

Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

Date:

June 1, 2019

Location:

Denver Metro Bridge Studio

Time:

10:45 AM

Attendees:

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

District 17 Representatives: Jennifer O'Neill

Legal Counsel: Penny Coffman

Tournament Director Guest: Sam Stoxen

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Gardner.

Discussion with Sam:

The board discussed logistical issues for the I/N Regional with Sam Stoxen, who will be the head director for the event. Other directors for the I/N Regional will be Burke Snowden and Theresa Venhuis. It appears that we can fit somewhere around 112 tables in the main playing area, with 12-13 in the basement area if needed.

The current plan is to have Cowboy Storage deliver for the setup on Thursday at 1:00. Rick will check with Jeffco regarding both the setup and whether we can use the storage area for carts for this tournament only.

Joe discussed prizes for the tournament. It was decided that trophies would be awarded to the overall winners of each of the Friday and Saturday Pairs events (4 trophies) and the winners of the Sunday team event (4 trophies). He also stated that there are flashlights and mugs left over from the Regional that can be distributed to section winners. There are also two Amazon gift certificates, \$50 and \$25, from the Regional which may go to the overall point winners of the I/N Regional.

Minutes:

Minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

Ed noted that the profit from the Regional appeared to be approximately 12,000. Savings account balance is \$59,302; checking account approximately \$74,000 (obligations related to the Regional not yet accounted for).

Regional Review:

Board members who worked at the Regional were praised for their efforts, as many positive

comments were received from attendees.

Attendance was down somewhat from last year; the table count was 1785 vs. 1905 for 2018. There was a discussion of changes to the schedule for next year. Rick proposed moving the morning start time back to 10:00, while leaving the afternoon start time at 2:30. It was noted that the hotel needs to be prepared to handle the lunch rush, and also the dinner rush following the 2:30 session.

The ProAm event was universally praised by the amateur attendees, but it was felt that having an open event in parallel with the ProAm prevented some professional players from participating in the ProAm. There was discussion of having the event parallel to the ProAm limited to players with under 1500 masterpoints.

The knockout schedule was discussed. Some people were in favor of returning to the previous years' schedule with a knockout starting Tuesday evening and running for three sessions on Wednesday. This would potentially leave a knockout starting Thursday and another on Saturday. There was concern that this schedule would affect the Board-A-Match, one of the most popular events at the tournament. Another proposed change would be to institute "Soloway knockouts," in which the first day would be a Swiss-Round Robin to eliminate all but the top four teams, which would allow all teams to play the entire first day of the knockout, for one or more of the KO events. It was also suggested that shifting the tournament from Tuesday through Monday to Monday through Sunday would allow players to spend the Memorial Day holiday with their families. Due to sanction requirements this change could not be implemented until 2022 at the earliest.

Regional Planning:

A planning meeting for next year's Regional will be held on Saturday, June 15, at 10:00 AM at Denver Metro for those interested in participating.

D17 Report:

Jennifer O'Neill provided the following information from the D17 meeting:

- Charity Grants: Soldier's Art Workshop, Verde Valley Homeless Coalition, Paws & Stripes, Carlsbad Transitional Housing and Homeless Shelter, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, Santa Fe Animal Shelter and Humane Society
- D17 has funding for five grants totaling \$3000, primarily for membership building
- The NAP flight A event will be in Albuquerque rather than Taos because the WBF is having their world championships in China. NAP Flights B and C will remain in Taos.
- The housing reservation agency for National tournaments is being changed to Housing Management Corp.
- A REACH tournament is scheduled for July 29 to benefit the Educational Foundation.
- The District is donating \$10,000 to Las Vegas to help fund their 2020 Regional.
- D17 is taking over board duplication for its tournaments
- The district is looking to upgrade its website
- The district is determining what to do with funds in the Denver national bank account, as there is no national tournament scheduled in the near future.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on July 6, at 10:00 AM at Denver Metro Bridge. As the secretary

will be out of town, Julie volunteered to take minutes for the July meeting.

Adjournment:

12:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY RASSBACH

Secretary 2019

Unit 361