

7/29/2023 Unit 361 Board Meeting, Eloise May Library

Attendees: Kathleen, Margaret, Susan, Carol, Julie, Kathy, Vivian, Jennifer, Rita, Ed and Paul (zoom).

Missing: Kevin.

9:15 Meeting called to order.

Minutes from June approved unanimously.

Financials: Ed

Sent out June and tournaments financials in email. I/N fall tournament shown on financials is the Regional (software doesn't have 'regional'). Open – 'other' category includes Director per diems for hotel and transportation (used to be in its own category). Volunteer free plays higher than last year (Board used without the ½ of sessions limit). Bottom line is about \$1300 loss.

Partnership Chair: Carol will run this now and will continue when she is off the board (December 2023).

Conflict of Interest: Susan

Discussion about our current Financial COI, unit by-laws, ACBL by-laws. Her advice was that the current Financial COI is a good one, stating that there should be 'no financial interest in bridge'. That policy would preclude the 'appearance of impropriety'. Contracted services such as printing or caddying does not apply because it is something that can be changed and is not imbedded in the purpose of the organization.

Motion was made to amend the existing COI to remove sentence 1 of item 3, 'compensation for bridge related education', but include that any compensation must be disclosed to the board. Motion was carried. Julie stated that she feels it is a mistake to go against legal counsel's advice.

Filling Vice President position: Julie

Voted to ask Don Boyarsky to join the Board and to serve as Vice President until the next elections. (Don accepted).

Board Elections: Julie has started a committee. The information for nominees must go out in September Table Talk for a vote at the November Open Sectional. Up for re-election are Ed, Vivian, Kevin, Carol, Don. All have said they would run for re-election of their Board position except Carol.

Front Range Challenge (FRC): Ed

Will be held Oct 15 at Metro. Still need Co Spgs and Ft Collins concurrence. Boulder is the lead and responsible for hiring the Director, arranging food, etc. Denver Team leaders are Spencer Jones, Steve Langman, Kathy McMahon, Mary Lyn Darcy. Ed is working on getting 1 more. The ACBL rule requiring certification for Directors for games with under 25 tables does not apply to the FRC or I/N Sectionals.

July Sectional and I/N Regional Recap: Kathleen and Kathy.

Location was great. Michael and Anthony helped us a lot. Ryan and Tim did the chairs and that went well. We will need chairs again at November because we cannot use chairs from Iliff School main level. We will pay Elly \$1 per chair. However, for the July tournaments, Ed did over \$100 work for Elly so it was a wash. We are missing some of Elly's Boards. Previously, Directors took their own boards back but this time everything was put in crates. We gave Elly 17 cases with 36 boards each, but there are still 8 cases missing (\$90 per set x 8=\$720 if we cannot locate them. Update per Julie- Elly thinks Theresa may have them so we will wait until next event to determine if there is a loss). Also, Julie will see if there may be some Bridgemates missing (per Elly, there are no Bridgemates missing). Discussed that we need better control of borrowed items. Our Supply Chair (Kevin) should create a process with a documented paper trail for when we borrow items – such as placing an obvious label on it (red circle labels?) and keeping a list that can be checked off when items are returned. Directors will no longer be responsible for creating boards – we will need to do this. Elly has said we can use her equipment. We paid \$540 for Boards and .50 each for Bridgemates at July tournaments.

Parking: Michael suggested getting the I lot rather than H lot. Carol thought we were only allowed to use the H lot, but she will ask DU parking. Decided that we will no longer man the kiosks – we have done it for 2 tournaments and it is no longer needed. 1 citation was dismissed.

I/N: Kathy – 101 tables in 3 days. 73 lunches. 32 people stayed to hear the speaker on Day 1, 25-30 stayed on Day 2. People liked the lunches and used tables outside. She is going to speak with Co Spgs, Ft Collins and Boulder about the 2 Regionals per year and determine a schedule. Kathy thinks that July is problematic due to people on vacation.

Hospitality: Rita – She felt overwhelmed and needs someone else to take care of the sodas. Also, she feels we need to buy a small cooler to hold water and Half and Half. She also needs Board members to deal with managing trash, water, and Half and Half more intentionally so that she can count on this task being handled. Vivian suggested buying some coolers with covers and wheels to use for sodas (easier to bring up in the elevator vs. bowls of ice) and we need to work as a team. Ed and Paul will take on the soda pop responsibility. Need a hospitality chair downstairs when there are 2 events going.

Photography: Susan – Difficult to get pictures. Winners weren't there or did not want their picture taken at that time. Decided to have winners send in their own pictures for Margaret to post. Carol will get a sign made to put on an easel saying they should send photos to photographer@denverbridge.org. Margaret checked that the email address is set up.

Regional: Julie –

Committee is Julie, Kathy, Jennifer, Marion, and Don. Flyer has been submitted to D17 and Ken. Corrected some mistakes from last year. Jennifer is getting D17 approval. Discussed increasing costs to \$16 if the committee determines that is needed for their budget. Flyer must be approved and printed by Aug 14 (need 200 to take to Phoenix and Tucson).

Volunteer Coordinator: Carol

Role would include maintaining a list of volunteers, recruiting new volunteers and asking volunteers to help when needed. Kathy had 2 volunteers at I/N Regional and gave them specific tasks and it worked well. Need to identify someone as our Volunteer Coordinator and write up tasks. Carol will write a process documenting the tasks. The committee for Board members will try to identify someone as Volunteer Coordinator.

I/N Sectional October 7-8: Kathy – will be held at Metro with Elly as Director.

D17: Jennifer – Online club BBO will now be open to anyone, do not need to be member of that club. It was too complicated and cumbersome to maintain. Tucson Regional is at the end of February. Denver will not be hosting ACBL National for at least the next 5 years because National could not find any available and satisfactory venues. Discussed the \$15k being held at National for a Denver National. This money was raised years ago. It does not belong to Denver or D17. However, we should think about whether we can or should release that money to be used at other Nationals such as Las Vegas. We tabled that discussion for now.

Flyers – October I/N flyer and November Open Sectional flyer were passed around and reviewed. It was not clear if these had been approved for final printing yet. Vivian changed the afternoon time on the Sectional to 2:30 as directed by the board at a previous meeting. January Sectional flyer should be completed as soon as possible and submitted to ACBL.

Awards naming and Wall of Fame: Defer discussion to next month's meeting. Current status is that the Committee gave suggestions for new names and to remove some awards.

Cleaning metal boards: Julie has them and will start giving to Vivian 2 at a time to be cleaned up.

Process of making Library Reservations: Carol. Reservations become open 60 days prior to their date (she has a reminder in her calendar on these dates). Carol requests the room online at arapahoelibraries.org. Select 'spaces' and 'meeting rooms', then Eloise May. The request gets submitted and the library sends approval.

Next meeting is August 19 at 9:00 at Eloise May Library.

11:25 meeting adjourned.