

## 5/13/2023 Unit 361 Denver Bridge Board Meeting

Attendees: Julie, Carol, Rita, Kathleen, Vivian, Paul, Kathy Ed, Kevin, Susan, Don, Jennifer, Margaret, Wayne. Missing: Penny

10:00 Called to Order

April minutes approved unanimously.

Financials: Ed submitted via email. Submitted Federal Income Tax. Can we avoid paying sales tax? No.

Sectional Tournament Parking: Carol explained that we can get permits to use the H1 Parking lot (across from 304). We can make copies of the permit and give it to people parking there, for \$10. When DU scans the lot, we will only be charged (\$10 per day) for the cars with our permit in their window. (Suggest using different color paper for each day so people cannot reuse their permit without paying.) Suggested using Lot B for additional handicapped spaces (there are currently 4 in lot 304 at rear entrance to the school, and 2 in lot B). Paul asked if we could use lot A for handicapped and Carol said we cannot, but she was ask DU again. Also, we should have good signage directing 'Bridge Handicapped Parking' to Lot B, and others to lots 304 and H1. Also, we must have a person to give out permits and collect the money. Board directed Carol to go forward with submitting the application to DU to use lot H1. There are only 20 spaces available for Friday but 70 for Sat and Sun. Additionally, street parking is unlimited on Sundays.

Regional: Wayne

Hospitality, Rita: I/N Day prizes are books. Kathy would like to give out prizes immediately following the games and Board agreed for her to do so and for her to figure out the logistics of it. Add a sticker in the books such as 'I won this book at the Denver Regional'.

Bulletin, Vivian: has articles. Don has the article that Flo sent. Wayne will review it all this weekend. Vivian, will send Don the latest version of articles with Julie's comments incorporated. There will also be articles about Bridge. Don will get Vivian final restaurant list tomorrow.

Photos of Winners: Rita has a form to fill in which includes the person's name, ACBL number (required to put in bulletin), win order (1,2,3), and event. Email a photo of the form and the winners to Vivian and Julie, post the form on the bulletin board to be added to when the photo is printed that night. Discussed whether to have a schedule for people to man the photo area, or just everyone try to do it when you can. Decided to not have schedule this year and see how it goes. We need a bulletin board to post the winner info and photo (**Wayne will try to find one**). The large bulletin board we have is used for Partnerships. Vivian has a sign for Winners Photos (Kathy will get it from her), and a folder for labels.

Photo of the Day: Tues: Jan J. award- Jennifer, Wed: I/N Day overall winner, Thur?, Fri: best Hawaiian Shirt, etc. Take lots of fun photos and send to Vivian and Margaret to be posted on website and in Bulletin.

Fliers: Carol will put them on the hospitality desk.

Partnerships, Susan: Going well online. Has forms to use for pairs and teams to post on bulletin board.

Crates: Kathleen and Rita are going to Cowboy to make sure all is marked properly. Crates will be delivered Monday morning, Kathleen will be at hotel to receive them. **SETUP Tuesday 8:45 am for everyone to help.**

Rooms: Now at 920 (contract requires 70% of 735). We are above 2019 levels.

District/Unit 361 Board members Cocktail party hosted by District on Wed night 7 pm at Brothers Bar in Northfield.

Caddies: Paul, has them for fri-mon but needs for **Wed and Thu**. Pay is \$60 plus \$10 for lunch if doing am/pm sessions. If required, Don can do it Wed, Paul can do it Tues (though Ken said it is not needed Tuesday). Rita will ask Glenda. Caddies will help take down mezzanine tables, etc. on Sunday night and get paid for an additional session. Paul will train caddies except Thursday, when Kathleen will do it. Caddies should clean up the room after each game. **MAKE SURE** Caddies under 18 are accompanied by an adult at all times.

ProAm, Jennifer: have 74 pairs. AMs are all prepaid and only have to pick up entry form so should not be on a line like last year.

Hotel: They have a fence blocking the entrance to /from street on west side but they said they will leave it open. Also, if parking garage arm is down (at night), may need to call hotel to open it. **We should have someone in the lobby in the morning and evening in case of problems (e.g. elevator not working).**

Supplies: We have 115 team forms but need 1000. Carol will get 250 copies at Office Depot, 4 per page.

Tues night Charity game: People are making and bringing cookies. We are buying coffee through the Hotel (**donated by ???**).

Prepay: all games can be prepaid online for entire pair or team but can't do it with a free play coupon.

Announcements: There will only be announcements on Tuesday before and after the ProAm, and on Monday/last day mostly because the sound system is very bad and can't be heard anyway.

Wear Board name tags: Kathy needs one, Paul needs magnet.

Directory/Roster usage: Per ACBL, can only be used by accredited teachers for educational purposes. There was an incident where someone used our member's information not in compliance with ACBL rules. ACBL is dealing with this situation but reiterated to us to put their usage language on our

Directory and website. Refer any requests for usage to Julie. Margaret has put it on the website with link to ACBL document. We must always be neutral to teachers and clubs.

Communications Chair – Susan suggests we name someone to be the coordinator and ‘funnel’ for complaints or other issues brought up by unit members. Will be discussed at June Board Meeting.

Volunteer Coordinator: Carol suggests we identify a Volunteer Coordinator, does not need to be a Board member (e.g. Marion) to develop a cadre of ‘Bridge Boosters’ that we can count on for help as needed. Will be discussed at June Board Meeting.

2023 Elections: Up for re-election are Kevin, Vivian, Susan, Carol, Ed. Let Julie know if not serving next year. Let Julie know if you have any people in mind to be on the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

**Next Meeting, June 17 at 9:00 at Eloise May Library.**