

Minutes – March 7, 2020

Attendance: Donna Givner, Rick Gardner, Rob Vetter, Bob Stansbury, Vard Nelson, Rita Simas, Julie Clark, Penny Coffman, Carol Gumpert, Wayne Eckerling, Ed Yosses

- Call to Order 10:04
- Minutes Approval for last meeting – motion for approval, seconded, approved
- Financial Reports to discuss as required (Sectional / Regional / Other)
 - Savings Account Balance = \$59,313
 - Checking Account Balance = \$59,347
 - Three outstanding checks totaling \$703
 - Jeffco has been paid for the March Sectional
 - Total balance as of March 1, 2020 is \$126,096
 - Increase from \$110,858 as of March 1, 2019
 - The IRS federal tax return is due on May 15, 2020
 - Ed will advise once it is filed
 - Through February 29, 2020 the unit has reimbursed \$514 for mentor/mentee games
 - Total of 51 games
 - The total for 2019 was \$1,523
 - \$198 was paid out as of 4/29/19
- Action Item Review:
 - Rick
 - Called armory facility by I-70 – they haven't called back
 - Rick is going to the armory on Potomac and Alameda to check it out
 - Bill Beard is going to call the Renaissance to find out the cost and expectation of holding sectionals there
 - Still don't know if Jeffco is closing or not
 - Rob
 - Website has been updated with new education/lesson information
 - Sent email regarding changes to bylaws, disciplinary roles
 - Will set up meeting for updating the bylaws
 - (Meeting was later set for March 23rd at 3:00)
 - May Library – Parker and Florida
 - Need to monitor email output a little – have 37,000 available
 - Keep an eye on the number throughout the year

- Julie - nothing
- Ed
 - Distributed free plays for everyone who needed one
- Wayne - nothing
- Bob
 - Set up is scheduled for 1:00
 - Need Lysol or Clorox wipes – will wipe every table down
 - (Carol obtained these and will bring them)
 - Scheduled through 2023 right now – hesitant to put schedule in farther until know Jeffco situation
 - Need to discuss the changing of schedule for future tournaments
- Vard
 - Will generate ambassador email this week for sectional (was subsequently sent)
- Donna – mentor program
 - How it has been running
 - Budget of \$2000
 - Mentee can play with mentor up to four times
 - Website structure is different than how it has been run
 - Objections to how it is defined
 - Mentor is not fully defined
 - Asking mentors to be a teacher
 - Earlier program
 - Meet with mentee and go over card
 - Ask mentee what they choose to get from program
 - Program was very structured
 - Committed to 6 sessions between March and November
 - Friday night game at sectional – mentees and mentors played together
 - Clubs other than Denver Metro have not been participating
 - Many club owners did not know about the program's existence

- Six partnerships last year actually played together four times last year
 - Suggestion that 500 points is too high – 200 suggested
 - Voted on – now limited to 200 points
 - Suggestion that mentee/mentor commit to play four times, not a suggested four times
 - Some mentors may not commit to the program if there is a requirement of four times
 - Suggestion – play together once and then determine whether or not compatible
 - Either mentee or mentor can approach coordinator and state they cannot work together
 - Registration requirement suggestion – should go to Donna to track
 - Suggestion not to have a list of required discussion, should be a guideline
 - Donna will draft a letter for mentees, mentors, club owners outlining the requirements
 - Will send it to the board
- Rita - nothing
- Carol
 - Flyer for July
 - Take off seven rounds of seven – number of rounds at director's discretion
 - Will print them with the change
- Sectional Preparation
 - General Setup (tentative delivery Thursday morning and setup after 1pm)
 - Will discuss next tournament's set up at a future meeting
 - Caddies
 - Saturday – kitchen help will pick up slips
 - Board members will help pick up boards after each session
 - Partnership / Photo
 - Hospitality: Donna and I will manage the Subway and Papa John's orders per the information provided by Rita

- Sectional Flyers for Sectional July 2020
- Rita making hand sanitizer for placement around the tournament
- Rita will need help with transporting from Costco
 - Carol and Julie will get supplies from Rita's house on Monday
- Regional Preparation
 - Cancellation clause in contract that says can cancel if an act of God
 - Impossibility to perform – covers a lot of things
 - Right now, our hotel count is good
 - Question of how to define the 10 day period of knowing about the cause of cancellation
 - Wayne will approach hotel and see what their thoughts are
 - Director rates are increasing
 - May need to look at whether or not we need to increase table fees
 - Fees are set by the district
 - Would need to negotiate them with the district
 - Trophies – package of trophies set
 - ProAm hospitality event set
 - Cheese/vegetables/etc.
 - \$3500 – will have some things on standby if needed
 - Cash bar
 - Looked into ice cream social – too expensive
 - Proposing sweet treat in lieu of ice cream
 - Between 2 and 3 on Saturday
 - Working with hotel to keep lunch turnaround easier
 - Preselling coupons/tickets
 - Hotel is providing the tickets
 - Any money left over will subsidize the lunch on Monday
 - Box lunch on Monday
 - Logo vote
 - Option 2 (Denver Skyline) approved
 - 6 trophies and 400 total prizes
 - Trophies for Pro-Am
 - Cost is about \$25 per trophy
 - Prizes for winning events

- Bonnie is buying trophies for Jan's event
 - Rita, Sheryl and Wayne will get with Bonnie
 - Second Soloway knockout will be named after Chuck Henke
- Intermediate / Novice Review
 - Program: Discuss idea of teaching beginning bridge with follow up classes and advertise
 - Curt approached Rick about how they do it in KC
 - Rick contacted the person who runs the program in KC
 - The idea is to run beginning bridge classes in Spring and Fall for free
 - Follow on classes with more instruction for a fee
 - Curt and Rick are willing to teach the beginning bridge and will split up the follow on as necessary
 - Question about possible conflicts with other teachers and or board members participating with it
- Other Business
 - Bob received an email from the ACBL about what they can do to help us advertise
 - Bob will forward the email to the entire board
 - Discussion on holding a unit game
 - Discussion about it possibly undermining the clubs
- District 17 Report – nothing new from Jennifer
- Announcements
- Action Items Assigned
 - Donna – write letter about mentor program and submit it to the board for approval
 - Rick – visit the Aurora Armory and report back to the board
 - Wayne and Rita – contact Bonnie Smith about trophies for event named for Jan Janitscke
 - Rick – contact Pat Henke to inquire if she will be providing trophies for the event named for Chuck Henke
 - Wayne – contact the Renaissance to find out their thoughts about cancelling the Regional if the coronavirus prevents the unit from holding it
 - Bob – forward the email from the ACBL about advertising to the entire board
- Next Board Meeting Sat April 4th / 10 am / Denver Metro
- Meeting adjourned 11:46