

April 16, 2022 Denver Bridge Unit 361 Board Meeting Minutes.

Attendance: Julie Clark, Carol Gumpert, Eric Mead, Vivian Heggie, Susan Grauer, Kathleen Kelly, Ed Yosses, Rita Simas, Arjun Singh (partially on phone). Non-voting: Margaret Devere, Don Boyarsky, Wayne Eckerling, Jennifer O'Neill.

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Last month's minutes were approved.

Front Range Challenge: Susan, waiting until after Regional to organize it more. First will contact Ft Collins, Boulder, Colo Spgs to agree on dates.

I/N Tournament Recap: Arjun on telephone: good and bad parts:

There was a miscommunication with ACBL regarding the sanction number where they gave Arjun the sanction number for 2025. It was resolved.

2 teams on Sunday instead of 3 but worked it out. 68 players, 12 tables Saturday a.m. and 6.5 tables Saturday p.m., 6.5 tables Sunday p.m. 42 people received points.

Arjun told attendees that he would buy table entries for the 0-5 pts winners for the next I/N tourney. Board felt that this should be done by the Board. Arjun should send Carol the winners' information.

There was good food but there was too much food, and players from Elly's other game took a lot of it, as well as leftovers on Monday.

The event was well organized.

We need to have people there to help Elly with table set up, food, etc. even though she doesn't say she needs help. I/N chair should get volunteers recruited to do so.

The idea of calling some players before the event was approved as a good idea. Also, send out a Pianola email about 10 days in advance.

Discuss at next meeting: Food is costing a lot, free plays to winners, \$2.00 off tickets for next sectional. Discuss changing afternoon start time to 2:00.

Financials: Ed.

Mentor program should be promoted at I/N tournaments and educational programs (Sheryl Siegel, Sally Kneser). Also, ask other clubs about doing a Sam's game. Sue Bauer and Charlie Dotar (castle rock) were interested. Warren (Arvada) not.

Will get final I/N costs after getting food costs from Elly.

ACBL still needs to finish paying us for November and January sectionals. District has become alerted to this as well.

Awards review: Julie. There are many awards shown on our web site that we either no longer do, or don't even know about it. Also, don't know which ones have trophies, certificates, etc. A team was created to investigate – Margaret, Susan, Vivian. Possibly invite Penny Coffman, Ruth Pana, Kristy Endellicato who might know more about the older awards. **Discuss at next meeting.**

Jan Janitschke Award: 2 Nominees came from the committee. Anonymous voting occurred. The award will be presented at the beginning of the ProAm event at the Regional. Julie will make the presentation if Bonnie doesn't want to (Margaret will ask her). Jennifer will encourage the winner to attend the ProAm. Margaret will do a write-up for the Web Site and the Bulletin. Nomination committee was well organized and did a good job.

Sectional:

Since no new site has been identified yet, we will hold it at Arapahoe Fairgrounds. We have paid deposits which were due. Kathleen – contact Summit for possibility in November. (Elks lodge and Foothills Field House had issues).

Chairs were a problem: Renting cushions was \$2.25 each – too expensive. Renting chairs would be labor intensive. Don't say anything in flyers or web site about chairs.

Hospitality – losing money here. Change to provide coffee, tea, water, and condiments for it. Each session needs to have a Board member volunteer to monitor the coffee. We should have a backup carafe of coffee ready to be swapped out as needed. Also, bags of mini chocolates are ok. Use up current stock of pop but don't buy or provide it anymore.

Decided to sell tickets for lunch. Kathleen should check with ACBL to make sure we can do this (re. COVID rulings). Friday would be Subway, Saturday would be Pizza, Sunday would be Subway; unless we find another similarly priced alternative. Kathleen/Eric will check the supply crates (at Regional) to see if we have tickets. If not, will buy or create more.

Flyer changes:

- 1) No team game on Friday. 2 pairs sessions instead.
- 2) Afternoon games start at 2:30 (so earlier end time for driving home).
- 3) Lunch available for purchase, more details on web site.

District 17: Jennifer. No news. Las Vegas Regional is 11/7 which is why we had to move ours to Nov 4-6. No news on the National yet, probably mid-summer. There are 3 cities being considered.

Website: Margaret.

Directory is almost ready to put online. The code is done (Don Boyarsky) and needs to be integrated into the website. Probably will be done within next 30 days. Carol will download rosters around the 1st of each month and submit to Margaret, who will apply the exception file process and put online. Online will look different than past screens, intentionally.

Flyers procedure: Carol. Summary is that Communications Chair creates the flyers and submits to the board for review. Tournament Chair must be final sign off on it. Flyers will contain their name and rev numbers in its footer. Communications chair or their designee will create and distribute copies, and submit to ACBL and WebMaster (to put online). .Approved by the board. Carol will send another copy to everyone. Margaret should put it on our website.

New Board Member: Julie. Board needs to follow procedures before discussing new board member interest with anyone so that discussions are properly coordinated and worded. Carol will write up a procedure. The board approved Julie to move forward on the potential board member(s).

Vice President: Board voted for Susan to be the Vice President. She accepted with the hope that each board member will support her by involving her in assisting them so she can learn what we all do. Also, would like the new Board member (Kathy) take on the Partnership function.

Regional: Wayne Hotel's event planner is no longer on site but is in North Carolina. There is a person at the hotel (Ahmad) who has been our contact. The hotel will no longer provide free coffee. Marriott has little to do with the Renaissance other than website (not working well) and reservations process.

Rooms: We have 618 room nights booked now which is over our minimum requirement.

Publicity: Will send out email to District 17 members at the end of April (before the May 2 room reservation deadline). Also still trying to see if hotel will honor the Bridge rate for late bookings. Then, 10 days before the Regional, will send out Pianola email to Unit 361 members.

ProAm: Jennifer. Has 57 Pros and 50 Ams. Sending a 2nd request for Ams. Anyone with 0.5 pts who participated in our I/N tourney is eligible (i.e., need to have played 24 boards in a duplicate game). Jan Janitschke award will be given out at beginning of ProAm session.

Trophies: Wayne thinks they are in the crates with posters. Coordinate with Eric.

Reception: Keep at under \$1500. Hotel charges \$85 for a gallon of coffee or iced tea so that will cost about \$500. Will also have popcorn, peanuts, and a Bar.

Hotel Coupons: Are only for lunch or grab-and-go. No longer can be used at the Bar. Don asked hotel to revisit this and whether they can be used for breakfast. Costs are accounted for as the tickets are used.

Crates: can be delivered Monday 5/23. Kathleen and Eric will coordinate. They can be picked up Tuesday 5/31.

Setup: 9:00 am Tuesday 5/24. All board members able to lift tables need to be there to help set up in the Ballroom and upstairs rooms. Tables outside the rooms are set up by the hotel. **Jennifer:-does District 17 need a table?**

Caddies: Eric has 7 lined up. Don will send him a spreadsheet of what is needed and when. Still needs to identify a Caddie Master. Possibly John Worley's daughter, Bruce Cobb's daughter, Kevin's.

Volunteers: Each area will manage their own volunteers. Need them for Registration desk (Rita)(2-3 per session), Vaccination desk (Kathleen), partnerships (Susan), Room entry monitors (Wayne, will identify how many are needed and where).

Labels: Vivian will handle this. She will provide the computer and the printer and ink. She has preprinted the logo on 1000 labels and can print them from a Word document. People will submit their entries on paper and Vivian will print them as soon as possible. Carol has more labels to give Vivian.

Hospitality: Rita has a spreadsheet. Showed us the patch (nice). Wayne has award mugs (500?), wineglasses and some wristbands.

Vaccination desk: in hotel lobby. Julie will compile list of people with vaccines. Margaret will update website so that people can send new vaccine info to Julie. Carol will order 3000 more wristbands (Amazon).

Daily Bulletin: Vivian. Ed has some bridge articles (how to read and interpret hand records, bidding games in team games). Margaret has game definitions. Opening article from Julie (tweak one that Margaret had a few years ago). Speakers: Jennifer is finalizing list and will send to Vivian. Bios of people on 'named' days: Use Forest Clark from a few years ago.

Event is 'cashless'. Must pay by check for exact amounts or credit card.

Empty Chair display: Will create a Memorial 'empty chair' display of a chair on a table with photos of people who have passed. In Pianola, let everyone know that they can add people to this display, just bring in photos.

Board members up for re-election: Vice President (Susan) will handle nominations and which board members are open to being re-elected. This needs to be in Table Talk by September for election at November Sectional. Those up for re-election are Julie, Rita, Kathy (new member replacing Tom B), Arjun, Kathleen. Julie said she will.

Use Library meeting room for future meetings. The room can be booked up to 60 days in advance. The Secretary will be responsible for making these reservations online.

Meeting adjourned 11:32.

Next meeting is Saturday, May 21 at 9:00 at the Eloise May Library.