

Denver Bridge Unit 361 Minutes – November 14, 2020

Attendance: Rick Gardner, Julie Clark, Rob Vetter, Carol Gumpert, Rita Simas, Donna Givner, Wayne Eckerling, Vard Nelson, Jennifer O'Neill

- Call to order – 1:33 p.m.
- A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the minutes from October 2020
- Financial Reports to discuss as required
 - Unit 361 Treasurer's Report – October 2020
 - Savings Account balance as of October 31, 2020.....\$59,356
 - Checking Account balance as of October 31, 2020...\$70,488
 - There are no uncashed checks
 - No expenses were incurred in October
 - There was no financial activity in October
- Action Item Review:
 - Rick
 - Email to Arapahoe asking if their calendar is open for scheduling for 2021 yet
 - Arapahoe County Fairgrounds is currently serving as a backup facility for the Orange Level COVID designation in Arapahoe County, so the calendar is currently closed for scheduling
 - Rick asked the County to notify him when the calendar opens up
 - Rob
 - Vote status
 - The unit has received 77 electronic votes and approximately 6 mail in votes
 - We have reached the number needed for a vote on the bylaws
 - The ballots will be counted on December 1st
 - Rob requested help with this
 - Cost of the election
 - Approximately \$600
 - \$250 for printing
 - \$250 for mailing
 - \$100 for envelopes
 - Future elections
 - If the unit decides to vote in a like manner in the future, there are some suggested changes
 - There is a non-profit mailing rate of \$.70 per piece
 - The minimum required number of pieces is 200
 - The unit mailed just under 200, so it would be cost effective to use this rate and pay the difference
 - Possibly use post cards rather than letters

- Julie
 - Regional
 - Emailed the hotel about possibly negotiating on the contract if we anticipate reduced attendance due to COVID
 - Mark Wellbrock's response was the hotel is following the Governor's Office recommendations
 - Discussion about possibly changing the date to later in the year
 - Might get more participation if the vaccine is not so new
 - Julie will contact Mark Wellbrock to see if the hotel has some possible date available
 - Julie will get with Jennifer O'Neill after the response to see if the ACBL would consider any of the available dates
 - Pro-Am
 - The committee is meeting in December
 - Elly Larson was contacted about hosting the event if it needs to be held online
 - She is very willing to do this
 - She does not want compensation at this time
 - She indicated type of compensation would be needed when she reopens for face to face playing
 - Ed – not present
 - Wayne - nothing
 - Bob – not present
 - Vard - nothing
 - Donna
 - An email concerning the nomination process for the Jan Janitschke Award needs to be sent
 - Carol and Donna will work together to get this sent
 - Rob will work on a form that can be completed online for nominations
 - It will be similar to the election form
 - Donna has been working on getting the membership rolls updated
 - George Everett passed away, but Donna cannot find any type of obituary to give the ACBL
 - Jennifer will work with Donna to get something from the family to give to the ACBL
 - Rita - nothing
 - Carol - nothing
- Other Business
 - March Sectional
 - It was moved, seconded and approved to officially cancel the March Sectional
 - Rob will get the cancellation notice posted on the website
 - A suggestion was made to hold a two-session event in both January and March in lieu of the sectionals

- It was suggested that Elly Larson could host it and possibly hire a second director to assist
 - The unit would reimburse Elly for her time and costs
 - Rick will contact both the ACBL and District 17 to see if this can be approved
 - Spoof emails
 - An email was sent out using Rick's name and position requesting gift certificates
 - Please watch for warning signs that it is a spoof
 - The email address is not Rick's email address
 - He never signs his emails with his title
 - He never uses "kindly" when requesting something
 - Please contact the "sender" before sending any gift certificates when requested (from any sender)
 - Rob will post something on the website about spoof emails
 - Carol will draft an email for distribution to the membership about spoof emails
 - Next month's meeting is the one where new members are welcomed to the board
 - The suggestion was made to have a Zoom meeting some evening and provide meals to those new members in lieu of holding an event like normal
 - A committee was formed to get a date and figure out the logistics
 - Looking at the new members' strengths and thinking about possible roles for the new members was suggested
 - Elly is currently starting a game for 0-5 players
 - The cost is less than \$1 per player
 - A suggestion was made for the unit to pay the cost of this and for advertising
 - Julie will check the bylaws to see if this is allowable
 - She will send the results to Penny, Ed, Rob and Rick
- District 17 Report
 - There is not much news at this time
 - The next meeting is next month
 - The spring national has not officially been cancelled yet
 - Jennifer will send the board members any information she receives

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16