



DENVER UNIT 361

1/27/2024 Denver Unit 361 Board meeting.

Attendance: Nancy, Ed, Kathy, Jay, Kevin, Paul, Rita, Julie, Sue. Jennifer, Margaret, Don - by phone and Zoom. Kathleen not present.

9:08 Call to order

Minutes from last month approved.

Financials: Ed. No remarkable expenses for Dec. Preliminary results of January Sectional show positive cash flow. An error was corrected in the 2023 Year End Report to show positive cash flow for 2023.

Dealing Machines: Julie has the machine and will use it to prepare March Sectional boards and then get it serviced. Kathy and Sue will bring the boards to the Sectional.

Roles

Tournament Chair – Jay will shadow Kathleen for the March Sectional

Front Range Challenge – Ed will do

Hospitality – Ed will take over

Taxes – Ed will arrange a copy of the minutes on letterhead and necessary signatures to update unit officers for Wells Fargo bank

Awards – (discussed below)

Volunteer coordinator -- Jay (discussed below)

Sectional Recap: Some pictures of winners are already on the webpage. Susan is going to keep doing the photography. Somebody will speak to Michael about positioning the speakers. A problem with a non-

playing attendee was discussed. Moved and seconded (passed 6-2) that Kathy and Rita will meet with the person before the next unit board meeting and tell them that, in future, they must leave the tournament if they do not have partner. A follow up in writing will be sent to the person to maintain a record of the conversation.

Budget 2024: Rita. A preliminary budget was presented that was updated to include announced ACBL rate changes. Moved and seconded (unanimously passed) to increase card fees for the IN Regional and open tournaments in July and through the remainder of 2024. Card fees before that and for IN Sectionals remain \$13. Flyers will be updated, if necessary, to reflect this motion. The 2024 preliminary budget has been updated to include the higher card fees. This change resulted in projecting ~\$2,900 net income versus ~\$600 net income (without the card fee increases).

Awards: Moved and seconded (passed 6-2) to reinstate the Colorado Victory Trophy, with all conditions as previously awarded.

Monthly ACBL Reports: Margaret will change the national ACBL designed electronic contact person to Julie. Julie explained the importance to our ACBL allocation of dues to the unit of making a strong effort in retention and recruiting. Each board member will contact 10 lapsed or at risk members to encourage them to renew their ACBL dues, as follows: person 1-10 (Paul), 11-20 (Jay), 21-30 (Ed), 31-40 (Nancy), 41-50 (Kathy), 51-60 (Kevin), 61-70 (Rita), 71-80 (Julie), 81-90 (Don).

President's Meeting: Jennifer will attend the February 13 meeting for Julie.

Regional: Julie. After discussions with the Doubletree hotel, the unit will subsidize the service/gratuity fee for lunches on the most attended days (Wed, Thurs, Friday), to keep costs low and encourage players to buy the lunch and meet our guarantee. Players who bring their own food may eat in a designated hospitality room but not in the playing areas. Coffee and snacks will be offered for two hours before each playing session.

Volunteer Coordinator: Julie. Don will coach the volunteer coordinator on how to more actively recruit volunteers.

Jan Janitschke Award: Margaret. A pianola requesting nominations will be sent to Unit 361 members.

District 17 Report: Jennifer. Dave Bagley was elected as the new Albuquerque representative to the district board.

Mentor Program: Moved and seconded (passed unanimously) to remove the restriction on the number of distinct mentors a mentee may play with. The number of games was left unchanged.

Education Ideas: Julie. Discussed ways of using the \$865.80 education fund raised by past Sam's Games. A pianola describing the upcoming game will be sent and information will be provided on the website. Moved and seconded (passed 8-1) to subsidize lunch up to \$500 for players at the next Sam's Game, however due to concerns that such a use might not be approved as "education" by the District 17 Board, alternative ideas are also being developed.

Next meeting – 2/17/24 – NOTE LOCATION, we will meet at Denver Metro Bridge Studio, not the library (no room available). Due to conflicts with the March Sectional and the Louisville NABC, the March meeting will be held on 3/30/24 at the May Library.

11:32 Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Nancy Alvarado

Unit 361 Board Secretary