not been received for the Regional.
- Margaret The board reviewed new sample name tags. There was general unhappiness about the lack of availability of both a lighter color and a background without swirls, which makes reading the tag difficult. Margaret will check once more with Steel Images to see if there might be another light color without swirls available.

#### **July Sectional Preparation:**

Nancy will act as caddy master for the July tournament to replace Dan.

Assignments for closing call to Jeffco are:

Friday: Alice

Saturday: Rick

Sunday: Bob

Joe questioned whether we might be able to change caterers in the future, as the current caterer does not publish a menu and prices. It was noted that Jeffco has an approved list of caterers available.

#### **Front Range Challenge:**

The Front Range Challenge will be held September 8 in Colorado Springs. Rick will coordinate the top bracket. Vard agreed to coordinate Bracket D. Other brackets TBD.

#### **Treasurer Vacancy:**

There was discussion about what to do about the vacant treasurer's position. Rick presented the possibility of hiring a person to manage QuickBooks for cutting checks and generating reports. It was decided to try to recruit a person to fill the spot and decide later if outside help is warranted. Rick created a list of people to contact. As of this writing, Ed Yosses has agreed to accept the position.

#### **Action Items:**

Rick Contact list about treasurer position.  
Arrange to engrave Front Range Challenge trophy.  
Recruit a coordinator for Bracket A of the Front Range Challenge.

Bob Complete update of responsible people for future tournaments with ACBL.

Margaret Determine if another color is available for name tags.

Rob Provide flyers for I/N and November Sectionals at the July Sectional.  
Begin recruiting for nominating committee (must include non-board members).

Wayne Meet with group regarding next year's Regional schedule and budget. Meet with hotel regarding future contracts.

**Next Meeting:**

September 15, 2018, at 10 AM at Denver Metro Bridge.

**Adjournment:**

12:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY RASSBACH  
Secretary 2018  
Unit 361