

UNIT 361 BRIDGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 16, 2024

Time: Called to Order 9:10 am by Julie Clark

ATTENDANCE

Julie, Don, Jay, Margaret, Kevin, Rita, Susan M, Susan G, Kathy, Jennifer, Greg.

MINUTES

No minutes to approve.

AGENDA ITEMS

Financial Report

Discussion: November sectional had a higher-than-expected table count; we need to determine how to handle 55+ tables at current location. We signed a contract with Iliff for 2025 tournaments. Michael at Iliff will provide a proposal for using the 1st floor at a discounted rate. Made \$13,000 YTD. We may get parking lot A for use in the future.

Motions: None

Further Action: Jay to follow up on lot A.

Unit Game

Discussion: Tree will direct. Jay, has it sanctioned. Game will be at The Hub of Lone Tree. A/V is covered the space rental. They have 20 tables and chairs and think we can fit 50 tables in the space. Free parking in large lot. We need to get minimal supplies from Cowboy in individual SUVs. Game set for 16th of February. When and how we want to cater, knowing that we have access at 2pm and the 1-session event starts at 3pm to be determined. Margaret recommends a "high tea" type of refreshments. Alcohol is accepted but won't be advertised due to possible liability. We need to rent bridge mates. Tree will send file to Evan so that he can make boards; it will be a tight turnaround after the January sectional.

Motions: None

Further Action: Margaret to set up online registration. Susan M to promote game in next Rank Advancer Pianola. Greg to start food planning and present at next meeting.

Jump Start

Discussion: This is an initiative begun by Patty Tucker to get bridge into schools; starting in Gifted and Talented programs. All materials free to teachers; fifty-plus teachers have signed up; teachers would like us to have a specific event for the kids—we would need to provide venue and make it sanctioned. Kids are not ACBL members at this time. More details to come later. We could have Sharon Smith be responsible and let her organize.

Motions: Board unanimously agreed to participate in the program.

Further Action: None.

Annual Unit Membership Meeting

Discussion: Jay to run the elections in December. If there is more than one nominee, then a paper ballot is to be used. When officers are elected the President and VP have to be on the board for one year before stepping into either of these roles. Secretary and Treasurer are also elected by the board. The President is responsible for the remainder of the board appointees.

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

Mentor Program

Discussion: We pay Metro and Arvada quarterly for mentors.

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

5/5/5 Report

Discussion: Membership committee asks for everyone's participation. We receive 5% of membership dues back if we meet our quota.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Everyone to keep doing their part.

Volunteer Coordinator Discussion

Discussion: Gale Kahn volunteered to be volunteer coordinator.; Ann Schuster did not volunteer to be a coordinator, just to volunteer. Volunteer coordinator is not required for the regional. Rita recommends we have a professional contract for the chair transport; events committee will look into recommendation. We can rent chairs or purchase chairs needed for sectionals at Iliff; all recommendations from board members are welcome.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Gale to start getting volunteer for the January sectional.

Front Range Challenge

Discussion: We need to get someone on the board to coordinate. Do we want to move the tournament? All decisions are coordinated between all four participating units.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Assign a Unit 361 Front Range Challenge Point person.

Unit I/N Participation Support

Discussion: We need to determine what “unit support” means.

Motions: Motion to table the discussion until the new board is in place. Unanimously approved.

Further Action: Events committee to determine proposal.

D17

Discussion: Margaret will become the new BUZZ editor; Sharon Smith will be the district webmaster; Bonnie Bagley will be the StaC coordinator. Kathy recommended we put notice on StaC weeks in the Pianolas with approval from the board. Language will include “check with your local club to see if they are supporting it.”

Motions: None

Further Action: Susan M to add StaC notices in all Rank Advancement Pianolas.

Website

Discussion: Margaret sent out August minutes. Susan M to scan in October minutes that Kevin wrote but couldn't distribute. Margaret is asking for ideas on how to make the bridge BUZZ more interesting.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Susan M to email out October minutes.

2025 July NLM Regional

Discussion: Recommended to occur in parallel with the July sectional. Denver shares the I/N regional with Northern Colorado and Colorado Springs; the other units agree that Denver is the best place for 2025. Discussed whether there was a different time of year that made more sense for the I/N regional and all agreed there was not. We need to look at when all of the tournaments are scheduled.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Jay to look into schedule conflicts.

Lunches at the Sectionals

Discussion: We had about one-half of the players purchase lunch on Friday and Saturday.

Motions: Event Committee recommended that we offer lunches through the July sectionals. Unanimously approved. Event Committee recommended that we charge \$5 for lunch and underwrite the rest of the cost for July and March sectionals. Unanimously approved.

Further Action: Susan M to update the online flyers.

2025 Printed Directory

Discussion: We print a directory every other year.

Motions: Motion to issue 2025 directory for distribute at March sectional. Unanimously approved.

Further Action: Susan M to lead project.

Good for Gold

Discussion: This is a two-week event for \$30 and is operated through the ACBL website.

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

**NEXT MEETING - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th FROM 9-11:15 AM ZOOM/ONLINE at
Denver Metro Bridge Studio.**