

Board Meeting Minutes

Denver Unit 361

May 4, 2024

Call to order: 9:07

Present: Jay, Don, Paul, Ed, Julie, Kevin, Jennifer, Margaret. Rita on Zoom.

Minutes approved.

Treasurer report: Rita. Report previously submitted via email. Error found; Rita will correct and resend. [Update: Done.] Julie will check DU contract re deposit for July. Ed checked and it's not due until June 25.

Sectional report: Seveal. In the future we may have more players than we have room for (a good problem to have). Need to make sure that tables aren't spaced farther apart than required by ACBL regulations (centers 8' apart). Current coat room is available but may not accommodate many tables. Need to look closely at coat room in July. Downstairs space is available but approximately twice as expensive.

Membership: Jay. Effort to contact lapsed members continues. Contacting lapsed members is important because the ACBL is allocating dues based on renewing/new members (a recent change). Payment problems need to go through channels. Use Cindy Shoemaker to expedite/resolve. Paul will report back on what he finds out re his payment hitch in case other people are having the same problem.

We have been pretty good on the lapsed member front, but not very good re new members. Julie wants us to start thinking about how to get new members. Ideas: Various unsanctioned games. Retirement communities. Set up and play at pickleball courts. This will be on the agenda for next month.

Jan Janitschke award: Margaret. Trophies in process. Margaret will bring them to regional for presentation before the Pro/Am. Bonnie will reimburse Margaret directly.

District 17: Jennifer. District meeting will take place during regional. Reception for board will occur at Jennifer's house. Spouses are invited. Jennifer will send out invitations. We need to select a charity for the district's charity fund. Denver Kids was chosen. Julie will research and get final to Jennifer. If for some reason Denver Kids isn't appropriate, Denver Dumb Friends League is the backup.

Website: Margaret. Margaret will remove banner about hotel reservations. Directory process: ACBL updates roster/masterpoints once a month, and the online directory is updated shortly after that, usually on the 8th of the month.

Regional: Julie and Don.

Hotel room reservations are very good; we have met the hotel's number for free convention space.

Do we have enough boards? We think so but it might be good to have some additional boards available. Julie has metal boards in her garage; people don't like metal boards but if we need them ... Who will help with transporting them?

Hotel lunch buffet on Thursday and Friday. We have contracted for 100 lunches each day. Hotel can go up to 110 but not beyond. Lunch tickets will be sold at coffee stands for \$25. Unit is subsidizing \$9 per ticket. Hotel restaurant will be open with a limited menu. Hotel has restrictions on where people can eat; hospitality room and one other room (which one?) open for use.

Hotel donating coffee Tuesday night; Sheri Martin donating coffee Thursday and Friday mornings. Cookies on Tuesday night. Lori Beard is making a lot. Feel free to bring cookies. Pro/Am reception is a drink ticket plus some snackies. Several donations coming in.

So far, 78 Ams registered for the Pro/Am. Jennifer needs four more Pros. Help her recruit.

Location for crates has been figured out. Crate delivery WHEN? Setup at 9:00 Tuesday morning—please assist if you can, and recruit others. Trailer unloading on Monday; time not known.

Sound system. Purchase speaker for \$500, borrow mic from Sally Kneser. Rent? Search on Nextdoor? Paul found another system that includes microphones for \$275. Board voted to get info on second system to Kathy and authorize her to purchase the one she chooses. Paul and Don will do the information transfer.

Parking is \$5/day, in and out; free to people staying at the hotel.

Regional site search will commence immediately after this regional is over.

Pianolas and unit communications: Julie. We need to be careful about our interactions with each other, and stay in our lanes. We need to understand the level of effort that might be required for requests we make to other board members. We need to keep our Pianolas simple.

What scope do we want to use for our Pianolas. For example, the I/N Pianola went out to a radius of 200 miles, which turned into 1500 emails. Recipient statistics are available, and it appears that many of those 1500 emails were not read.

Once a Pianola is marked as spam, no Pianolas will be sent to that email address. It takes some effort to get back on the list.

Monthly Pianolas can contain rank advancements and upcoming tournaments.

All other Pianolas need to be reviewed by president (Julie) and ????? Secretary? Communications Chair?

Roles and new board member: Julie

Julie proposed Kevin for Secretary. Minutes, Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney, name tags, booking room for board meetings. Elected. Kevin accepts the job as long as the position is limited to these tasks.

Jay is going to be Sectional Co-Chair and take over Supplies from Kevin. Jay will take the lead on the November sectional, maybe – he needs to check his calendar. [Update: Jay will not be in town for the November sectional.]

Don is the liaison with volunteer coordinator.

Paul is now the Education Chair as well as the Caddy Chair.

Kathleen will be Awards Chair when she transitions out of Sectional Chair.

We need to think about who to approach to come on the board. This person will be the Communications Chair.

Mentor program: Ed. Forty-eight mentor/mentee games up to this point in 2024. There should still be plenty of money in the budget for these games.

Unassigned tasks: Iliff parking management. Julie will check with Carol Gumpert to see if she's willing to do this. [Update: Julie has checked. Carol is willing to continue with parking management, but is resigning her role as Partnership after the regional is over.]

Next meeting: June 15. Julie will check with Elly about location.