

## Unit 361 Bridge board meeting minutes

Date: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: Called to order @9:08 by Julie Clark to 11:25 am

Julie, Don, Ed, Jay, Paul, Susan, Margaret, Kevin, Rita online (left at 9:30)

The minutes from the May meeting were approved unanimously

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### Financial Report – Rita

- The CD will mature in August
- We do not have final financials from the Regional Tournament at this time. The rough estimate is a loss ~\$10k
- The monthly report for June is not complete without the Regional Tournament information, so it will be sent to the board by email when it is completed and will be approved over email

#### Attendance at Board Meetings – Julie

- Meetings are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month unless a tournament requires a time change.
- Attendance at Board Meetings by the board members is expected monthly, board members may be removed for missing 3 meetings in 6 months.
- Not attending the meetings or showing up late is not respectful to the remainder of the board
- If you cannot attend, please let the meeting leader know and contribute your opinion to the agenda items.

#### Regional Tournament Recap – Julie, Don, and team input

- We did receive the folio from the Double Tree
- Don is checking with the hotel to ensure the \$ are correct, including our pre-payments
- We have a template to fill out for the District
- Next year's Regional Committee has been appointed by Julie – Julie, Don, Jennifer, and Marion
- The committee is meeting the week of 17 June to discuss both finalization of this year's tournament and start preliminary planning for next year's event
- Lessons Learned
  - The venue had mixed reviews with the main issues being multiple floors & rooms, and inconvenient restrooms on the main floor
  - There were some issues the hotel buffet lunch expenses
  - Pro Am bridge and reception were a resounding success with 36 tables
- Selling individual event and daily tournament Sponsorships was approved by the board [6-0]
  - Both daily and individual event sponsorship was approved [4-2]
  - Cost of Sponsorship at \$50/event, \$250/day was approved [5-1]
  - We still need to investigate the parameters of what the names can be used and it will be discussed at a future meeting, suggestions include:
    - Bridge players alive and deceased
    - NOT a specific business
- Everyone should help with pictures, but we need to find someone to take the photographer role. However, we will need to support by doing our best to get the winners connected with the photographer

- We should take another look at the gifts that we supplied some of the winners and see if there are other options.

#### **Board Members for open positions**

- Don will head the committee to find new people who may be interested in becoming board members, approved [6-0]
  - Don needs a volunteer to support him on the committee
- Julie will investigate and bring candidate(s) to the board for approval; approved [6-0].

#### **July Sectional/ IN Regional**

- The Sectional team needing volunteers will work together and with the volunteer coordinator to get all the volunteers required for the tournament
  - Set-up @ Metro for chairs at 3pm
  - Set-up at Iliff for tables at 3pm
- We will be selling tickets for lunch Friday & Saturday – Ed will be coordinating
- Ed will take care of the soda
- Lunch Sunday is included with entry and was advertised as a hot meal. There were several options discussed, but Ed will take a final look at the options and make a decision that fits within the unit subsidy value. Approved [7-0]
- Kevin will have the new stanchions ready for use at this event
- Don will help with the stanchion signs
- Susan is keeping the Partnership role
- Are the local IN tournaments for NLM's or for 499ers. There is some concern amongst the players at that level and we need to make a final decision on the direction we will go.

#### **5/5/5 Report** – Jay

- We met our goals for Q2
- Contact everyone with 3/31 dates, the rest we can contact starting in July
- Discussion of ways to find new people who would be interested in learning bridge
  - Student Unions, College clubs/groups
  - Pickleball courts has been used by ACBL
  - More discussion at future meetings

#### **Front Range Challenge** – Ed

- Boulder will take care of all organization for this years' tournament
- There will be discussions among the unit representatives about 3 brackets instead of the current 4
- There will be discussions among the unit representatives about 3 areas (Northern Colorado (which would include Boulder), Denver, and Southern Colorado) instead of the current 4, but estimations are that Boulder is not likely to approve of combining with Northern Colorado.

#### **Mentor Program** – Ed

- The program is going well. We are using more mentor partnerships than in past years, but we are still tracking to be within budget.

#### **Website** – Margaret

- There is a policy on communication on the site. The board cannot send out mass emails or other mass communications that have not been reviewed by the board president or their representative.

**- SATURDAY, JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> AT ELOISE MAY LIBRARY AT 9:00AM**