

## 8/20/2022: Unit 361 August Board Meeting

Attendance: Carol Gumpert, Julie Clark, Kathleen Kelly, Susan Grauer, Vivian Heggie, Rita Simas, Kathy McMahon, Ed Yosses, Kevin Stansbury. Jennifer attended to present her information.

9:00 - candidates for D17 representative to ACBL spoke to us.

Cindy Shoemaker spoke to the board. Board members asked questions.

Ron Gordon also spoke to the board with questions asked at the end.

10:00 Board meeting monthly meeting began.

Last month's minutes approved unanimously.

Jennifer spoke regarding D17 items:

\$2500 is being sent to the Denver Unit to cover Regional losses. Sanction fees are reduced by \$1 per table for the next regional.

Quick approval on the Regional Schedule and budget should occur. (Julie: Ken and Liz OK'd the bracketed Gold Rush). Next step: email vote from District for approval.

No news on '25 National yet.

Bridgemate rentals for Regional are included in the \$8 table fee. Sectionals can rent them this year for \$.50/table, next year for \$.75/table. This does not impact Denver since these are rented from Elly.

Thank you for Julie's help at National and Phoenix Regional.

Signup genius – No interest from D17 for now. However, National has bought a subscription & Susan should contact Phoebe Packer to see if she can use their subscription to determine if the upgraded annual subscription is beneficial.

D17 funded 2 educational grants. \$500 Colo Spgs, and \$1000 Northern Colo (Ft. Collins).

GNT – D17 will not reimburse entry fees for players at the national. There will be no player subsidy for the Championship flight to attend the Nationals. D17 will provide player subsidies for 2nd Place B & C flight winners of \$1000/team. Bonnie Bagley wants the championship flight to be online. If so, it would be scheduled for Wed and Thursday at our Regional so that players could compete in that and also a lower flight. An update since the meeting is that the Open flight will be held online.

Online beginning bridge classes on BBO are discontinued beginning after September.

The 2023 D17 NAP finals will be held at the Taos regional. This year they are in Las Vegas.

Rolf Houtkopter was elected to fill the vacancy on the Advisory Committee (previously known as the Board of Governors)

Ed: Financials, July reports emailed to board. Paid \$1000 rent to Summit. Will get with Kathleen to check on when next payments are due.

Julie, Kathy: I/N Regional at the July sectional.

Schedule is done. Kathy went to Ft. Collins Regional. A teacher was there, a prize given to team from farthest away. Kathy is wanting the personal touch (like Lucille at Ft. Collins) to get people interested in playing and having a fun tournament. Flyer needs to go to ACBL 1 year in advance.

I/N Sectional, October: at Elly's Metro bridge studio. 2 single sessions with lunch. Elly can provide chicken salad sandwiches and incidentals for \$6.50 each. Room rental and cleaning fee are other costs. Can reduce or eliminate cleaning fees if we all help with cleaning. Room rental costs are included in the \$6.50. Theresa will be the Director (being finalized by Julie). Mary Lynn will give a 10 minute class. Rita will be in charge of clean up. What was the process for identifying someone to teach? Someone close to the club so less cost for transportation. Should consider someone who may not be a teacher. Decided to discuss this more before the next Sectional but go with Mary Lynn for this one. Kathy will parse out the unit roster so we each get a list of people to contact, and try to speak to people about the tournaments. We should all do whatever we can to publicize and talk about the I/N sectional. Let Kathy know anyone you contact so it is not getting duplicated.

Directory update: It was OK'd by ACBL to keep it on our website. Don is improving security.

Front Range Challenge: Oct 16, Sunday, at Metro Bridge 10:00 am. There are 4 units participating with 2 teams per stratification. People can play up if needed. Denver is all set except need some people for flight C, 750-1500 pts. Joe Sewall is working on it.

Costs are \$250 for Elly, \$15 per pizza (for 2.5 people). Sanction fees should be those of a Unit game (Ed thought around \$100). Voted for cost to be \$20 per person, \$80 per team. Any profit to be prorated back to participating units. (unanimous vote).

Julie: We should all acknowledge our accomplishments:

Promoted online unit games during COVID. Kept people involved in bridge during that time

Julie's leadership has been great.

Sam's game creation. There is another at the end of November.

Organized crates so can easily identify and maintain contents.

Vivian's flyers and table talk have greatly improved those products. NOTE: Flyers are noted in footers with the revision letter (tournament type, date, revision a,b,c,etc.. Example: SEIN2210g). This has been a good way to make sure you are looking at the correct version.

Ed keeps track of finances quietly and efficiently. He follows up on discrepancies and has been a good fiscal agent for us.

Rita's hospitality is well done and now well organized.

Carol is keeping ACBL in the loop for correct flyers and produces timely minutes.

Susan is new V.P. and on top of Front Range Challenge, provides legal advice. Took initiative to use Signup Genius and has innovatively handled the Partnership desk.

Our Regional was one of the highest attendance in the nation (67% of pre-covid tables).

Website is more user friendly and Margaret keeps it updated quickly.

The Board has been effective even with mostly new Board Members.

Regional co-chairs Wayne and Don did a great job.

Welcome Kevin: Glad to have you on the Board. Explained Supply Chair responsibilities (keep crates organized, communicate and make arrangements with Cowboy storage), and he accepted that role. Mentoring from Bob S. and Kathleen Kelly.

Caddies: still need a Board member to take this responsibility. For Sectionals, only need 2-3 caddies for Sunday. They should be over 12 years old. They get paid \$50 per session, \$100 per day.

Paul Perkowski: Vote was unanimous to ask him to join the Board. Susan will communicate this to him. We will discuss his role at next meeting.

Julie will write article for Table Talk regarding November election. The Slate must be communicated at least 60 days before the vote (at November Sectional). Anyone not on the Slate who wants to be considered for the Board must submit a request with signatures 14 days prior to the vote. In this case, a paper ballot will be required. The slate is Julie Clark, Kathleen Kelly, Paul Perkowski, Rita Simas, and Kathy McMahon. Also, Vivian will include an article on Kevin and Paul (Vivian will write it).

Conflict of Interest forms: Carol will follow up with anyone still needing to complete one.

Regional: Don/Wayne have been in touch with alternative hotels for future Regionals and for leverage in negotiating with Renaissance Hotel for next year. 2 alternatives are \$139/night and \$179/night; 15K expenditures. One is in Denver Tech Center, one is near Anschutz complex. Regional schedule is set. Vivian – print some Regional flyers to take to Montana (Julie), Las Vegas (Kevin or Jenn), Palm Springs (Jenn). Get latest version on ACBL (Carol) and our website.

Next Meeting: Sept 17, 9:00 Elouise May Library (Parker Rd. and Florida). We should all write up task descriptions. Vivian has hers as a 'draft' on the website.

11:31 Meeting adjourned.

