

2/19/2022 Board Meeting:

Attendees: Julie, Tom, Vivian, Arjun, Carol, Susan, Kathleen, Ed, Eric, Rita. Non-voting: Margaret, Jennifer

9:03 Called to order

Approved minutes from last month.

Financial Review: ACBL paid about ½ of what they owe us. The remainder should be on the way. The Sectional costs won't be as much as we thought due to refund of East Wing reservation at Arapahoe County.

Jim Calhoun – will be at March Tourney (had health emergency last tourney). He has fixed the straps and will do crate wheels there when they are emptied.

Eric: will take tarps off the crates (later info, may not need to if Jim does it)

Mentor program: 4-5 mentees from Metro. Need mentors (1500+ pts, mentees<300 pts)

Tom: need to evaluate programs to see if they are accomplishing objectives, e.g. tourneys, mentoring, education.

Email address: Julie, Carol and ProAm have been set up. Margaret-send Arjun an email on how to set it up as InChair. Tom doesn't need one now. Kathleen should set one up. Margaret has set up DenverBridge.org to forward to gmail accts and personal accounts.

Mini-Mckenny and Ace of clubs: Carol has certificates and medallions ready to go. Julie needs to sign them.

Flyers: Carol is writing up a Standard Operating Procedure to follow for flyers, addressing who generates it, who approves final, then sending final copies to Carol (to send to ACBL) and Margaret (to put on website). Also, should have a revision number in footer. Modifiable source documents should also be sent to Margaret to keep in an archive repository for potential future use

New Business:

Mentor/Mentee game: Elly will charge \$10 per table and she will pay the sanction fee (\$1 per table).

Sam's Game: We discussed creating a Sam's game in honor of Sam Stoxton. It will be 2/27 at 11:30 at Metro. Will be \$5 per person. Guidelines on points will be relaxed if necessary in order to encourage mentors and mentees. It is a team game where they can bring the whole team, a pair, or single and we will try to match up teams where necessary. Mentees should be under 500 pts or non-life-masters. Vote was unanimous to have it with ½ of the profits going to the ACBL Education fund in Sam's honor. Details will be fine tuned over time as we plan this as a recurring event to be known as Sam's Game.

Publicity: put info on our website and Elly will put on hers. Arjun will tell Arvada. Julie will tell Castle Rock. Vivian will send a Pianola. All should encourage preregistration because we may have limited

space, thinking will be a good response (Later info, Susan has 52 registered by 2/21). Light lunch will be provided.

There will be a Celebration of Live for Sam on 3/27. Theresa is getting an emails list from ACBL to let people know.

Regional:

Wayne, Don and Julie met with the hotel. They are not willing to give us any concessions due to their own financial problems from Covid. We are committed to 535 room nights or we pay \$120 per night. So if we are down 50 room nights, it would be \$6000.

Jennifer: has done outreach to Pros, has 10 already. No decision yet on a reception. Vivian can print 100 flyers for \$15.

Daily bulletins for Regional: Vivian can do it. 'Common Game' information costs \$200. They have emails for 2019 Regional and will send out emails about the Regional a few weeks before it.

What to do in Denver: Vivian will write up and print this, as a document to give attendees regarding activities, Restaurants, speakers, etc. during the Regional.

Vivian should attend the Regional Committee meetings.

Rita: Is working with the Committee on hospitality. They are planning about 660 prizes – mugs with logo. I/N event has 30 prizes. Give away day budgeted for \$8 per prize. Candy will be on Registration desk. Registration packet has a convention card, pen, patch. Patch was stated as 2"x3" and this is too big. Rita will check with patch people to try to get it at 1"x1" or close to that. Also, if she can get a .jpg of the logo, we can put it on the Labels. Budget is \$3500 and expect cost to be \$3700. ProAm hospitality event is \$3400 with \$600 in service fees.

Vaccinations will still be required with proof upon check-in.

Caddies: Eric has them lined up but needs to know the number needed per day Kevin Curtis may not be available as lead caddy. Estimating about 45% attendance, need at least 2 and maybe 3-4 per day.

Don/Wayne will inventory supplies Saturday at the sectional. Need volunteers to help.

Sectional:

Julie and Kathleen have contacted ACBL re. Sam's passing. and they have assigned John Worley and Theresa as Directors. We will have to pay Per Diem for John's hotel (Marriott near tourney site).

John and Theresa will duplicate the boards, create hand records, get Bridgemates.

Kathleen will be back 3/1 and will go to Arapahoe County Fairgrounds to clarify where crates will go, and tables for checkin. Volunteers for checkin are Jennifer (fri and sat), Carol, Vivian, Donna Givner (fri). She will make posters with signs directing traffic to the site.

Rita will change the vaccination lists to include emails. Don't need which sessions they attend (because people didn't check in again anyway if they already had a wrist band). Carol has 100 more wristbands.

Crates will be delivered Thursday. Set up will be at 3:30 for everyone.

Carol checked into Food Trucks. They all want a guaranteed minimum, mostly \$1000, some \$600-750. Not feasible for us. She got 50 Southlands Directories and Coupon books. She will get 50 more. Also created a sheet with maps and restaurants listed. Vivian will create 200 copies of it.

Rita: needs people to get 12-packs of soda, Eric, Susan, Kathleen and Arjun. She will let them know exactly what to get. She will also go to the site early (around 1:00) to set up the hospitality area.

Susan: Partnership. Only has 1 request so far. Has printed cards to give out for partnership program awareness. Will put on each table at 'Sam's Game'. The website for partnership now goes to her.

I/N tourney:

Arjun: Theresa is not available Saturday. Elly will direct (she offered to cancel her Saturday game). Want to try to build up the team game on Sunday. Need 5 tables to do a 1 session game, need around 8 tables for a double session. Will advertise that if there are not enough tables for teams, will do a pairs game. **"Team game or Pairs will be determined based on attendance"**.

Hospitality: \$6 for Subway, \$6.75 for Elly for light lunch, coffee, bagels.

Arjun should write up a confirming email to Elly for the whole event and who will do what. Elly may need help for and cleanup.

Tabled for future meeting: How to attract new players (62% of members are I/N, 106 have 0 pts, .192 have less than 5 pts). Also, future discussion of having the event at various locations, e.g. museum, etc.

Other:

Facebook: Rob Vetter set this up and asked if we want to keep it and take it over, or shut it down. Voted 7/1 to ask him to take it down.

Julie: Rob maintained a back-door access to our website which has been shut down. He said he had this because people were asking him to do things. Therefore, from now on, nobody is authorized to ask Rob to do any work on our behalf.

D17 update: Jennifer, district has grant funds available to support new players. No info on the National yet.

Margaret: If anything is wrong on the website or not working properly, let her know. Website should have an archive page to items we designate to store there. Discussed having a 'Memorial' page but voted 6 to 1 not to have it because we often don't have all the information or know about everyone and didn't want to be incomplete about it. It can be listed in Table Talk.

Send ideas to Board in advance of meetings so they can be reviewed and will help our discussions move faster.

Conflict of Interest forms – send to Carol.

Subteam for Membership discussion: Tom will create a subteam to discuss and especially address people with 500-1000 master points. Include some Board members and Non-board members.