

Unit 361 Sept Board Meeting minutes, 9/18/2021

Meeting begun at 9:32. Attendees: Rick Gardner, Julie Clark, Carol Gumpert, Rita Simas, Kathleen Kelly, Donna Givner, Tom Purl, Margaret Devere. Missing: Ed Yosses, Tom Barrett, Jennifer O'neill (district 17 rep).

Last month's meeting minutes accepted.

Ed: Sent out financial report after the mtg. Rick will correct dates in Table Talk.

Sectional: contract not yet signed by Roxie but Rick has signed it. Rick and Kathleen will pursue this. We think that ACBL cancelled Oct tourneys (yet many are still listed on their website). If ACBL cancels ours, we are not on the hook yet until contract is signed. Arapahoe county has 5.2% COVID rate. ACBL cancels when over 10%, makes individual decisions when 5-10%, and approves when under 5%, but we don't know how they will treat ours. We think it will go on.

Sam (ACBL Tournament Director) attended and presented some concerns and information. Directors (He and Theresa) have received i-pads and information from ACBL to process credit cards at a cost to us of 2.5% plus .10 per transaction. This will slow down the line. We should bring many checks to the sectional because we may not have all cash. We need to pay the caddies, Directors, food, printing hand records, bridge mates. Credit card money goes to ACBL and the net (-costs for credit card processing) goes to Unit. Checks and cash will go to Ed (treasurer). Re. Directors, we will probably need a 3rd director. Optimal is 13-15 tables per Director, 20 tables is too much. We are planning for 40 sets of boards and hand records. Carol gave Sam our Office Depot discount sheet for printing black and white copies (he may have one already from ACBL). Sam – the prices shown on the sheet are not correct.

We should instruct attendees to come early (will open 45 minutes before gametime (9:15)) to get through the vaccination line and the payment line. For vaccinations, we will get lists from Elly (Metro) and Donna (Arvada) of people who already have given evidence of vaccination. Also, would like people to let us know in advance – mail evidence copies in. **Margaret added Julie to the Partnership email so she and Tom B. will manage this.** They will send to Rita for consolidating into a single list (2 copies, 1 for each line).

If ACBL were to cancel the tournament, we all agreed to hold it as a 'Unit' tournament with our own Directors.

We discussed whether we would allow credit cards if it is a 'unit' tournament and thought not, but then Jennifer wrote that she thinks we can get it organized in under 3 weeks.

Caddies: ok for Sat and Sun. Need adults for Friday. Tom P and Margaret volunteered if we can't find others to do it. Lunches for caddies – Taco shop in same strip mall. McDonalds across 6th ave (8 min walk), Pizza (Moma Olivias) 15 min walk, nearby. Julie will handle lunch for Nash (young caddie). Caddies will get \$15 for lunch.

Partnerships – not much action

Hospitality-can get cup of ice water and lemonade from kitchen staff. Cans of pop will be in trays of ice. Can't find unscented sanitizers. **Would like to ask ACBL if this is a hard requirement or not.** Carol will check Amazon. We need 9. Same for wipes.

Mask and vaccination exception request form – still not very clear on the process. Looks like it should be sent to ACBL 2 weeks prior and must show negative COVID test within 72 hrs of the tournament. **Kathleen is trying to finalize with Scott by Tuesday noon** and get info to Margaret asap for the website.

Regional: ACBL District 17 seems to have cancelled the GNT for our Regional. Julie will send email to Bonnie to get clarification because it is a significant source of rooms and tables for us and we are not happy they made it online rather than only have that as a backup plan.

D17 report – Rick reported that the District and ACBL will hold the \$15,000 for us for a Denver National in the future.

Board Election: We will not have mail-in ballots since we will have our unit annual meeting and election at the November tournament, no matter what it is called (Margaret is looking for a name for it such as ‘Unit Tournament’).

Our December Board meeting will include the newly elected board members. Rita would like to have it at her home for a ‘farewell holiday party’ for her home. It will be December 11th.

Tom P – attended meeting for County Club League. They got a grant from D17 for awards. Tom feels there should only be 4 member teams to keep it simple and is trying to talk to them about it. It will be \$10 per session.

Margaret – tried to change web site payments to be direct from our bank account but wasn’t able to do it so she purchased 5 years and was reimbursed.

The issue of a dedicated webmaster arose. Decisions about whether we need the current complexity of underlying, unseen java vs returning to a wysiwyg style which is easier to maintain. If we keep the current style, we will need to hire an hourly consultant (maybe Margaret?). We will all about it. Also, Margaret will demonstrate our website in a **zoom meeting Sept 22 at 7:00 pm**. Please look at the web site and note your questions or concerns as well.

Mentoring program (Donna)- problem is still having games for them to play in. No real solution yet. Carol will send out email (Pianola) to I/Ns for ours and nearby units to try to raise attendance. Elly has only had 3 people making reservations.

Our next meeting, October 16 at 9:30 will include interviews of the 2 candidates for District 17 rep and then an anonymous paper vote.

11:15 - adjourn