

Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

Date:

April 6, 2019

Location:

Denver Metro Bridge Studio

Time:

10:04 AM

Attendees:

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

District 17 Representatives: None

Legal Counsel: Penny Coffman

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Gardner.

Minutes:

Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

No financial report was available, but there was a reported loss of \$500-600 from the Sectional.

Action Item Review:

Rick:

The Colorado unit presidents' breakfast will be held on Thursday during the Regional at 8:00 AM. Wayne will provide a room for the event, and will ensure that the expenditure is counted against our contractual spending requirement for the tournament. Three of the four presidents will attend, and will bring another board member. The primary purpose is to discuss how to promote Colorado bridge, with an emphasis on coordinating tournaments between units. The email concerning the In Memoriam event has been sent. Email concerning heat issues has been sent.

Rob:

Will send survey Pianola.

Bob:

We received an email from Jeffco that our carts are marring their floors. People involved in cleanup are asked to check whether the carts are making marks, and if so, note the cart with the problem and clean up the mark.

Bob will be meeting with Jim in the near future, and they expect to have two new carts available by the Regional.

Bob reported that due to a conflict between next spring's I/N tournament and the Durango Sectional, he has been asked to reschedule. Rob noted that our I/N tournament has conflicted with a Western Slope tournament for the past two years. It was suggested that Bob point out that there is little if any conflict between a Denver I/N tournament and a Western Slope Sectional, and Rick offered to speak to the person if the problem persisted.

Vard:

Noted that the ambassador program has been going well, and all players looking for partners at the March Sectional were accommodated. The board discussed compensation for ambassadors who came but were not needed. Currently the policy was to provide free plays if two ambassadors chose to play together during a session where they were not needed. The board voted to extend the free play to any ambassador who comes but is not needed.

Joe

Has arranged to receive the in/out letter and will begin sending welcome letters to new unit members

Sectional Review:

A survey has been reviewed by board members and is currently being sent to all unit members.

Since there was no Friday night game to provide proceeds for the charity, the board voted to donate \$100 to the Unit 361 Charity, Senior Resources Center.

Regional Preparation:

Schedule:

It was determined that we should leave further discussion about schedule and starting times until after the tournament. The possibility of a knockout starting Tuesday night was discussed, as well as one starting on Thursday.

Daily Bulletin:

The first day's bulletin is nearly complete, and will be delivered from FastResults as a PDF. Other articles will be picked up for subsequent bulletins. Some members found the format hard to read on a cell phone.

Hospitality:

Joe presented samples of the hospitality items, which the board felt were good choices.

Joe and Julie will visit restaurants near the playing area to ask if they are willing to provide discounts to players showing a convention card.

ProAm

The number of pairs signed up for the ProAm is currently around 50 of each. This is fewer than the number of 61 who participated last year. There was a suggestion to eliminate the Charity Pairs game that runs at the same time as the ProAm to increase pro participation.

I/N Review:

The spring I/N tournament is scheduled for April 27-28 at Denver Metro Bridge. Julie was asked to provide a caddy for the tournament. Wayne mentioned that managing supplies is

much easier since Elly is providing all “paper” supplies except large red plastic cups. Current registered table count is approximately half the capacity.

Mentor/Coaching Program:

The mentoring program is now up and running, with the official description the program on the Unit website. Joe is working on preparing the description of the coaching program.

Other Business:

Rick suggested that we should begin working on the board candidates for the November election. Julie volunteered to collect the nominees, which would normally be the same number as the number of open positions. The following board members are up for re-election this year:

Rick Gardner

Rob Vetter

Ed Yosses

Nancy Rassbach

Alice Kinningham

Rick, Rob, and Alice indicated a willingness to serve for another term. Nancy indicated that she will leave the board after this term. Ed was unavailable.

It was discussed that board members who expressed an opinion were not interested in sponsoring the showing of the *Double Dummy* movie. However, Joe mentioned another movie, *Aces and Knives*, which he thought would be of interest to many bridge players, and will contact the Harkins Theater to determine the cost of a showing during the Regional.

Vard mentioned that the board did not seem to have reached a resolution regarding his suggestion that players with 0-5 masterpoints should play free in all Unit 361 tournaments. After discussion, it was agreed that this would be done, as it is a continuation of the current policy. In addition, the board approved providing a “buy one, get one free” benefit for members with 5-20 masterpoints at the I/N day at the Regional and for the four open Sectionals starting in November.

D17 Report:

Jennifer O'Neill provided a written summary of the D17 meeting.

Next Meeting:

Due to conflict with the Boulder Sectional, the next meeting will be held on May 11, at 10:00 AM at Denver Metro Bridge. As the secretary will be out of town, Julie volunteered to take minutes for the May meeting.

Adjournment:

11:40 AM

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY RASSBACH
Secretary 2019

