

Minutes – September 12, 2020

Attendance: Rick Gardner, Carol Gumpert, Wayne Eckerling, Rob Vetter, Ed Yosses, Bob Stansbury, Donna Givner, Vard Nelson, Rita Simas, Julie Clark and Jennifer O’Neill.

- Call to Order – 2:35
- Minutes Approval for last meeting
 - Moved, seconded and approved to approve the August minutes
- Financial Reports to discuss as required (Sectional / Regional / Other)
 - Unit Treasurer Report – August 2020
 - Savings Account balance as of August 31, 2020 \$ 59,355
 - Checking Account balance as of August 31, 2020 \$ 65,492
 - There are two uncashed checks totaling \$388.
 - The only expense incurred in August was to Cowboy Moving and Storage for table storage for the period August 14 thru October 14
- Action Item Review:
 - Rick
 - Rick and Julie are visiting Arapahoe County Fairgrounds on September 23rd
 - Rob
 - Rob put the Regional flyer on the web
 - The link for the hotel was not working (Rob got this fixed later)
 - Conflict of interest meeting results
 - If someone receives money from anything in bridge in District 17 after September 30, 2020, the person is not eligible to be on the Board of Directors
 - Election is coming up
 - The slate has been selected
 - An article for Table Talk needs to be written soon
 - Rob has created a sample form for the ballot
 - A sample is available on the website
 - People will access it similarly to how the directory is accessed on the website
 - Enter the ACBL # to pull up the form
 - It allows data to be recorded in a CVS format
 - Rob has not figured out how to hide the player number to allow for anonymous voting, but is working on it
 - There are 300 people who need to be reached via mail

- They either do not have an email address on file with the ACBL, or they do not have computer access
 - The Unit will need to be able to compare paper versus electronic votes to ensure no one voted more than once
 - The ballot allows for write in votes
 - The electronic voting will enable the Unit to have the bylaws revision voted on by a quorum
- Julie - nothing
- Ed - nothing
- Wayne - nothing
- Bob
 - Apologized to the Board because he has been paid as a bridge teacher through South Suburban by non-ACBL members
 - He was unaware this was a conflict of interest until the special meeting was held
 - The board agreed that since he is not currently teaching due to COVID and since he is not running for re-election, no action would be taken at this time
- Vard - nothing
- Donna
 - The Jan Janitschke Award committee met
 - Wayne Eckerling, Donna Givner, Julie Clark, Sheryl Siegel, Jennifer O'Neill, Donna Givner
 - The decisions Donna previously sent to the Board were discussed
 - Official name will be The Jan Janitschke Award
 - The permanent and individual plaques will say "In recognition of outstanding contributions to Denver Bridge Unit 361 Teaching and Mentorship programs"
 - Criteria for nomination
 - What has this person done for advancing bridge education and mentoring in the Denver area?
 - How has this person impacted you and/or the bridge community?
 - Who has contributed time and energy to help less-experienced Unit members become better, more confident players?

- Procedures for selecting the winner
 - A notice about the award will be sent to the Unit membership
 - Nominations are welcome from the entire membership
 - Both newer and experienced players
 - Nominations will be submitted online via a dedicated email address
 - All nominees will be discussed by the Jan Janitschke Award Committee
 - The committee will select two or more final candidates
 - Those names will be submitted to the Board of Directors
 - The Board of Directors will select the winner
 - Every attempt will be made to give the award to a different Unit member each year
 - Repeat winners will be allowed
 - All members of the Unit, including Board of Director and committee members, will be eligible
 - If a committee member is nominated, that person will be replaced for the selection process
 - If a Board of Directors member is nominated, that member will recuse himself/herself from the discussion and voting
- It was moved, seconded and approved to accept these criteria
- Rita - nothing
 - Carol - nothing
- Regional Preparation
 - The Regional Committee met and discussed the budget and the hotel situation
 - Julie prepared and submitted a budget to the Board of Directors for review after the meeting was adjourned
 - It has four different budgets
 - Full participation
 - 75% participation
 - Break even (around 70%) participation
 - 50% participation
 - The hotel does not yet have an event planner assigned to the Regional

- The contact person right now is Mark Wellbrock
 - Julie had asked Mark what might happen if the Unit was unable to host the Regional due to COVID
 - Mark's response was the hotel is following the Governor's guidelines on holding events
 - If the State of Colorado allows the event, but the ACBL refuses to sanction it, Penny has stated she believes the Unit would be protected by the impossibility clause in the contract
 - If the State of Colorado and the ACBL allow holding the Regional, the Unit is likely to lose money on the tournament unless it reaches the 70% rate of participation
 - The committee decided to cut back on prizes and other hospitality in an effort to cut some costs for the tournament
 - The Unit will still be providing \$13,000 worth of hospitality, per the contract
- Other Business
 - The ACBL has currently cancelled all tournaments through the end of February
 - Rita presented the Conflict of Interest Policy she wrote
 - It covers financial conflicts of interest
 - If any other conflict of interest arises, it is the member's responsibility to recuse himself/herself from any decisions
 - Rita will revise the policy and present it when she gets it done
 - Discussion of possible Unit collaboration with Elly Larson on a future site for her club and what the Unit may do
 - Sandy Buckstein found a piece of property on the corner of Evans and Quebec that Elly may purchase
 - She may build a club on that site
 - She is willing to build big enough to handle a few of the Units needs
 - The supplies could be stored in a portion of the building
 - This would eliminate the need for Cowboy Storage
 - The building could be rented out to the Unit for its Sectional Tournament
 - There is a possibility the Unit members could become part owners of the property
 - No decisions were made during the meeting

- District 17 Report
 - Tucson is scheduled to hold its Regional on March 1st as of right now
 - The ACBL is reducing the number of districts
 - Our district will become District 10
 - The composition of our district will not be changing
 - The reduction will take a couple of years
 - National is cutting the number of regionals being held
 - Right now, Tucson and Las Vegas do not have any signed contracts for the future
 - Denver has contracts signed through 2023
 - Regionals are allocated to districts from National
 - District then allocate the regionals to units
 - All of the regionals in District 17 have been making money
 - There are regionals around the country that are not well attended
- Next Board Meeting Oct 10th at 1:30pm via Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38