

1/28/2023 Board Meeting:

Attendees: Carol Gumpert, Kevin Stansbury, Rita Simas, Margaret Devere, Susan Grauer, Penny Coffman, Paul Perkowski, Ed Yosses, Kathy McMahon, Katheen Kelly, Julie Clark. Missing: Vivian Heggie, Jennifer O'Neill

9:07 Called to Order.

Last month's minutes approved.

Financials – Ed will send final Dec report. 2023 net was about \$3k less than calendar year 2022. Cowboy included \$100 and \$194 credits. Expenses – most are other. Margaret asked what we pay D17/ACBL. It is on Theresa's form which **Ed will resend**. We don't pay D17 on Sectionals.

Jan Janitschke Award: Rita's committee includes Barb Yosses, Susan Marshall, Kevin Stansbury, Penny Coffman. Have received 4 nominations so far, closing on 2/23. **Rita will develop the award criteria into a matrix**. Committee will meet in March and present 2 finalists to **Board on 3/18/23 meeting**.

Regional: **Put on next board meeting agenda** as to when to disclose plans. Expect to be after 2023 Regional.

2023 Regional: Committee is meeting on Monday. **Don/Wayne will come** to the next board meeting. There will be minimal hospitality. Vaccination lanyards with ID cards will be given out. **Carol will order 800 lanyards**. **Julie will preprint** badges for attendees of our Sectionals. Also, **Margaret will create a webpage and set up an email** where people can send in their name, city, state, vaccination records. Will preprint as well. Patches being worked by Rita and Vivian. 1 bag of candy will be available daily (150 pieces). Coffee mugs will be offered for free. No coupons for meals – too limiting by hotel, not well utilized. We still need to spend the \$15k in food and beverage. Possibly buy ProAms a drink at reception. Possibly provide cake or cookies in afternoons.

Roles: Get role descriptions completed, reviewed, and submit to **Julie who will disseminate** to all for review.

January '23 Sectional recap: Kathleen: very few complaints many compliments. Good turnout. Cowboy took 2 hours to deliver, 2.5 hrs to pickup. Pickup was completed before 9:30 am. 1 crate was not delivered. In future, hold Cowboy accountable for missing crates. **Kathleen will verify** all marked crates are received and direct Cowboy on resolution of issues. We ran out of convention cards, thinking they were in the missing crate, but later found in box of sanitizer. (**Carol's note**: we should create a printed list of crate numbers and their contents, so we will easily know what is missing). Crates were reloaded with proper emphasis on correct contents. Caddies – 2 caddies were not kept busy so we would only need 1 caddy for March sectional. Hospitality was good.

Suggestion box entry was to ensure Pianola's are sent to 200 mile radius, 6 weeks and 2 weeks prior to event was approved. (this was because many outside our unit did not receive information on the event). **Carol will update** in Flyer Procedure document.

Pianola issue: Bug was identified by Albuquerque. Nobody in 'home' zipcode (used for x mile radius) received the email. Vivian is trying to identify a Denver zipcode, where we have no members, to use. Albuquerque (Jerry) is working with Pianola to get fixed.

March Sectional:

Unloading crates: need more male assistance. **Kevin will obtain** 3-4 men to help (possibly Bob Stansbury, Rob Vetter, Rick Gardner, and Bob Murphy). **Ed, Penny, Susan will review** recently renewed insurance policies and ACBL coverage. Rita has a dolly that we can use plus Julie purchased one. (**Carol will pick up Rita's**). Cowboy will deliver between 2:30-3:30 and they also have 2 small dollies we can use.

Parking: Carol discussed parking situation, Lot B, Lot 304, and Newmann Center lot. Kiosks take license plate, credit/debit card and gives online receipt (text or email). Also, can use **ParkMobile** app which identifies the location and holds the receipt. Discussed that our members may have difficulties with using the Kiosks. We should have people standing at Kiosk to help. We discussed having people show their electronic receipt for the \$5.00 rebate and stamping their vaccination wristbands each day they received the rebate. Also, Julie pointed out after the meeting, that if we have a person at each kiosk, we can give them a ticket to redeem for the \$5 rebate. We should still stamp their wristband to show that they got their money. Ed asked how many \$5 are needed, Carol suggested 500 based on 800 people/players at last sectional. **Carol will confirm** in/out process and can people park in a different lot. **Carol will purchase** the stamps.

Hospitality: Kitchen is downstairs and will need to use a cart to move items upstairs. They have some long tables we can use. Provide donuts in morning (2 dozen each day), and cookies in afternoon on Fri and Sat. Discussed using 2 liter bottles of pop vs cans. Last sectional 'donations', now called 'contributions', was \$95 and covered cost of pop cans. Decided to keep the cans of soda and flavored water. Also, prefer name brand products (e.g. Coke/Pepsi).

Directory: Do we want to do it again? When? **Will put on agenda for next meeting**. If we do it, should be ready for the July Sectional. Will take about 2 weeks to prepare it and 2 weeks to print it.

Education: **Paul is trying** a new contact at DU. Also discussed trying to find contacts at Metro, CU Denver, and Mines.

Stanchions: **Kevin will repaint** the bases in time for the March Sectional. Will complete the tops in time for the May Regional.

Wall of Fame: Vivian has not worked on it any further.

Information Dissemination: Susan identified errors in links from D17 Buzzfeed to our information. Discussed having 1 person be in charge of checking links and contacting people to make corrections as needed. **Carol will take this on** as part of Secretary role (and update Secretary Role Description). Kathleen will remain the contact for Tournament Sanction numbers (she has them through 2025). Can we provide emails rather than people's names, e.g. 'partnership@denverbridge.org'?

Scott Humphrey's is no longer our Tournament contact. Replacement has since resigned. After the meeting, Margaret provided information regarding turmoil in ACBL staffing.

Webmaster Contract: Margaret's contract is up for renewal. She offered to do a new contract for \$100/month and will bill us when she feels she has done that amount for work for us. 2022 Contract was for \$200/month and she did not always bill it. Board (and Margaret) unanimously voted to accept Margaret's offer and remarked that she is doing a great job and providing the continuity we wanted.

Website update: Margaret will write up information on vaccinations and parking. How to handle ProAm? Post signups online. Finalize at Monday's Regional meeting.

D17 notes: Jennifer sent out on email 1/20/23. D17 is running the Taos Regional (at Sagebrush Hotel). There will be 5 I/N Regionals in D17. Colorado will continue to be one of them. **Kathy will work** with Co. Spgs. and Ft. Collins on it.

Other:

Ed: Elly has 14 tables available to sell us at \$30 each. We will review our table inventory at the March Sectional and [address at March Board meeting](#).

Should we sell naming rights at our Regional (some other sites do this)? Should include discussion and decision in future Regional Event Planning.

Mentor/Mentee program: Program should be marketed more. **Vivian should send out** a Pianola to Mentees (unit members under 500 pts) and one to Mentors (unit members with 1000+ pts) with information and flyer. Can mentors only do 1 play with a mentee? Discussion surrounded trying to increase participation in program and it was decided that 'yes' and can be 1-4 times. Hopefully, their participation will help them choose to do more. Mentees should be proactive to get mentors by asking Elly and/or Ed. Sam's Game is still a good way for mentees/mentors to play and may be more interesting for mentors since they are playing against similar pairs. Margaret suggested thinking about other ways to incentivize Mentoring, such as free plays at tournaments.

11:10: meeting adjourned.

Next meeting Feb 18, 9-11, at Eloise May library.