

11/19/22 Board Meeting Minutes

Attended via Zoom: Julie Clark, Susan Grauer, Kathy McMahon, Kevin Stansbury, Vivian Heggie, Rita Simas, Paul Perkowski, Ed, Yosses, Kathleen Kelly, Jennifer O'Neill.

9:05 Call to order.

Last month's meeting minutes approved (unanimous)

Financial Report :

Ed sent an email to all. He thinks he has all the bills for the Nov. sectional and predicts it will be a loss. He has received the sanction fees for the Oct. IN tournament and we are still in the black.

Regional: (Julie, Don and Wayne):

A comparison between the Renaissance and the Doubletree was outlined.

Renaissance highlights include: \$129 room fee, penalty if 80% rooms aren't sold, 3 rooms free for 3 nights, 5 complimentary upgrades to club level which includes breakfast; \$15,000 food/beverage minimum + \$2,500 to offset labor costs, ballroom has room for 105 tables in ballroom.

Doubletree highlights include: \$149 room fee, \$15,000 food/bev minimum; \$19,875 total cost including service fee and Tax; No free breakfasts; charge for parking; 90 tables in ballroom; limited bathrooms causing need for spaced bathroom breaks.

Front Range Challenge: (Susan)

26 teams attended. There weren't an equal number of teams for each unit. 1 team did not show on day of game. We had no advance knowledge. Not having equal numbers of teams from each unit was a problem for director. Boulder was the winning unit. Proposal that the winning unit would host next year. There was discussion that Denver could physically host since it is most centrally located, but the winning unit would do all the leg work.

People were told that tournament was finished and sent home and then called back from parking lot because they weren't finished. Confusion created.

Motion was made that Denver scale back # of teams not to exceed the number of teams in other units. The motion was tabled.

Nov. Sectional Recap (Kathleen):

Increased complaints about Arapahoe County Fairgrounds: bad chairs, pervasive flies. Lots of complaints of not enough hospitality—no morning or afternoon snacks and no soft drinks. People want that. They are willing to pay extra for soft drinks.

Discussion of Alternative Sites for March 2023 Sectional and July 2023 IN and Sectional:

Kathleen reported that Summit was increasing cost to \$2000/day from \$1500. Kathleen got them to decrease it to \$1750/day for us. She also promoted holding the March Sectional at Denver Metro. There was discussion that this may be a bylaws violation because it shows favoritism to one club. Julie spoke to

Penny regarding this. Penny said it wouldn't be a violation if all clubs were asked in advance whether they wanted to host and/or were able to host the tournament.

Kathy presented the possibility of hosting July dual tournament at Lakewood HS, about 1 mile west of 8th and Wadsworth. They have a commons area which may be large enough. Kathy, Kathleen, Rita, Julie and Ed will visit this venue before Dec. 16th.

There may be option to hold March Sectional at Aurora Summit.

Kevin reported that we need approximately 4000 sq feet to accommodate 50 tables at 8' apart and 3000 sq feet to accommodate 30 tables 8' apart.

Kathleen will check with ACBL to see if stratifications must be on flyer.

Bridge Education at Colleges: (Paul)

No update at this time.

Stanchions: (Kevin)

Kevin reported that the stanchions need painting and the top end of each stanchion needs adjusting. He will organize this.

Wall of Fame Update: (Vivian)

No new report at this time.

Website update: (Margaret)

Margaret reported that the Advisory Council members are listed on the website under Bd. Of Governors as well as the Advisory Council election, but the election wasn't advertised across the district. She also noted that Sally Knesser is donating 25 tables to the unit. There was a vote to unanimously accept Sally's tables.

Board Job Descriptions: (Julie)

Julie asked that all please have their board job description finished and reviewed by other requested board members by the December meeting.

Region 10 update: (Jennifer)

Jennifer reported that the Las Vegas regional was not as well attended as last year and that it is cancelled for next year. The Taos Regional is also cancelled for next Sept.

Dec. Mtg: (Julie)

Dec. meeting will be held Sat. Dec. 10th. Carol will let us know whether it is at the library or on Zoom.

Mtg. Adjourned: 11:27