January 9, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes:

Called to order at 2:03. Last month's minutes accepted with no changes.

Attendees: Carol Gumpert, Julie Clark, Rick Gardner, Tom Purl, Kathleen Kelly, Donna Givner, Rob Vetter, Ed Yosses, Rita Simas, Tom Barrett, Jennifer O'Neill.

Rick: Renewed insurance, changing location to Arapahoe County Fairgrounds.

Penny will continue as Legal Counsel.

Ed: 2020 yearend report issued.

Rob: Website updates made for Janitschke award description.

Partnerships link works and gets sent to Tom B.

Will discuss website more at next meeting.

Demonstrated website functions to new board members after the board meeting.

ACTION: Change ACBL records for Regionals from Wayne to Julie. Update TourneyTrax to be managed by Kathleen.

Kathleen: Hasn't been able to speak with Bob Stansbury yet.

ACTION: Kathleen: Get with Bob by end of next week. If unable to, Rita will show her the Cowboy moving and storage location. They will review status of supplies, etc.

Donna: 1. Education grant – on website under /other resources. Submissions go to Donna. Need education budget determination for 2021.

- 2. Janischke award: nominations should be submitted by Jan 31. That gives time for committee to review them and present them at Feb board meeting.
- 3. Newcomer game: Elly may decide not to do it. We are waiting for her to let us know if she still wants to do it.
- 4. Mentoring: Elly has agreed to Unit guidelines. Mentees should be <=200 pts. Board decided to keep it at that level (there are 820 members out of about 1300, under 200 pts). Mentor/mentees on BBO: It is up to their partnership whether Mentee will pay for the Mentor's game on BBO. If both the mentee and mentor are unit members, and they qualify per our guidelines, Elly will get reimbursement from the Unit (\$3.00 per qualified mentor) and should submit the request to Ed. Ed will track as he pays (e.g. to ensure they keep to required limits of number of games).

ACTION: Rob will review and update, if necessary, the mentor/mentee information on the web site, per Donna.

Regional: St. Louis National is still on. ACBL supposed to make final decision in the next week. Expect that if they cancel, they will also cancel events up to 60 days out.

Hotel is willing to work with us on number of rooms we need to commit to. Julie will be speaking to Mark next week.

We must focus on the event being cancelled per ACBL or State of Colorado, or having it.

(NOTE: Since our meeting, ACBL has cancelled (on Jan 11, 2021) their March Natl in St. Louis)

ProAm game will be held no matter what – either virtual or face-to-face. Change date to sign up to be 1 week later.

ACTION: Carol will review regional flyer, assure that the web site and the flyer both say the same number for the ProAm (<300 or <=299). After Julie speaks with Hotel, send the Regional flyer to ACBL (Tournaments@acbl.org).

Denver Silver Linings:

BBO cannot do a double session. However, we will give awards to overall winners each day as follows: Board approved Ed's suggestion for awards: Open session will be \$20 for 1st place, \$15 for 2nd place, and \$10 for 3rd place, put into their BBO account for each partner in the pair. In the 499er sessions, awards will be \$20 each for 1st and \$15 each for 2nd place. The same pair must play in both sessions for the day. Awards will be for overall wins on Saturday, and on Sunday.

ACTION: **Ed or Rick?** See if Elly can and will determine the overall winners. If not, we will have to do it ourselves.

ACTION: Carol will send out email regarding this, Janitschke award, and Partnerships next week.

Next meeting is Feb 13, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05.