

Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

Date:

January 5, 2019

Location:

Denver Metro Bridge Studio

Time:

10:05 AM

Attendees:

Julie Clark, Wayne Eckerling, Rick Gardner, Joe Jenkins, Alice Kinningham, Nancy Rassbach, Bob Stansbury, Rob Vetter

District 17 Representatives: Jerry Ranney

Legal Counsel: Penny Coffman

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Gardner.

Minutes:

Minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

In Ed's absence Wayne presented the current financial report and distributed the 2019 budget for review. The Unit's profit for 2018 was approximately \$27,000 The increase over 2017 was primarily due to budget-cutting measures around hospitality at Sectionals. The budget for 2019 shows a projected profit of \$19,200. Board members agreed that profits should be directed towards new and younger members.

I/N Regional:

Planning is continuing for the I/N Regional to be held in conjunction with the July Sectional. A suggested title is "Mining For Gold In Colorado Intermediate Novice Regional." We also plan to use the "miner logo" from the Fort Collins Unit Intermediate/Novice Regional, pending approval from John Gross man. Wayne and Rob will provide Bob with details necessary to obtain a sanction number. During the setup for the January Sectional we will review how to set up a contiguous area for the I/N Regional. If overflow space is needed, it will be used by the open game, in order to ensure that the I/N game is in a single area.

The I/N Regional will require a Director-In-Charge, as well as dedicated caddies for the team event. It was suggested and approved that we encourage less experienced players to attend the two session events by providing a "2 for 1" entry fee where those with less than 20 masterpoints would pay for only a single session but be entered in the two-session event.

Action Item Review:

Rick:

Will arrange for Colorado Victory Trophy to be presented to Al Kane and En Hay for 2018.

Will arrange for engraving of the Front Range Challenge trophy, with winners only and not scores, for missing years.

Rob:

Will provide flyer for March Sectional to be available at the January Sectional. There were discussions about increasing attendance for Friday night. It was suggested that we should have a memorial game for members who passed away in 2018, and also that we nominate a charity to be the game beneficiary. As it is too late to arrange this for January, we will look at setting it up for March.

Wayne:

Set up a Regional planning meeting for Saturday, February 2, after the game, for interested parties. Hotel contracts have been signed through 2023.

Bob:

Requested that flyers be made available earlier to satisfy the ACBL requirement. It was acknowledged that a preliminary flyer can be made available, with changes made as needed. Bob also introduced the idea of providing games at the high school and college level. There was discussion about how to contact appropriate high school and college faculty to begin a bridge program.

Nancy:

Name tags are now available for members who ordered them. The word "Denver" has been added to the name tag, for better identification of members who travel out of town.

Sectional Preparation:

Setup will begin Thursday at 1 PM. Joe will provide wipes to wipe down tables as part of the setup. Jerry will arrive later to put up stanchions.

Hospitality for the January Sectional will include some small extras, such as additional salad ingredients.

The Friday night event will be an individual. Rob will send out a Pianola announcement to remind members of the event. Note that the Friday event for the March Sectional will be a Swiss team.

Mentor/Mentee Program:

The board agreed to offer a variety of programs to meet the needs of those who are interested in mentoring or coaching. One option would be an "Ask the Expert" panel who would take specific questions. Those interested in being either mentor or coach could volunteer, and those looking for a mentor or coach could request either a specific person or have the coordinator assign someone. Both groups should specify desired playing locations and days, as well as other information to assist in matching compatible people, such as number of masterpoints, preferred bidding system, etc. It was suggested that a mentor/mentee pair should arrange a "trial game" before committing to a number of games (four was the suggested number). It was agreed that the unit would fund the entry fee for mentors in all games, including the "trial game."

Board members are urged to look at hands at the January Sectional to find suitable hands to discuss as part of Table Talk or otherwise as part of the Mentor/Mentee program.

Other Business:

The proposed budget was approved by the board.

D17 Report:

The national ACBL charity budget is normally split amount 5 different districts. In 2019 D17 will be one of the selected districts with approximately \$20-30,000 to distribute. Bill Curtis is the person in charge of managing the D17 charity selection; please submit suggestions to him along with a tax ID number.

Next Meeting:

Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Denver Metro Bridge.

Adjournment:

11:56 AM

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY RASSBACH
Secretary 2019
Unit 361