

Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

Date:

October 5, 2019

Location:

Denver Metro Bridge Studio

Time:

10:01 AM

Attendees:

Julie Clark, Wayne Eckerling, Joe Jenkins, Alice Kinningham, Vard Nelson, Nancy Rassbach, Bob Stansbury, Rob Vetter
Legal Counsel: Penny Coffman

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Rob Vetter, in the absence of President Rick Gardner.

Minutes:

Minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

There was no financial report this month, but indications are that the financial situation is stable.

Action Item Review:**Rick:**

Has confirmed 2021 dates and insurance with Jeffco.

Vard:

Noted that the ambassador program has been a success, resulting in several people being able to play who would not otherwise have been. The board agreed to continue the program of providing free plays to ambassadors.

Rob:

Website is currently out of date; Rob will update. Rob requested that Vard supply pictures of tournament winners for the website.

I/N Tournament:

Preparation is complete for the I/N tournament. No supplies (other than some minor food items) are needed, as Elly's fee includes food and bridge supplies. There was some discussion between Wayne and Vard concerning how to match up some players looking for partners.

Sectional Preparation:

Bob indicated that supplies are ready for the tournament.

A motion to increase caddy pay from \$40 to \$50 per session was unanimously approved. It was agreed that there was no need for a head caddy for Sectional tournaments, although this position will be continued for the Regional, with a pay rate of \$55 per session.

There was discussion concerning how to manage the additional \$3 per person cost of the Sunday lunch. Since the flyers have already published the cost of the Sunday session, it was decided to increase the cost of the Friday and Saturday lunches from \$7 to \$8 to cover the additional food cost. Meanwhile, Joe will review the cost increases. It was suggested that for the January tournament all lunches should be charged at \$8 (made optional for Sunday, with the caveat that lunch break will be short and players not wishing to purchase lunch are advised to bring their lunches). A final decision was postponed until next month's meeting, after Joe has met with the caterer.

The board voted to discontinue the Friday night games beginning in January. It was noted that recent table counts of 3-4 are insufficient to justify the cost of refreshments and the problems related to the uncertainty of whether the game will actually be held.

Election Meeting Discussion:

Rob reviewed the script for the meeting, and noted that Rick will select members to make motions specified in the script. There was discussion regarding the possible printing and counting of ballots in case there is a floor nomination. Penny agreed to meet with Rob and Joe to discuss whether there is a way to have nominations earlier in the year (for example, open nominations at the Regional) with a cutoff date in September to avoid the annual planning over how to handle a floor nomination. The board agreed that the proposed process would allow better member participation in the nominating process.

Regional Planning:

Wayne continued to discuss the possibility of having either director or teacher training in the spare rooms at the Regional. Alice suggested having a director's refresher course to cover new rules. There was also discussion of having a Learn Bridge In A Day class, with local publicity. Nancy suggested Sally Ann Rhea of Boulder as a contact person for setting up the LBIAD class, as well as training teachers for future LBIAD classes.

It was noted that there was a complaint that Regional speakers' talks were not holding the audience interest. It was suggested that sessions be held for all players to discuss new ACBL rules and new permitted conventions.

Front Range Challenge:

Rob and Julie discussed the difficulty of recruiting players for the Denver entry into the event. It was noted that most, if not all, of the Unit members who set up the original FRC are no longer available or interested in participating. A subsequent email exchange indicated that Colorado Springs is having similar problems recruiting participants, and our board members voted via email to suspend the event for this year.

D17 Report:

Jennifer O'Neill provided the update in a separate document.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on November 2, at 10:00 AM at Denver Metro Bridge.

Adjournment:

11:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY RASSBACH
Secretary 2019
Unit 361