

## UNIT 361 BRIDGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 26, 2024

Time: Called to Order 9:02am by Julie Clark

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### ATTENDANCE

Julie, Don, Jay, Margaret, Kevin, Rita, Kathleen, Susan M, Ed, Kathy, Jennifer, Paul

### MINUTES

Motion made and seconded to approve September 21 meeting. Unanimously approved.

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### Financial Report (Rita)

**Discussion:** August income was \$2,477 and expenses were \$1,588. Net income \$889. This was positive, but \$1,192 below budget. Our current account balances: CD: \$40K, CDE - \$30,106, Money Market Account - \$0, Checking Account - \$62,265.

We only have a contract with Iliff Theology through March 2025. It will need to be re-negotiated for the remainder of 2025.

We have a strong financial state and can support the approved Unit "thank you" game, discussed later.

**Motions:** Motion made and seconded to approve the Financial Report. Unanimously approved.

**Further Action:** None required.

#### Charity Grant (Jennifer)

**Discussion:** The ACBL issued the checks for our local charity last week, but it has not yet been received by Julie.

**Motions:** None.

**Further Action:** Treasurer will donate \$2,000 to Denver Kids Charity once check is received.

#### Unit Game (Don and Paul)

**Discussion:** Game will be at The Hub of Lone Tree on February 16th from in at 2pm, out at 8pm. Cost will be \$1000 for rent, plus cost for some labor and the kitchen.

**Motions:** Motion made and seconded to approve the Game and to continue with preparatory action.

**Further Action:** Jay will obtain the ACBL sanction for the game. Don and events committee will be responsible for: Director, Communications Plan, Food/ catering Options and Logistics.

## **November Sectional (Kathleen)**

**Discussion:** We have the weekend organized with Iliff. We will NOT use Iliff's sound system.

The boards will be picked up on Wednesday. Bridge Mates will be picked up at Denver Metro on Thursday evening during the chair movement. We have sufficient Caddies for Sunday. Food/ Hospitality: Friday - Black Jack Pizza, Saturday – Subway, Sunday - Olive Garden. We will only need 1/2 of the recommended salad amount as identified in July. We will use the snacks that we purchased from the Taos Regional and they should be sufficient.

**Motions:** None.

**Further Action:** Kathleen to confirm with Michael that we will use the Unit's system. Whoever has the laser printer at home will bring it to the tournament. Parking: Rita will take a picture of the kiosk screens. We will suggest that everyone use Park Mobile App. Margaret will print out the sign. Kathleen to pick up 3 dozen donuts each day. Susan M to deliver flyers for the January Sectional at the tournament.

## **Annual Unit Membership Meeting (Julie)**

**Discussion:** The meeting will be on Saturday at 2:15pm, before the 2:30pm second session start. All board members need to be at the meeting. At the meeting: Rita will give a very abbreviated financial report. We will waive approval of the past minutes, approve the slate of board members, including the new members.

**Motions:** None.

**Further Action:** Susan G will run the elections and Don will run the meeting. We will need to vote on the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary at the December Meeting. We will need to assign/volunteer for the other board positions at the same meeting.

## **Mentor Program (Ed)**

**Discussion:** Q3 report - 16 pairings thru 23 Sep; total for 2024 YTD - 83 pairings; estimating 111 for year. 2023 total - 127. Program is going well. There are 4 games allowed per mentor airing.

**Motions:** None.

**Further Action:** None.

## **Boys and Girls Club Bridge Education (Paul)**

**Discussion:** Alternate methods and clubs to contact were provided to Paul from others

**Motions:** None.

**Further Action:** Paul to keep pushing.

### **5/5/5 Report (Jay)**

**Discussion:** As of 25 October, yesterday, we had contacted 18 of the 54 on the list. New assignments for contacts will come out in early November. Donna Barrow has offered to support the effort to get new people involved. A suggestion to offer a free play, covered by the Unit, if the people sign back up and attend a game.

**Motions:** None.

**Further Action:** Everyone to keep doing their part.

### **Volunteer Coordinator Discussion (Rita)**

**Discussion:** Rita has a spreadsheet with the volunteer needs and assignments laid out for the Sectional. We will get a key to Metro for the chair storage area that we will return after the sectional.

There may be an issue with insurance of the caddies and chair transport personnel. Other units have started hiring people for set up and teardown. It is recommended that we investigate this option.

On Thursday we will need volunteers for setup from 3-5pm. For the January Sectional we should contact the volunteers by mid-December.

**Motions:** None.

**Further Action:** Research is required regarding chair acquisition and move to and from. Rita to contact volunteers by mid-December.

### **Front Range Challenge (Ed)**

**Discussion:** The unit will not pay for the entry fee; individuals that are participating will be responsible for their own entry fee.

**Motions:** None.

**Further Action:** None.

### **Unit I/N Game at Clubs (Kathy)**

**Discussion:** A handout for the unit to support 2 I/N games per month at a local club was passed out for review

**Motions:** A motion was made to vote on a unit organized game, a club organized game, no unit participation or support. A vote was taken and the club organized game received 6/10 votes. It was agreed that unit will provide support to promote I/N specific games offered at any of the Unit clubs that choose to run an I/N specific game. A motion was made and seconded to use Constant Contact, from Sally, to provide messaging to I/N participants that has followed normal board communications approval processes. Unanimously approved.

**Further Action:** Kathy to monitor progress and offer her assistance in promoting games in conjunction with the Club Manager.

**NEXT MEETING - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 FROM 9-11:15 AM ZOOM/ONLINE at  
Denver Metro Bridge Studio.**