

Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

Date:

February 2, 2019

Location:

Denver Metro Bridge Studio

Time:

10:01 AM

Attendees:

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

District 17 Representatives: None

Legal Counsel: Penny Coffman

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Gardner.

Minutes:

Minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

Ed presented the financial reports. The profit from the January Sectional was approximately \$800, with table count virtually the same as 2018.

Ed is still negotiating with the IRS to waive penalties for late filing of 2017 taxes. Taxes for 2018 will be filed in the near future.

Current balances are \$59,310 in savings and \$51,766 in checking.

Action Item Review:

Rick:

Colorado Victory Trophy engraving is complete and ready to present to Al Kane and En Hay. Front Range Challenge trophy engraving has been done, and the trophy will be given to Colorado Springs.

Rob:

After discussion it was decided that the March Friday night Swiss team game would be designated as a in memoriam for all members deceased in 2018, with profits and any donations to go to the Unit's designated charity for 2019, Senior Resource Center. Rob will send a Pianola describing the game, a list of the deceased members, and the charity. Rob will produce flyers for the I/N Sectional, the July Sectional, and the July Non-Life Master Regional for review. Members are requested to review the NLM flyer carefully, since there is no template for this event.

It was decided that the Unit would pay \$80 to Kitty Cooper for formatting ads to appear in the Scorecard, since the formatting process is quite tedious and time-consuming. In addition the

“free period” for ads in the new Scorecard is ending, and we will need to pay for future ads. Rob requested that members check their email aliases by sending an email to all aliases that are assigned to them.

Wayne:

Reminder of Regional planning meeting after the Saturday game.

Bob:

Bob provided Rick with contact information for the player from North Carolina who described an effective youth program. Bob will report cost per section for printing and laminating new size 8½ by 11 table cards. Bob will work with Jim Calhoun to refurbish/replace existing crates. He noted that wheels cost approximately \$200 per cart. It was suggested that paying for more expensive wheels might provide better quality. Bob will provide the proposed cost of the full refurbish/replace project.

Bob noted that the 2021 Fall Sectional is currently scheduled to overlap with the Las Vegas Regional. The board will determine in March whether to move the Fall Sectional date, and if so, to move up (which would put the tournament one week after Boulder) or back, which would put the tournament one week prior to the Fall NABC.

Vard:

The Unit will reimburse Vard for the cost of large signs (approximately \$200). Members are reminded to the Office Max ACBL discount for printing projects when possible. Vard noted that there were 5 photos taken at the January Sectional, and requested that announcements be made to remind winners to have their pictures taken.

Vard noted that there were not enough ambassadors to provide partners for everyone who wanted to play in January, and asked for help in recruiting ambassadors.

Alice:

Alice presented ideas for the mentor program. It was decided that mentees should have a maximum of 300 points, and that mentors should have a minimum of 1500 points. Alice suggested using club owners to assist with pairing mentors with mentees. It was agreed that the Unit would fund mentor entry fees for up to 4 sessions per mentee. Rob will send a Pianola announcement to encourage mentors and mentees to sign up for the program.

Joe:

Will order Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards to be presented at the March Sectional. Members were complimentary about the January hospitality.

Sectional Review:

Setup went smoothly. Tables were set 8½ feet apart. To accommodate additional tables for the NLM Regional, we will set up tables 8 feet apart (center to center) at the March sectional (This is the ACBL minimum). The board agreed to purchase a 100 foot tape measure to assist with the setup.

Cleanup proceeded smoothly with caddies beginning the tear down during the fourth round. A comment was made that folding tables while teams were playing was distracting, and that this

part of the cleanup should be done between rounds.

Sectional Preparation:

Rick noted that there have been issues between the directors and Shirley Miller acting as a caddy, both paid and unpaid. She will be requested not to perform caddy duties unless she has been engaged to do so.

Flyers for the I/N Sectional, the July Sectional, and the Non-Life Master Regional should be available at the March Sectional.

There was considerable discussion about how to determine whether the attendance is sufficient to hold the Friday night game. An issue occurred in January where a Boulder player arrived for the Friday night game to find it canceled. A vote was taken, and the majority voted to recommend that players sign up if they plan to play Friday night, either via the partnership email or in person during the day on Friday. The game will be held if there are at least four tables in play; otherwise, players who have registered will be notified that the game has been canceled. The Pianola announcement for the March Friday night game will include a note that registration is recommended but not required and indicating that the game will be canceled if there are less than four tables.

Regional Preparation:

The board discussed finding someone to produce the electronic daily bulletin. It was noted that this is a paid position; last year the payment was \$1000. The results were loaded from FastResults, which last year was paid by the Unit for \$50. It was suggested that Don Heitler may be willing to produce analysis of individual hands for the bulletin.

Non-Life Master Regional:

It was noted that a flyer from the Arizona Non-Life Master Regional implied that the attendance at the corresponding events was used in computing the masterpoint awards for the open events. Alice agreed to verify whether this is the case, and if so, it will be noted on the July Sectional flyer.

Other Business:

A suggestion was made to initiate a sponsor program which would permit members to have events named for them in exchange for a charity donation. It was agreed to provide this option for the November Sectional with proceeds to go to the designated annual charity (for 2019, Senior Resource Center). The suggested rates were \$100 for a single session or \$200 for a double session event. Rob will send an announcement explaining the opportunity by June 1.

D17 Report:

None this month.

Next Meeting:

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

Adjournment:

11:55 AM

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY RASSBACH

Secretary 2019

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