Unit 361 Board Meeting, 12/11/2021

Attendees: Julie, Donna Tom B., Tom P. Kathleen, Ed, Margaret, Rita, Carol Eric, Vivian

4:07 – meeting began.

Last month's minutes accepted.

Outgoing members: Rick, Donna, Margaret

Rick Gardner said goodbye to the Board and best wishes. He resigned as Board President in November 2021.

Welcome Eric and Vivian.

Follow-ups:

Crates – Jim Calhoun will fix latches, straps, wheels at Jan Tourney. He will mark those that need repair so we can put them aside for him. He is making a new crate for partnership board.

Storage options: Ed has tried to contact some companies but has not been able to speak to any yet. He will continue to work on it. Meanwhile, Cowboy serves us well.

Summit contract: Roxie still has not sent it to us. Kathleen will contact her again. Julie can go there if necessary.

Photos: Tom B. got the camera and printer to work ok. He feels it is still worth using. He will work on seeing how the wifi works and/or get a photodisc to put it on to send pics to Margaret for website. It was approved for Tom to buy a disc. Vivian also has equipment if needed.

Sanctions: In January, Kathleen will submit info to ACBL for sanctions for 2025. They should be done 3 years in advance. They are already done through 2024.

Flyers – need to be submitted to ACBL a year in advance. Julie discussed flyers that "POP" that she saw in Austin. Discussed having Margaret beef ours up a little. She will work on putting a background flag on our Regional flyer to brand it as the 'Memorial Day" Regional. Also, questioned whether we can delete the back page. WHO IS GOING TO FIND OUT ABOUT THIS?

Setup for January tournament: Kathleen will email us as to what time we need to be there on Thursday 1/6.

January tourney – January 7-9. Try to promote it more at clubs and with club owners. Kathleen will check on wristbands to see if she has enough. No Covid illnesses reported from November tourney. November was almost 50%, we should expect similar numbers. Give Rita any additions to vaccination list. Will post final answer on website re. whether ACBL Directors will be at tournament after Dec. 16. We will have the event no matter what. Zero Tolerance was discussed. Per ACBL, Directors are responsible for anything that occurs within the playing site. Kathleen is safety coordinator and can evict

people if necessary. We should all ask people to wear masks properly if we see them not doing so. Will announce that people eating lunch (Sunday) should 'social distance' and move away from people still playing hands.

Caddies: Tom P. will do it himself on Friday. He has 1 for Saturday and 3 for Sunday.

Hospitality: Rita will do the same as she did in November.

Table entry staffing: Kathleen will coordinate it. Volunteers to work the table include Julie, Carol, Jennifer, Ed, Eric

Regional: Wayne and Don are co-chairs. Don will finalize the schedule with Ken Horwedel.

Would like to have a committee to make decisions for questions that arise and approve plans. Main issue is the budget and what we want to be paying for and how much is available. Should we have games at night? What give-aways will there be? Other logistics?. Charity pairs game and food?. Will there be a printed daily bulletin or only online? Will there be hospitality reception after ProAm? ProAm-we have trophies already.

District 17 may have financial help (Jennifer will pursue). How many hotel rooms do we need? We get the conference rooms for free based on hotel rooms rented. What conference rooms do we need? Don, Wayne and Julie will meet with Mark about the rooms.

Committee volunteers are: Jennifer, Rita, Julie, Jerry Ranney. We should think of anyone else who should be there (some non-board members).

Board elections: The following were elected: Julie-President, Tom B-Vice President, Carol-Secretary, Ed-Treasurer. Other responsibilities are open for volunteers or are assigned: (Julie will send email with list)

Hospitality – Rita, Partnership (Tom B will give it up), I/N Tourney chair (Kathleen will give it up), Sectional Chair -Kathleen, Membership/Education-open, Supplies -Kathleen will do it, Photography-Tom B will do it, GNT/NAP/Front range challenge-Julie for FRC and open.

Ed-Discussed use of old free play cards. Decided that is ok. Future free play cards will be given by Ed to Board Members and volunteers (upon request of a Board member).

IRS does not have our 2020 tax returns even though Ed has evidence of sending it in. He sent it in again.

Tom Purl is resigning after January tournament due to health issues.

5:48 – meeting adjourned

Thanks Rita for great food and a great party!