

Unit 361 May Board Meeting minutes, 5/8/2021

Meeting begun at 11:13. Attendees: Rick Gardner, Julie Clark, Carol Gumpert, Tom Barrett, Jennifer O'neill (District 17 rep), Rita Simas, Ed Yosses, Rob Vetter, Kathleen Murphy, Donna Givner, Tom Purl

Last month's meeting minutes with Julie's updates accepted.

Ed: received \$1,378 reimbursement from ACBL. \$300 paid for mentors 1st qtr 2021. Sent out financial report.

Julie/Jennifer – ProAm is Tuesday of Regional week, May 25. Jennifer/Sheryl are cochairs. 105 Pros plus 4 subs are lined up. 101 Ams so far, expecting 110. Will match pairs next Sunday. Trophies arrived (4 years' order). Elly is lined up to run the game and Curt is doing after-game zoom.

Donna – Jan J award will be announced at ProAm.

Rob – District website should correct our web link to be denverbridge.org. (per Jennifer, has been corrected during the mtg). Looking for tool to better work with pictures by event and year.

Tom B – Strategic Planning subcommittee met and identified 4 areas to address, in addition to developing a vision statement:

Membership – e.g. recruiting, diversity. (to be discussed at July Board Meeting)

Venue – facilities (own, buy)

Education – high schools, colleges, bridge clubs.

Tourneys – media attention?

Also, how to address higher point players that now should be playing in a lower bracket.

Rick asked them to prioritize the items and address one at each upcoming board meeting. The first one should be membership. Donna also raised issued of declining membership and not enough teachers or publicity for teachers. She has tried to contact teachers to get more information about each of them and what they teach, how, where, when, etc. but has gotten very little response (even though our website would be publicity for them). Donna mentioned Shelbie/Sheryl's beginner course, Fran/Woody have Tuesday classes, Bridge in a day short program, Sally Knesser at Academy of Lifelong Learning (AFL). Also, District and Unit have grants for teacher certifications.

Kathleen – Fall 2022 dates and sanctions are updated. Arapahoe County Fairgrounds dates changed so we get main hall + East hall or the Exhibit area. Both have Kitchen and Restroom access. Carol will call Kathleen to review flyers and create list of sanction, date, location and verify/update web site. All flyers should reference emails @denverbridge.org (e.g. President@denverbridge.org). Send Arapahoe and Summit electronic contracts via email to Rick within next 2 weeks (he has hard copy sample of a Summit contract). He will forward to Penny for review as well.

To do: Cowboy crate inventory (when weather improves).

Tom P – 1. Sectional Caddy letter is ready to go with updates made. Will send out in August.

2. Discussion regarding ACBL and Unit rules/procedures for certifying player vaccinations upon entry, such as wrist bands. Need a way to not cause bottlenecks at entry. At the meeting, Jennifer verified that ACBL requires vaccinations of all staff, volunteers, and players. Jennifer will send ACBL requirements in email. We should create a plan by June/July and send to membership.

Jennifer – Membership grants have used \$500, \$3500 still available. There is a grant form available. Western Conference has been dissolved (was multi-district game). There is an all Western 99er club game on BBO with a 0-20 and 0-100 game. They get 60-80 pairs. If someone is not playing in a club, she can set them up. Will send email with info.

Sectional: ACBL Regional will be \$14. We can determine cost for Sectional. ACBL rules also require 1 person to serve coffee and all food must be single grab and go (not requiring touch).

Summit – Rob reviewed space and potential layouts. Can be up to 89 tables but only 42 tables if 11' centers is still an ACBL requirement. Carol will change flyers to say 'reservations may be required, check on web and facebook pages for further information'.

Should we have a hard copy directory? Vote was 5 yes/3 no. Discussed whether to include addresses. Some people have asked for this but concerns about privacy were raised. Julie will ask Margaret how many were printed last time. Also, Carol will follow up on advertising calls made before covid.

12:22 Adjourned. Next meeting will be June 12 (2nd Saturday). Time TBD – may need ½ hour early for membership discussion, so probably 10:30 or 11:00.