

Unit 361 February Board Meeting minutes, 2/13/2021

Meeting begun at 2:05. 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 (late due to emergency)

Last month's meeting minutes accepted.

Ed: no major financial changes. ACBL reimbursement (around \$1200), reimbursed Elly for Mentor program (denied payment for a few non-qualified e.g. not our unit member, over 200 pts). Board supported these decisions, reiterating support of our rules for mentoring.

Rick – yes we have ACBL Insurance. Still researching whether we need our own. Will look into any need for Directors and Officer liability insurance, and will check with Margaret.

Rob – new roster will be sent out to Elly et al (completed Sunday, 2/14). Purchased renewal of SSL@\$80/year. We have DenverRegional.org and DenverBridge.com website through 2023. All websites now show current Regional flyer.

Rita – Reviewing leftover hospitality items at Cowboy storage with Kathleen, Tom, Bob Stansbury.

Donna – Swiss teams coaching discussed. Any questions go to [Sharon@spacialsolutionsgroup.com](mailto:Sharon@spacialsolutionsgroup.com) (Steamboat is managing Swiss teams coaching program)

Carol – Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney awards in process. One winner was in our unit through October 2020, now living in Alaska. Board decided to keep winners as they are, based on ACBL reports. Carol will try to contact anyone where she needs to get their address. Medallions are ordered to be sent to Rick. Carol sent him the certificates files and will send him labels for him to mail out the awards.

Have updates to Regional flyer done and will update web and send to ACBL.

Kathleen – Has gotten sanction numbers and schedules for 2023 and 2024 tournaments. In process of editing 2022 content via ACBL (they must make the corrections). Carol will manage the flyers and needs to prepare them for 2022, 2023 and 2024 to send to ACBL within the year (may be a previously unmanaged requirement). Reviewed Cowboy storage with Tom, Rita, Bob. Some crates need maintenance. Plan to do full inventory and stencil labels for hospitality/tables/supplies. Arranged moving dates for Regional and July Sectional with Cowboy. Will see what else needs to be ordered (knows we need swiss scoresheets).

Tom B – Current diagnosis requires he not attend Regional. He will continue to be on board and participate as much as possible. Board members want him to stay on the board and committed to support him and help as needed (e.g. partnerships).

Jennifer – no new news from District since she sends it out to us as soon as she gets it.

Tom P – will chair Caddies. Rob – send Tom a list of tables at prior Regionals and Sectionals (if he can get it).

Jan Janishke award – Excellent submissions and team review. Award is a plaque with annual winners engraved on faceplate (displayed at local club), and an award for individual to keep. Will be given out at

ProAm. Finalists are Norma Sands, Kurt Soloff, Sheryl Siegal. Rob recused himself from discussion. Winner was determined by silent voting to Rick.

Regional:

Julie will create a Regional Committee – Tom Purl, Kathleen, Rita, Ed.

Board voted to continue Bill Michael Day on Sunday and create Gary Zieger Day on Saturday. Can we get a Picture of Gary? Jennifer will try to get one.

Websites – Restaurant list seems out of date. Should we continue to have it? Should we continue to solicit discounts? Committee will decide.

Caddies – Tom P is chair with help regarding local people and required staffing. Bill Curtis' son was lead caddie one year if he is still available. Julie can help recreate caddy numbers used last year.

ProAm – will be held no matter what, either live or virtual.

Patch – everyone liked the design with potential changes to the slogan across the middle. Committee will determine and present to board. Decision is needed by April 27 (may be better to do it by 15<sup>th</sup>).

Survey – discussed putting it on website and then do a 200 mile mailing to ask people to respond to it. Decided to wait on this until we get an answer from ACBL on whether we will have the tournament.

Deadlines for Renaissance: We are already at 75% liability to the hotel. At 89 days we will have 100% liability. Julie will manage with Mark at the hotel. Also will speak to hotel about COVID issues, e.g. hotel staff vaccinations)?

Final decision to have or not have the Regional: Need to cancel from ACBL (or State of CO) to avoid liability to hotel. Board recommendation is to cancel due to COVID issues (7 to 3). Rick and Jennifer will work towards getting an answer from ACBL and will speak to them next week. Some Covid considerations are:

Require attendees to sign a waiver to not hold unit, ACBL, Hotel liable

Can we require vaccinations? Can we require masks?

How can we meet social distancing rules? How? (can move tables apart but still would be playing across the table at less than 6 ft distance.)

Next meeting: March 13, 2:00 pm.

Adjourned 3:45.