

June 17, 2023 Board Meeting:

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

9:05 Meeting called to order.

Last month's minutes approved unanimously.

Financials: Ed sent out in an email. Highlighted: donations by Julie, Jennifer, and Barb Gallagher. Seems like the pandemic is behind us. What should our reserves be? 6 months of expenses was suggested. Since we are not for profit, we should think about what we can give back to the unit in terms of services -will be on next month's agenda. Discussed suggestion to amend the financial conflict of interest which states that no payment above card fees should be given to any board member. Discuss at next meeting. See if by-laws restrict this at all. Also, possibly allow a caveat whereby the board could approve special circumstances as needed. Susan will present her advice at next meeting.

Regional:

Don presented summary of pluses and minuses and comments received on the survey. He will send that to us all. Don, Wayne and Julie are meeting with Mark at Renaissance next week and tell them about Doubletree for next year but still keep future open for events.

Wayne will not chair next year. Julie will be co-chair with Don, Marion will be Project Manager.

Negative comments were made about hotel staffing, cards, metal boards. Needed help closing down upstairs rooms. We will pay caddies a session to have them do this. Kevin should order more cards and the team game cards should be replaced. Also, the metal trays are in very poor shape and should not be used except as a last resort. Don told Kevin that vulnerability inserts are available to put on these boards. Vivian volunteered to try to clean them up and bit. (Nancy Rainwater did this a few years ago for Paul Ossip's boards). Some comments were that Directors were rude and curt. GNT room was very noisy as some players finished up while others still playing. Directors did nothing about it.

Kathleen will contact ACBL to change the addresses of our tournaments. Sanctions are managed 3 years out.

I/N day: Would like to vary the gifts and announce the prizes. People didn't know to get prizes. Kathy will be on Regional committee for next year and will submit a budget for this. We had a 45% increase in I/N attendees.

ProAm was very well received. People liked the reception since it allowed people to speak to their partner about the hands. As such, it did not seem that many were listening to the speaker. Next year, have payment checks go directly to Ed.

Attendance: 820 room nights (over the 730 contracted at 70%). Next year's contract is 80%.

Bulletin: Was well received. Put by-lines more prominently to give credit for articles. Can we print more pictures of the day? Yes, but need a writeup to go with it.

Labels were heavily used. Would be good to have people enter their own data and print them on the spot. Need color printer to print photos. District printer will be used to print hand records on colored paper.

New location: Ken was advised of and visited the new location and is developing plans on arranging the tables. There are challenges we should identify and make sure we have plans to address them. Will need 1 or 2 more Directors.

Next year: PM will have a checklist of where everything is (some items were put into storeroom but not everyone knew about it). Would be good if supply mgr could be there Tuesday when unloading. Setup: Bill Phillips, D17 rep, will need more assistance unloading the D17 trailer. Next year's schedule is due to D17 by November (2 NABCs before the event). Julie has it from Wayne.

Free Plays: Voted (6 yes 1 no) to allow up to 100% free plays for Board members.

Parking for Sectional:

Carol gave parking signs to Julie for Bridge Parking to point to 304 and H1 lots, handicapped signs for B lot. Need 2-3 people per day to manage parking. 1 person will be at B lot kiosk to help people enter and take a picture of their entry payment and limit B lot parking to those needing handicapped access (not necessary to have a handicap sticker if person feels they need to close access). There are also 4 handicapped spots at the top of lot 304 at the back entrance to the Iliff School. Kiosk payment can be at the kiosk in the B lot even for parking in lot 304.

The other person will be at the entry to the H1 lot (where the gate is) and will collect \$10 cash and give person the permit sheet. They scan the QR code to enter the lot (raises the gate) and leave the permit on their dashboard. Will use red (pink) permit sheets for Friday, White for Sat, and Blue for Sunday. Parking staff scan the permits, and we get billed based on how many are used.

Bob Murphy will man the kiosk all 3 days (Thanks Bob). Julie will collect \$ and give out permits for H1 lot on Friday. Kevin will do H1 lot on Saturday and Sunday.

Sectional: Kathleen

We have 40 tables upstairs and need about 150 chairs for the downstairs (2500 sq ft = 30 tables with 8' centers). We can use Ellie's chairs. Kathleen is arranging for a truck to pick them up and return them Sunday. The Board voted to pay Ellie \$1 per chair. Rita has a large tarp we can use to cover the chairs on the truck, if needed.

We have a contract for July and November. School is raising rates after that to \$800/day for upstairs and \$1000/day for downstairs.

Cowboy will deliver between 1-2 on Thursday. We can rent some of their trolleys to use to move the tables out. We need volunteers to help unload and load. Caddies' responsibilities on Sunday include tear down activities. We decided to ask clubs for Volunteers and give free play cards at the end of their unload or load sessions. If we need to hire people, we will have to pay them. Vivian will check the availability of her handyman's sons to work for us.

Hospitality: Tickets for lunch will be sold downstairs. Ed will sell them. Kathy is arranging the lunch on Friday and Saturday as Jimmy Johns sandwiches and Costco clementines and cookies. Rita is doing coffee and soda and Sunday lunches (Subway). Coffee will be 1 full carafe in the morning, upstairs and downstairs, and another after lunch. Instant coffee, regular and decaf, and tea will be available with hot water carafes. Soda will have a \$1 contribution, same as last time. Rita is reworking her numbers with Ed.

Caddies: Need 2 per room (=4) for Sunday. Paul has 3 so far.

Directors: Due to availability, Theresa needs to bring out of town directors. We need to pay for airfare and lodging for 2 directors.

Supplies: Kevin – we need more scoresheets and prefer to order from Bridge Buddy which have 2 sided scoresheets.

I/N: Not many I/Ns have preregistered yet for the I/N Regional. Pianola should go out to them (in 200 mile radius) as a special mailing to encourage their attendance. Need to explain that Pre Registration is highly recommended but walk-ins are welcome and able to play. PreRegistration will help in planning the lunches and chairs setup.

Photos: Kathy will do I/N. Susan will do the Open. We will announce that photos will be taken 15 minutes before and after the game. Kathy will make a sign for upstairs and downstairs.

Penny has resigned as legal counsel. Susan is resigning from the Board and will be legal counsel. Decided to defer discussion on filling Susan's position and decision until **next meeting**.

Julie has started a committee for new board nominations (committee is Ellie, Donna Givner, Charlie Drotar). Carol is not running again. Others up for election are Ed, Vivian and Kevin.

Front Range Challenge: Susan (Ed has accepted role of being Denver representative). Representatives are from Denver, Boulder, Colo spgs, and Northern CO. Need to determine who will be event coordinator and where it will be held– we suggest the winner from previous year should coordinate for the next year and that it be held in Denver (Metro) because it is a central location and Ellie can be Director. There are 8 teams per unit, 2 per strat. Susan will contact Kelly in Boulder to get their concurrence on these issues, and that Denver's lead will be Ed.

11:20 adjourned.

Next meeting will be July 29 at Eloise May library at 9:00 .

