

6/29/2022 Unit 361 Board Meeting minutes:

Attendance: Julie Clark, Rita Simas, Susan Grauer, Carol Gumpert, Vivian Heggie: Jennifer O’Neill, Margaret Devere. Ed Yosses, Eric Mead, Arjun Singh. Missing: Kathy McMahon, Kathleen Kelly

4:00 pm- Zoom meeting started

Awards: I/N award will be given at July Tournament. Susan sent a pdf to all regarding the awards and trophies. **Voted to change the name of trophies and awards to not have a person’s name on it** but to reflect what is being recognized by the award, e.g. First Place trophy for player with most points. **Voted to have an “honor wall” on our website reflecting the people** that used to be named in awards and trophies. The Honor Wall will also reflect other contributors to Denver Bridge. **Voted to have a Chairperson responsible for managing the awards and trophies as well as the Honor Wall.** They should develop some criteria for inclusion, take nominations, and present them to a vote of the board. **Vivian has volunteered to be the Awards Chairperson.** She will send wording to us for the I/N trophy which is the next award to be given.

Sectional: At Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. Theresa has the Unit Printer and will print the hand records on colored paper. Elly is bringing Bridgemates that she is lending to us (no fee), on Friday

Crates: Don is leading the Saturday Night Massacre (my word, lol, meaning organization of crates). We will mark the outside of crates with a number, Margaret will update a computerized spreadsheet/list of crate contents. Crate contents will also be printed and attached inside each crate’s door. Eric is requesting ALL crates to be brought to Arap Cnty between noon-2:00 on Thursday. Kathleen will be there to receive them. Crates of tables should also be reviewed and marked if the tables are bad or used as last resort (difficult to open/close). Eric is also bringing bungee cords to keep crates closed, easier than current straps. Supplies needed: Blue tape, markers, heavy paper. Carol will check with Kathleen to see if she has gotten all of this. We will all be ruthless in assuring that Sunday crate loading complies with contents’ lists properly.

Hospitality: . Eric is bringing the extra pop. Rita has subway lined up for Fri and Sunday. Saturday pizza will be from Mod Pizza but not delivered. ~~Rita can borrow Susan’s car to pick them up around 1:00.~~ Carol’s husband Jim has volunteered to pick up the pizzas and bring them to Arap Cnty Fairgrounds. Susan Schweppie and Don Tocher will man the table for selling lunch tickets.

Caddies: We have all we need for Sunday. Glenna will do Sunday. All caddies will help clean up.

Pictures: Julie has the camera and photo printer. Discussed using cell phones, email to Vivian, and have Vivian print the pictures. This way anyone can take the pictures (whoever is available). We will do this for July sectional and see how it works out.

I/N Fall tournament: Flyer changes are: Include verbiage for 1st Prize trophy. Take out references to lunch and breakfast items – change to ‘light snacks will be provided. Change Sunday game to say

Swiss Teams or Stratified Pairs TBD. Vivian will update flyer and send out for final review. Plan to have some printed and ready at July sectional.

I/N Regional: Will be held at the same time as our July Sectional, 2023. Julie has been discussing with Lucille in Ft. Collins (they held it last weekend, 2022). Arjun and Kathy will coordinate it. The tournament will give Gold Points. Ask Theresa if 1 or 2 Directors are needed. Send Vivian a copy of the last flyer with Gold Rush guy on it (7/2019). Kathleen needs to get the sanction number. The event is for players with 0-749 points.

Front Range Challenge: Will be Oct 16, 10:00 am, 2 session teams. Colo Springs has agreed to it. Susan invited Northern Colo (Ft. Collins) and Boulder but has not heard back from them yet. Elly will direct (don't know her price yet). We will order pizza, don't know cost yet. There are 4 stratifications, 2 teams per strat = 32 teams. Strats may have to be stretched for some Units. As long as everyone agrees, may change strat levels. We are flexible for people to play up, if necessary. We have assigned team recruiters for our Unit for each strat. Ask top teams from Sectional if they are interested. Board members can play if needed to fill in.

Susan – A teams, 3000+, Julie – B teams, 1500-2999, Vivian – C teams, 750 – 1499, Arjun/Kathy – D teams, 0-749.

Conflict of Interest Form: Susan has made final changes to the form. Everyone should read it within the next 2 days and send any final comments to Susan, if necessary. Then we all need to sign the final version and submit it to Carol.

Directory: Don and Margaret have finished it with 1 remaining question. Do we need to have more than the ACBL number as sign-in validation. In the past we had email address also, but some people do not have emails in the ACBL system. We decided to have the 5-digit zipcode as the secondary validation.

Fall Sectional: It is too expensive to not use Arapahoe County Fairgrounds so we will stay there. Other ways to save money were discussed – 1) eliminate or reduce free plays, 2) Raise fees by \$1.00, 3) Other food options. We have cut some costs by not having caddies on Fri and Sat. D17 limits free plays to 2/3 of the event. Ed said the free plays run about \$700. Changing it to 2/3 only saves \$233. Changing it to half saves \$350. Selling packages of plays with some discounts for all 3 days, 2 days, etc. with raising session prices was discussed. Jennifer discussed Express Entry for Regionals being started by ACBL with cancellation up to midnight the prior day. We will have to wait and see about how that goes. For us now, it seemed too complicated to start up. **Voted to raise fee to \$13 starting with November sectional.** Leave free plays alone for July and discuss again later. Food – look for alternatives to Subway (even though it is least expensive), such as Jimmy Johns.

Flyer changes: Meal tickets available, price TBD. Take subway and pizza off the flyer. Discussed changing start time from 10:00 to 9:30 to get events going earlier. However, some complaints were received regarding the 9:30 time at the Regional. 10:00 seems better for avoiding rush hour traffic on Friday. **Vote** to change the time was defeated (4 no, 3 yes).

Online partnership desk: Link now says Summer Sectional. Susan will add the November events once the flyer and times are finalized.

Misc: If you miss a board meeting, make sure to read the minutes from the meeting.

Detailed Job Descriptions and Work Instructions should be developed by the September meeting.

D17 stipend approach suggested by Ed is that the Unit and D17 should share losses or gains, 50% each. **Voted for Ed to move forward with that** approach with Jennifer to propose to D17.

Susan suggested taking a summer break and eliminating a Board Meeting. Decided to hold the July 23 meeting to be able to analyze and discuss the July Sectional. Also, The D17 presidential candidates are going to be Zooming into our Aug 20 meeting. Julie will validate that date with them. We can discuss whether we should all be on Zoom or be face-to-face, at our next meeting. Also, will see if a meeting skip would be reasonable in the future.

Susan asked Jennifer to listen for any news about Signup Genius, i.e. Ann Wilson's district 21 pays for it and all units use it.