

## Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

**Date:**

October 6, 2018

**Location:**

Denver House of Cards

**Time:**

10:02 AM

**Attendees:**

Margaret Devere, Rick Gardner, Joe Jenkins, Vard Nelson, Nancy Rassbach, Rob Vetter, Ed Yosses

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 September meeting were approved.

**Financial Reports:**

Our current bank balance is approximately \$59,000 in savings and \$50,000 in checking. All bills and deposits are now current.

**Action Items Review:**

Rick Rick will get the Front Range Challenge trophy updated showing only winners and not scores. Since the 2018 match was a tie, it was agreed that Denver will keep the trophy for 6 months and then get it to Colorado Springs for 6 months.

Rob All content has now been FTP'ed from the old site (denverbridge.com) and appropriate sections will be added to the new site (denverbridge.org). Rob is collecting board procedures to add to the new site.

Wayne Hotel contract for 2022 has been sent for review.

Vard Plans to create a larger sign for partnerships and photographer for the November Sectional. Vard will be out of the country just prior to the Sectional and may need some assistance.

Ed Noted that rent has not yet been paid for the January Sectional. Everyone is requested to print, not write, their name on Free Play cards, for accounting. Taxes for 2017 have not yet been filed, but are expected to be soon.

### **Sectional Preparation:**

Rick has spoken to Bill Michael, who says his health and other issues have been resolved, and Bill will be the Director In Charge for the November Sectional and future Sectionals.

There was discussion about enhancing hospitality, since our Sectionals are now showing a profit. Joe will review menu options with the Jeffco caterer and consider the possibility of upgrading meals and having the Unit subsidize at \$1 or \$2 per meal, depending on what is available.

Sectional flyers for January will be available for the November tournament. It was agreed that the Friday night game for January will be an Individual. We are still planning to get to a fixed set of four games to rotate through the four Sectionals, but currently have more than four options: Individual, Eight Is Enough, Swiss Pairs, regular Swiss, Mentor/Mentee, Pair Teams, and Board-A-Match. It was decided to wait to see the success of Swiss Pairs before determining the rotation.

### **Intermediate/Novice:**

Vard received a few negative comments about the previous I/N tournament from a player that was not able to attend even though not all registered participants showed up. There was discussion about how we can better accommodate everyone who wants to play. One suggestion was a larger venue, but this was rejected due to the significantly increased cost. Instead, the group agreed to have a better signup procedure that would include both reserved and wait list, and to send out a confirmation reminder prior to the event, so that people on the wait list could be moved up. There was also considerable discussion about pre-registration but no decisions were made.

### **Non-Life Master Regional:**

It was agreed that we would use the November Sectional to determine space and logistics of holding a Non-Life Master Regional during 2019. The Northern Colorado District plans to hold a Non-Life Master Regional every other year. The board agreed that the Non-Life Master would be held in conjunction with one of our normal Sectionals and to have it replace the 299er events at that Sectional, but to continue to hold two separate I/N tournaments. It was noted that July would be the best time to have the Non-Life Master Regional, provided there would be sufficient space at the Jeffco facility. There will need to be a specific person to coordinate the event, including signage, entries, and food. Rick will check with Jeffco about the cost to rent the two other rooms, in case we needed them.

### **Other Business:**

Christmas Party: It was decided that the Christmas party be held at Denver Metro (if Ellie Larson is willing) with food provided to be reimbursed by attendees, which will include spouses/significant others. Rick will contact Ellie to determine the date, with December 2 being the most popular choice. Others to be invited include the incoming board members, the D17 representatives, the legal counsel, the ethics chair, the Board of Governors representative, and Paul Ossip and Ellie Larson. A suggestion was made that other club owners should be invited as well.

Joe mentioned that new members (new, transferred, or reinstated) are not receiving a welcome packet. It was agreed that we want to resurrect the program. Rick will poll to determine what the content should be.

Another previously performed function was STAC/GNT/NAP coordinator. The board agreed that the Unit should attempt to encourage club owners to host these games. Specifically, it was discussed that we could encourage STAC participation by having the Unit subsidize the

STAC surcharge. Rick will contact a club owner to find out what the surcharge is.

**D17:**

Meeting to be held at Colorado Springs Regional.

Jennifer explained how the District is proposing to move forward with credit card processing, including making credit cards an option for Sectionals. It would cost approximately \$100 to purchase a machine to process credit card transactions, plus a \$10 to \$15 monthly charge. In addition there is a fee of \$.19 per transaction. It was suggested that credit cards should be used to purchase vouchers which could then be used as entries for any District 17 tournament event. The machines could also be used by the Units for Sectional vouchers.

**Action Items:**

- Rick            Check with Ellie to see whether the current fee of \$400 is sufficient for her to be willing to host future I/N tournaments.  
                  Determine possible available dates for December Christmas party.  
                  Update Front Range Challenge trophy.  
                  Find out what the STAC surcharge is.  
                  Send an email with suggestions about contents of a new member packet.  
                  Analyze the space at Jeffco with respect to holding an NLM regional, and check on the costs of renting the other two rooms.
- Bob            Complete update of responsible people for future tournaments with ACBL, then notify Rick for verification.  
                  Set up Jeffco with all the tables we have, to see how many tables we can get into the current space.
- Rob            Prepare flyers for January Sectional.
- Wayne        Manage distribution of Regional Flyers.
- Joe            Check with caterer to see what could be done with an extra \$1 or \$2 per meal.
- Vard          Get larger signs made for Partnership and Photography.

**Next Meeting:**

November 3, 2018, at 10 AM at Denver Metro Bridge Club.

**Adjournment:**

11:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY RASSBACH  
Secretary 2018  
Unit 361