

Minutes of Board Meeting Unit 361

Date:

November 2, 2019

Location:

Denver Metro Bridge Studio

Time:

10:02 AM

Attendees:

Julie Clark, Rick Gardner, Joe Jenkins, Alice Kinningham, Vard Nelson, Nancy Rassbach, Bob Stansbury, Rob Vetter, Ed Yosses
Prospective Future Board Member: Rita Simas

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Gardner.

Minutes:

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Financial Report:

Ed presented the financial report, including breakdowns of the July tournaments (Open and I/N Regional). There was discussion about the allocation of meal costs, where the caterer's costs are broken out between food and service costs.

Action Item Review:**Vard:**

Noted that the players should be aware of the new Player Memo program, which allows players to submit an online memo when they believe that an ethics violation has occurred. This process essentially replaces the previous recorder system.

Hospitality Cost Issue:

Joe presented a list of the approved caterers for the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. After researching, he reported that based on costs and services, no other option comes close to the current caterer, Celestial Catering. For the upcoming tournament John of Celestial Catering has agreed to provide Friday and Saturday lunches for the current price of \$7 per meal, and the Sunday lunch of spaghetti and meatballs for the current price of \$6 per meal. The board agreed to continue to retain the services of Celestial Catering, and for Joe, Rick, and Ed to meet with John to draw up a contract. Joe indicated that he has received verbal assurances from John that he will not increase the meal cost without prior approval.

Sectional Preparation:

Due to another event at Jeffco, we will be unable to do setup at 1:00 on Thursday as usual. Instead, everyone who is available is urged to come at 6PM on Thursday to perform the setup. Rick will ask Jeffco to complete the setup of chairs by 9AM on Friday. Joe has moved the supplier of cakes and bagels to a location closer to the tournament to facilitate multiple

trips to the Fairgrounds.

Rick will provide 100 copies of Table Talk for members who do not have access to the online version.

Election Meeting Discussion:

Members volunteered for various roles in the membership meeting script. Rob will manage printing of ballots if necessary. It was noted that in the past some members have felt that the election process was not open, and it was suggested that Rick announce that nominations are open on Friday to allow members to make nominations.

Sectional Flyers for January:

Rob noted that the head director has been changed from Bill Michael to Sam Stoxen. The price of \$120 for the Sunday Swiss which includes lunch has been verified. It was noted that stratification is now at the discretion of the directors.

Appeals Process Change and Unit Bylaws:

The new ACBL appeals process no longer uses a Unit ethics person; Rick will notify Susan Grauer that the position has been eliminated. Rick, Joe, Rob, and Julie will meet to determine necessary revisions to the Unit bylaws, as well as other changes that may be appropriate, since the bylaws were last updated 20 years ago. The updated bylaws will be available for member review prior to next year's membership meeting, where members will be asked to approve the changes.

Colorado Victory Trophy:

The event was canceled this year by mutual agreement with Colorado Springs. For next year the method of selecting participants should be reviewed and codified.

Mentor/Coaching Program:

The program has been going well, and is receiving praise from mentees. Five local club owners are actively participating. The project is currently at about 60% of its allocated budget.

D17 Report:

There was no formal D17 report. Rick reported that D17 is moving towards providing a board duplication service for D17 tournaments. The cost of the service has not yet been determined. It was suggested that it would be useful for both the board and the D17 representative if the representative would call into the meeting when out of town; Rick will set this up.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be the annual Christmas party to be held at Casa Vallerta restaurant starting at 4PM on December 8. Ed will collect \$20 (to include meal, tax, and tip) from each member and guest to cover the cost of the meal. Denver club owners and incoming board members (along with their respective guests) will be subsidized by the Unit.

Adjournment:

11:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY RASSBACH

Secretary 2019

