

Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

Date:

September 7, 2019

Location:

Denver Metro Bridge Studio

Time:

10:05 AM

Attendees:

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

District 17 Representatives: Jennifer O'Neill

Legal Counsel: Penny Coffman

National Board of Directors Candidate: John Grossman

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Gardner.

National Board Of Directors Election:

At the beginning of the meeting, each of the three Board of Directors candidates presented their respective qualifications for the position. John Grossman and Ed Yosses presented their resumes in person, while Cindy Shoemaker presented hers via phone. The presentations were followed by questions from the board members. All agreed that the slate of candidates was exceptionally well qualified and that our district will be fortunate to have excellent representation. At the end of the question and answer period all board members filled out and submitted their ballots to Rick, who will send the individual ballots for tallying

Minutes:

Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

Ed noted that the current checking account balance is \$68,647, and increase of nearly \$20,000 over last year. The savings account balance is roughly the same at \$59,296. Ed will send out information related to the table counts and financial status of the July Sectional and NLM Regional tournament. There was discussion concerning the Unit's contribution to the mentor program, which covered 54 sessions with paid mentors so far in the year. Discussion indicated that a single mentor/mentee pair is subsidized for only 4 sessions, but a mentee can currently have an unlimited number of mentors and can play 4 subsidized sessions with each. This topic will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Action Item Review:**Rick:**

Will complete reservations with Jeffco and liability insurance for 2020.

Will complete Table Talk issue, including candidates for the upcoming board election at least 30 days prior to the November Sectional.

Wayne:

Presented information relating to the upcoming (October 12-13). Wayne and Alice will both be present to assist Elly with the event.

Sectional Preparation:

This topic was deferred until next month's meeting, as there are two board meetings remaining until the tournament. It was noted that the most important question to be decided is whether to include a Friday night game, and if so, what the format will be.

There was discussion regarding the price increase for Sunday lunch. The Sunday lunch price charged by the caterer was raised \$3 per person in July without prior notification. The board discussed the possibility of increasing lunch prices on Friday and Saturday to avoid increasing the cost of the Sunday event.

Regional Discussion:

There was discussion about whether to hold an event parallel to the ProAm game at the Regional. The D17 board has indicated that they are not in favor of having a limited game opposite the ProAm. The board must decide whether to hold an open game or no game at the same time as the ProAm event.

Wayne is considering having either director training or teacher training sessions in parallel with next year's Regional. There was discussion as to whether director training would be of value, since it is believed that there are possibly several qualified club-level directors who need additional experience and qualification exams to prepare to direct at Sectionals and Regionals. The board was interested in conducting classes for people interested in teaching bridge.

D17 NLM Regional Schedule:

John Grossman indicated that Northern Colorado will host the NLM Regional in 2020. It has not yet been decided how the Colorado NLM Regional will be allocated among the Denver, Northern Colorado, and Colorado Springs Units, but it is believed that Colorado Springs does not currently have the facilities to host this event.

Front Range Challenge:

The event is scheduled for October 19. Rick volunteered to coordinate the "B" bracket and to provide point ranges for the four brackets. Julie offered to coordinate one of the other brackets, TBD based on information from Rick.

D17 Report:

Jennifer O'Neill indicated that the D17 board will meet later this month at the Taos tournament.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on October 5, at 10:00 AM at Denver Metro Bridge.

Adjournment:

12:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY RASSBACH
Secretary 2019
Unit 361