

Minutes – Denver Unit Board Meeting May 11, 2019

Attendance: Rick Gardner, Bob Stansbury, Julie Clark, Wayne Eckerling, Vard Nelson, Rob Vetter, Alice Kinningham, Jennifer O’Neill (District 17).

Call to Order

- 10:04 a.m.
- Last month’s minutes approved

Financial Report:

- Ed sent a Treasurer’s Report to all board members
 - As of May 1, 2019, the total assets in the checking and savings accounts are \$110,873
 - Checking has \$51,554
 - Savings has \$59,319
- There are six outstanding checks totaling \$4,100
 - Tournament payments to Jeffco
 - Denver Metro Bridge for IN tournament

Survey Results:

- Screen shots were sent to all board members
- Events attended
 - Sunday Bracketed teams had the most for a single event – 87 of the 148 responses
 - Saturday – total of 89 of the 148 responses
 - Open Pairs– 67 of the 148 responses
 - Saturday NLM Pairs – 22 of the 148 responses
 - Saturday had a total of 89 responses
 - Friday
 - Bracketed Teams – 45 of the 148 responses
 - Open Pairs – 34 of the 148 responses
 - NLM Pairs – 18 of the 148 responses
 - Beginner Pairs – 7 of the 148 responses
 - Friday had a total of 104 responses
- Team Games
 - Bracketed Teams – 114 of the 147 responses liked the bracketed teams
 - Swiss Team – 95 of the 140 responses would like at least one 2 session Swiss Team event
 - 94 of the 132 responses would not support all team games being Swiss Teams
 - 101 of the 140 responses would be okay with either Swiss or Bracketed Teams
 - 76 of the 118 responses would not like to have the Friday Knock brought back
- Hospitality
 - 46 of the 157 responses did not eat
 - 87 of the 157 responses said the meal was fantastic, good or okay
 - 24 of the 157 responses said the meal was marginal or poor

- Suggested meals (people could pick 3)
 - 63 of the 147 responses said a taco salad bar
 - 59 of the 147 responses said lasagna
 - 50 of the 147 responses said pulled pork
 - Teriyaki chicken, hamburger, chicken parmesan with spaghetti, deli sandwich bar, spaghetti and meatballs, meatball subs and other all received less than 45 responses
- Quality of hospitality
 - 64 of the 150 responses said okay
 - 58 of the 150 responses said good
 - 20 of the 150 responses said marginal
 - 5 of the 150 responses said fantastic
 - 3 of the 150 responses said poor
- Service
 - 66 of the 147 responses said good
 - 55 of the 147 responses said okay
 - 13 of the 147 responses said fantastic
 - 13 of the 147 responses said either marginal or poor
- Suggested changes to food and hospitality
 - More veggie burgers available
 - Food ran out one day
 - More lines
 - Need healthier snacks
- Friday night game
 - Likelihood of playing in the Friday night game
 - 114 of the 160 responses are not likely to play
 - 23 of the 160 responses are somewhat likely to play
 - 20 of the 160 responses will definitely play
 - If the right game is provided
 - 3 of the 160 responses will definitely play no matter what the game is
 - Types of games for Friday night
 - 60 of the 101 responses supported Standard Format Pairs
 - 23 of the 101 responses supported Swiss Teams
 - 17 of the 101 responses supported 8 is enough
 - 14 of the 101 responses supported Individual Pairs
 - 13 of the 101 responses supported Choice Pairs
 - 12 of the 101 responses supported Knock Outs – round 3
 - 11 of the 101 responses supported Pro-Am Pairs
 - 10 of the 101 responses supported Swiss Pairs
- Directors
 - 90 of the 147 responses said the directors were good
 - 27 of the 147 responses said the directors were fantastic
 - 26 of the 147 responses said the directors were okay
 - 4 of the 147 responses said the directors were either marginal or poor

- Caddies
 - 85 of the 140 responses said the caddies were good
 - 27 of the 140 responses said the caddies were okay
 - 24 of the 140 responses said the caddies were fantastic
 - 4 of the 140 responses said the caddies were either marginal or poor
- Number of Tournaments each year
 - 87 of the 166 responses said to keep 4 tournaments a year
 - 40 of the 166 responses said there are too many tournaments in the area
 - 39 of the 166 responses had no opinion
- Ways to improve the tournaments
 - Doesn't like the Jeffco Fairgrounds
 - Zero waste
 - Wants BAM for Friday night game
 - Good job overall, enjoy them and do well

IN Tournament:

- 80 tables
- Lost \$311
- Alice and Joe did a good job getting the trophies for people
- Suggestion of possibly getting a little less expensive trophies in the future

Discussion about the budget:

- Suggestion was made that board members be allowed to spend X number of dollars without getting approval from anyone
 - Decision made that President, Vice-President or Treasurer should be contacted prior to spending any non-approved money
 - If in a pinch, can spend the money, but with the knowledge that it may or may not be approved
- Discussion about why there is not a yearly budget for things such as supplies
 - Rick suggested Bob, Jennifer and Julie meet with Ed to discuss this

Regional:

- Room Count
 - Currently 834
 - Minimum Requirement is 635
 - Could have some attrition
 - Last year had 1075 at this same time
 - Think this may be attributed to many pros not attending due to knockout issue
- Awards
 - Some members will be asked to judge Hawaiian shirt day
 - Team with the best shirts - \$25 gift cards
 - Pair with the best shirts - \$25 gift cards
 - Pair that travelled the farthest - \$25 gift cards
- Free plays will not be given to people covering the hospitality desk

- Will give them \$4 coupons for meals instead
- New players
 - 0 -5 points – play free the entire tournament
 - Wednesday only
 - 5-20 BOGO
 - Players in Gold Rush will pay for one entry only at the time of purchasing an entry
 - Players in the side game will need a coupon
 - Rob is going to print some coupons
- Hospitality Desk
 - Joe sent email asking for people to sign up for time slots
 - May need some people upstairs at 11:30 to direct people downstairs
 - Hospitality desk will be downstairs this year
 - Will also be posted on hotel's electronic bulletin board
 - Labels
 - Purchasing a laser printer was approved
 - Alice has some labels at home she will donate to the unit
 - Labels will be printed in black and white to save on costs
 - Rob will set up template
 - Someone at the hospitality desk will print the labels
- Breakfast with other units
 - Rick and Rob will attend
- Announcements
 - Only on Tuesday and Monday
 - Rick and Wayne will take care of them
- Hand of the day
 - Don and Anita Heitler agreed to do this
 - Discussion on whether or not this will be a hand played during the tournament
 - Rick said Anita and Don can decide
 - Rick will create a template for the daily bulletin
- Daily Bulletin
 - Rick is setting it up
- Poster board/Flip Charts for speakers
 - Wayne will purchase flip charts and markers
- Regional Survey
 - Can the questions be changed/modified?
 - Rick will find out
- Need to start planning for next year's regional in June
 - Suggestion that a committee be formed to start planning
 - Pro-Am next year – will not have an open game at the same time
 - Should entice more pros to play in the Pro-Am
 - Can have a 500 – 1500 game for those players who cannot play in the Pro-Am
 - Discussion about having a team game every day
 - Discussion about BAM and GNT conflict

- Jennifer to check and see if GNT days could possibly be changed
 - Discussion about changing BAM to Sunday also

Selection Committee for New Board Members:

- Committee is being formed
- Nancy not running again
- Rob and Alice may not run again

District News:

- Bonnie Bagley is not seeking re-election for District 17 President
- John Grossman and Cindy Shoemaker are running
 - Both may want to speak to the unit (each unit gets one vote)
 - If Cindy is at the Regional, the board may be asked to meet with both of them at that time

Cards:

- Vard brought samples of plastic cards to the meeting
 - Vard spoke with Paul at House of Cards
 - He uses Bridge Buddy plastic cards
 - He had not had to replace his plastic cards in 3 years
- The ACBL cards are flimsier than the Bridge Buddy plastic cards
- The ACBL plastic cards cost \$43/dozen
- The Bridge Buddy plastic cards cost \$52.50/dozen
- Decision was made to purchase ACBL plastic cards when replacing cards

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45