

12/10/2022 Unit 361 Board Meeting minutes:

Attendance: Julie, Penny, Margaret, Kathy, Carol, Paul, Ed, Vivian, Rita, Jennifer, Kathleen.

Absent: Kevin, Susan

9:06 Called to order

Minutes from November meeting approved with caveat for Carol to confirm and update the cost of Summit from Kathleen.

Financials: emailed out by Ed. Waiting for refund from Arapahoe County. We have about a \$100K balance. In answer to question about potential cost hit if Regional gets cancelled=about \$70k.

Jan Janitschke Award: Committee for nominations=Rita (chair), Penny, maybe Ed. They will try to get some non-board member participants. Nominations sheet is on the website. Will be open from Jan 1, 2023 – Feb 15, 2023. Pianola to be sent to membership. Committee will present 2 recommendations to Board by April meeting. Award presented at May Regional. Donna Givner has info on getting the trophy made and will consult as needed.

Sectional Sites:

Iliff School of Theology: Kathleen, Julie, Bob Murphy reviewed. \$600 per day. It was very nice for rooms and chairs. Negative:-elevator is not large enough to move our crates, therefore we need to empty them on first floor and take upstairs on dollies and furniture carts. Same for hospitality and Director supplies. Other negative is that parking is \$10 per day. Discussion on whether to reimburse parking, supplement parking, do nothing, how to do it, etc. They can invoice us for all parking. Need a \$2 million rider for the days of tourney. For July, the I/N Regional could be downstairs and Sectional upstairs. \$15 for microphone.

Other sites: Lakewood High School visited by Kathy, Ed, Rita. Large common area, hallway, and smaller common area, would be sufficient. Chairs similar to Arapahoe. Big issue is the need for an employee to be there, but they shut down in July so we'd have to find one willing to work, plus pay Time*1/2 for weekends. Room cost is \$41/hour. Discussion was concerning the employee and difficulty of having one in July and no backups.

JCC: Being visited on Monday. \$1500/day. Can't do March.

Elly's: Discussion: Not a 'special' place to go to for Tournament. Conflict of Interest, not a good precedent to have it at a club. \$600/day plus cost of other room is needed.

Vote: 7 Yes: Go forward with Iliff School of Theology site for March Sectional and see how it goes. Have a committee determine parking situation *(Carol, Kathleen, Julie and Penny if needed). Julie will get a signed contract. Vivian – change flyers, Margaret, change on website. Include in TableTalk with final parking information.

TableTalk: Vivian will create one with Jan Janitschke award information, End of Year Statistics, Info on March Tournament and other relevant information.

2024 Regional: Still deciding between DTC Doubletree vs. Renaissance.

2023 Regional: Don and Wayne started working on it.

Need to start a committee.

Vivian sent patch samples to us and will resend with top 2 contenders.

Kevin is getting paper from Home Depot for hand records.

Hospitality: do not want mugs. Just cardholders. Rita will get pricing and needs volunteers.

Labels: definitely want to do it. Design a better process so Vivian doesn't have to sit there all day. Prior years had people submit info sheet into a basket, print that evening, and printed labels were available the next day in an alphabetic folder.

ProAm: Jennifer working on getting Pros. Sheryl and Kathy working to get Ams. Also Marcia Shaw on committee.

Flyers – get what we have to Julie to bring to Kansas City (Carol and Kathy have some) plus Vivian will print some more.

Empty Chair: People appreciated this and we want to do it again. Vivian needs info on people who have passed. Will check out the in/out report for 'deceased' plus contact club owners.

January Sectional: at Summit. Contract signed.

Setup: Kathleen is going to Cowboy Storage to identify the crates we need. (Rita may go with her). Kevin has set up for Thursday am delivery (Kathleen will be there to receive them), and Monday am pickup.

Kathleen will check with Scott Humphreys regarding Covid requirements as far as continuing to check for vaccinations. If needed, Carol and Julie will do it. Kathleen has our current list of people vaccinated.

Everyone who can needs to be there Thursday for setup at 3:30 (should take about 1-1.5 hours).

Hospitality: Lunch only on Sunday will be Subway. Cookies with tongs will be made available each afternoon. Pop (coke, diet coke, sparkling water) will be available, approximately 1 per person expected. Ed, Vivian, Kathy, and Paul will pick them up, per Rita's instructions. Kathleen will contact the Mexican restaurant and the Pho restaurant to alert them to the event. All Board members should check on coffee urns. Rita will have backup urn ready to be moved in as needed.

Caddies: Paul, Only needed for Sunday. Suggested he call Kevin Curtis to be one (and possibly lead caddy for Regional). Kathleen volunteered her grandson.

Julie will check with Theresa regarding Director needs. Carol will bring printer.

Education: Paul has identified the DU student group contact, Megan Smith, and is waiting to hear back from her.

Stanchions: Kevin has sent an email that he needs people to help paint them and go to Cowboy to get them. We will keep them out from the Jan Sectional so this can be done.

Wall of Fame: Paul.

Vivian is reworking the criteria and will present at January meeting. Other points: we don't need to have this every year, person does not have to be deceased.

Mentor Program: Ed and Kathy.

Program is still not robust. Discussion on top limit for mentees (300, 500, 750). Also, limits for mentors, possibly a dual level system (e.g. mentors for 0-300 might be people with 700+ pts). Hard to find mentors for low point people, reported by Elly. Ed hasn't gotten any requests. Need to advertise program, e.g. Flyers on tables at clubs, announce at clubs (Donna does this in Arvada). Vivian will spiff up the flyer Ed prepared. Discussed purpose as getting people used to playing duplicate as well as helping people understand/improve their game

Voted (8 Yes) to change mentee range to be 0-500 and go forward with a flyer to distribute to clubs. Also should be advertised wherever possible.

Elections: Julie opened the subject to any Board member interested. All voted in with 8-yes: President Julie, Vice President Susan, Treasurer Ed, Secretary Carol.

Website: Margaret,

Roster – a member requested (to Ed) to get a copy of our roster to use for promoting Educational Videos on YouTube. ACBL Bylaws and terms of use say the roster is available to club owners, certified teachers, not for commercial use. Could be slippery slope if we give someone our roster. If we allowed it, would have no way to control its use. Decided the member should go through ACBL based on their rules.

Region 10: Jennifer,

I/N Regional tournaments in the District will go from 3 to 5 and will be distributed so as not to be near other Regionals, if possible.

Liz Hamilton returns as President, Bill Phillips Secretary. Some terms are up next year. Will continue to purchase Bridge in a Day so it is available to all teachers. Being presented on Feb 4 at Fort Carson.

National in Las Vegas 2024: fundraising needs to start.

There will be 3 online Regionals.

Taos Regional 9/25 may be cancelled. 6 of our Board members planned to go if they have NAP qualifyers. If not, district needs to decide when to have them (possibly Albuquerque).

Other:

Suggestion box at tournaments – Carol will make up one with index cards for submissions.

Advertise that Board meetings are open to all members (usually 3rd Saturday of the month at Eloise May Library), put in Tabletalk and on website.

Membership Packets: We should start doing this again. Vivian will do it from the In/Out report. Get sample from Donna Givner on what she used to send out. Include information about Board meetings and Website.

Kathleen needs to tell Arapahoe County(after we get our refund) that we aren't going to return.

Next Meeting: January 28 at Eloise May Library (Kathleen cannot make it).

Adjourned: 11:25