

Unit 361 Board Meeting: November 20, 2022

Attendees: Julie Clark, Carol Gumpert, Ed Yosses, Tom Barrett, Tom Purl, Kathleen Kelly, Rita Simas, Donna Givner, Margaret Devere, Jennifer O’neill.

9:31-meeting called to order. Minutes from last month accepted.

Ed-waiting for final invoices from Cowboy in order to send out final financials from November Sectional. Summit costs were \$275 more than Jeffco for rent.

Vacancy – Board voted to defer this until the next meeting when the new board members will be installed. Regarding any interest by anyone, Susan Grauer was identified. Rob Vetter said he is not interested but will help the board as needed.

Jan Janitschke award: Donna reviewed process used last year. She sent the guidelines out to the board. Discussion around whether more than 1 person could be awarded. One point was that having more than 1 would be the Board not taking responsibility for a decision. If there are joint nominees, should consider them separately based on other efforts. Decision can consider lifetime contribution but should focus on 2021. Final answer was deferred to see if the situation arises. Also, decided that submissions will be due Feb. 28. Board decision will be done in March. Award is given at Regional in May.

Next steps are:

- 1) Get committee together (Donna, Jennifer, Rita, Tom B, Margaret, one of the new board members)
- 2) Validate the website to assure the entry form is still there (Margaret said ‘yes’) and goes to committee chair.
- 3) Pianola email and website home page emphasis inviting nominations will be done after new year.

December meeting: Dec 11 at Rita’s, from 4-7, 2675 S. Eudora St. Rita will invite people+1 from club owners, and new board members, Don B., Wayne, Rick and Rob. Board will pay for Don, Eric+1, Vivan+1, Wayne+1. If you say you are coming, pay Rita \$15 each. Tips for her helper. Buffet of chicken tacos and dessert. Bring your own booze. Non-alcoholic drinks will be available. (Rita’s email is confirming who the Board will pay for).

Job Descriptions: Julie would like **everyone** to review their job descriptions and update them with as much detail and possible, being as specific as possible. Send them to Julie. Will review at Jan meeting. Rita has xcel spreadsheets she used for Sectional, Regional, I/N. pdfs will be put on website but not for public view – NOTE: they must be kept as word documents (.docx) to not be public. .pdf files are public on the website.

Photos discussion: Camera is pretty outdated. Easier to take pics from phone but need to see how to print them to the photo printer. They also need to go to Webmaster for posting online. **Tom B.** will look

into it. (follow-up email from Tom, has determined that camera is wi-fi enabled and can print to printer.)

Regional: Don (Boyarsky) and Wayne will co-Chair. The current schedule is tentative because still need Ken's approval (Director in charge). Jennifer thought we might be able to get with him next week before he is off on tourneys. Julie will get with Don and Wayne to get the schedule to Ken.

Jennifer was at Las Vegas Regional. Attendance was lower than usual. We need 65% attendance to break even. Don and Wayne will form a Regional Committee (Rita will be on it).

ProAm: Jennifer is Chair. Suggested committee is Kathy McMahon, Sheryl Siegel, Marsha Shaw. Jennifer will send out a 'save the date' for Pros. Not ready to put on website yet. We will need setup crew for the ProAm and also later to setup the rest of the ballroom.

Jennifer is doing speakers and will try to get some new people.

Rita will do give aways and patch. Desserts for Charity Pairs game was discussed. We will have to see what Covid rules are in place at the time.

Supplies for Regional – what is needed. May need to get them early due to supply chain issues.

Sectional: Tom P. discussed supplies, e.g. scoresheets. Is there a conflict of interest in that Vivian was involved in either designing scoresheets or printing them. _ Decision was to order them the same as we have done in the past (Baron Barclay). Tabled discussion about conflict of interest for another meeting. May be a way to allow if fully disclosed or, in the case of printing, deciding that company would not be used. (Tom B. indicated most boards allow members to be involved in some instances as long as they are fully disclosed).

Kathleen thanked everyone for working so well. Summit worked out well for us. Roxie was cooperative and her staff, Cory, worked very hard every day with a good attitude. Covid Vaccination lists worked well and bracelet methodology was good. Large bottles of sanitizer and individual wipes were hardly used so plenty left for future tournaments.

Patrolling the area was done by Kathleen with ACBL authority to reject someone not cooperating. Most everyone was very cooperative and nobody was a problem – if told to pull mask up over nose, they did so. Sunday was a problem when doing lunch. Some people walking around after lunch may have not been masked and needed reminding. Maybe we should move people eating to another area while players finish up, if there is space. People should tell Director or Chair if they identify a problem with mask-wearing. Kathleen called Scott Humpreys regarding 'disinformation' published in Dave's article on Bridge Winners. Steve said not to worry about it.

Idea of having food trucks was brought up. Voted to continue to use Subway for January sectional.

Crates – some are falling apart. Jim Calhoun was supposed to replace some wheels and latches (later info from Julie, he will do this all before January tournament or at the tournament)

Mentor Program: Discussed whether to change the limit to 299 (align with I/N tournaments) or 349 (align with Elly's mentor game). Decided to change it to 299. Big issue is getting Mentors and games to play in. Mentees are often not comfortable playing in a big open game. Elly will do a mentor game on Mondays for up to 349 pts. Also, suggested 2 pairs of mentor/mentees could play at someone's house. Board feels that program needs more marketing and publicity. Maybe have badges for mentors and mentees to have more visibility at games. Maybe have website with front page news about the program.

To do:

- 1) Need publicity for Mentors (Rita will work on a flyer to post and send to clubs)
- 2) Raise points to 299 (Margaret to change website).
- 3) Pianola email: Carol will send one out with the flyer attached.

Cowboy storage: Ed will look into relocating to East side of town (near Arapahoe Fairgrounds). We currently have about 15 crates and would fit in 10x10 unit (with no room to open them inside the unit). Hospitality crate was reorganized. Still need to do Supply crate (Kathleen will get clear bins with labels). We should number the crates and have an index of what is in each one. Julie will call Jim about fixing them (done).

Table Talk: President should remain the owner of it with contributing articles. It is issued annually before new year's elections (November). It can be done semi-annually if we want to.

January Sectional:

- Get early Cowboy delivery
- Assign people to patrol for safety/covid.

Kathleen – will get with Roxie to get signed contract.

Do we need January sectional approval from ACBL? Would not be until Dec. 15 based on covid rates in Colorado.

Discussion about one disruptive person at November Sectional. Directors did not want to be involved because did not occur at a table. We feel they should be involved with any unruly player on the premises at any time, as enforcing the zero-tolerance for such behavior. Julie will talk to Sam about it. We all need to be on the same page.

I/N Tournament: (April 2022). Feedback was that they were glad we had it. Would be good to have online Registration so it is automated. Need better way to match up people for partners. Board doesn't know many of the I/N players and relied on Elly to do this, but then she felt she shouldn't. We need a clear document listing activities she will be responsible for, and those we will do. (doesn't have to be a formal contract).

Issues:

Castle Rock bridge mates didn't work with Server at first.

0-20 pts got charged when they should be free. Some were charged for 2 sessions when only playing one.

Director tried to move 2:30 game up to play sooner.

Results didn't get uploaded until recently.

Unit should provide the food.

Nobody played in the team game (possibly restructure the event so team game is Sat pm?)

Check from Denver Country Club: Carol will return it to them with a letter stating that they can use our equipment as needed, if it is available, with no need to pay for it.

Sanctions are ready from ACBL for 2025. Kathleen will contact them about 2025 and 2026 in January.

11:35 Adjourned.