

March 30, 2024

9:00 – 11:30

Eloise May Library

Attendees: Don Boyarsky, Rita Simas, Nancy Alvarado, Kevin Stansbury, Paul Perkowski, Kathy McMahon, Jay Silberberg, Kathleen Kelly, Margaret Devere (webmaster), Susan Grauer (legal counsel); Zoom attendees: Julie Clark, Jennifer O’Neill (District 17 representative) Absent: Ed Yosses

- The meeting was called to order
- The minutes from February 2024 were unanimously approved
- Rita submitted the Financial Report via email prior to the meeting
 - She has recategorized the entries to make it easier to understand
 - Rita and Julie opened a CD account when the names on the bank account were changed from Ed to Rita
 - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report. Passed unanimously.
 - Brief discussion about investing some more of the savings to earn interest – it was tabled until next meeting
- The dealing machine was serviced and should be good for 4-5 years
 - No knobs or buttons should be turned without calling Sallie Dillian (480-540-8190) prior to changing any settings
 - Jennifer fronted the money for the service and needs to be reimbursed
 - Rita has the bill already
 - Evan Gumpert will be making the boards for the July Sectional/Regional
 - We will need extra boards due to holding two events
 - Inquiry of whether or not the unit should purchase additional boards
 - Footnote: Julie spoke with Elly and she is fine with lending the unit the extra boards needed
- Membership – 5-5-5 Report is now mandatory as of 4/1/2024
 - The unit’s funding is based on completing it successfully
 - Jay said he will email new contact assignments early in the week when the new names show up on the report. That email will include any previous assignments who haven’t been contacted.
 - The Board agreed that it would be OK to reach out to people who have been sent their second renewal notice. Jay said he would work on that.
 - It was mentioned that some members are having issues with their credit cards and auto-renewal
 - The In and Out Report can be used to assist members and make sure their credit cards are up to date
 - Jay accomplished this successfully in the past few months for some members
- The sectional was a success
 - Attendance was up, except for the IN group
 - Set up was mainly done prior to the majority of the volunteers arriving since Cowboy delivered prior to the time volunteers were scheduled to arrive
 - The boards are in the storage room at Denver Metro right next to the chairs
 - Parking was still a bit of an issue
 - Non-playing attendees was an issue again at this tournament, due to disrupting play
 - Some board members felt it was disruptive while others stated that ushering the person out was a simple solution and handled the issue
- Flyer for IN Tournament and flyer issues in general
 - Frustration was expressed that too many iterations of flyers are given to the communications chair prior to one actually being approved

- The Regional IN flyer was incorrect due to it stating Single Sessions when it should have read Double Sessions since Gold points cannot be awarded for single session events
 - Footnote: the flyer had already been corrected, but the correct flyer is not yet up on the ACBL website
 - Julie will work on getting the correct flyer submitted to the ACBL
- It was reiterated that any communications sent need to be approved by both the President and the Secretary
- The Pianola for rank advances is still in the process of being written by Jay and Kathy
 - There will be at least three months' worth of recognition once it is written
 - After the initial Pianola is sent, it is anticipated future rank recognition Pianolas will be sent monthly
- Jan Janitschke Award finalists were sent to the Board prior to the meeting
 - The winner of the award was chosen
 - Margaret will get the plaque engraved and the trophy ordered prior to ProAm event at the Regional
- Jennifer did not have an update for District 17, as their board has not met since the last Denver Unit meeting
- Margaret has been posting on the website as needed
 - She reiterated she is willing to post anything the board sees fit
- Regional discussion
 - Ed should be ordering the convention card holders for the registration desk
 - Sheri Martin is again paying for coffee and donating pencils
 - Anne Schuster has designed, ordered and received the patches
 - She needs to be reimbursed
 - The latest room night rate was at about 62% of our contracted room night total
 - The unit is contracted for 700 room nights and must fulfill at least 80% of that total (560 room nights) to avoid a penalty
 - Paul has arranged for 2 caddies for the entire tournament
 - He is in the process of securing a few more
 - Jennifer is in the process of arranging speakers
 - The ProAm event is running very smoothly
 - Right now there are more pros signed up than ams, but that is normal for this time
 - There are currently 47 confirmed ams registered
 - Don and Julie met with the hotel and it was determined there are 2 places that are best for Cowboy to unload
 - Jay and Kathleen should attend the next hotel meeting so they can be brought up to speed on the crate unloading and storage areas
 - Don will set up a meeting in the near future
- The unit needs to choose a charity to submit to District 17 by May 6th
 - All members should come prepared with a charity to the May 4th meeting
 - Julie will submit a writeup for the charity in time to be submitted to the district

Next meeting – May 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m., Eloise May Library