

UNIT 361 BRIDGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 19, 2025

Time: Called to Order 9:33 am by Rita Simas

ATTENDANCE

Don, Jay, Kevin, Rita, Susan M, Gale, Kathy, Judith, Paul, Susan G.

AGENDA ITEMS

Approvals

(Note: When you see sentences lighted, it means **add to May Agenda** or add **to an agenda later in the year.**)

Minutes

Discussion: Jay initiated a discussion that we should strike motions/other activity that occurred after the meeting and prior to the next meeting. Specifically, the March minutes that included results of motions made and approved by a separate officer meeting.

Motions: Don moved and Kathy seconded that the board approve the March 15, 2025 minutes with the amendment that removes discussion of the officer meeting from the minutes. Voted yes; 6, no:2; abstain 1. Minutes to be published as modified by the amendment.

Further Action: Margaret to archive minutes. Susan M to ensure Margaret has proper minutes archived.

Ratification of Officer Meeting Votes

Discussion: Discussion of the Educational Grant. Discussion of the purchase of Unit 361 boards to replace failing boards. Board had general consensus that Event committee chair should have authorization to complete purchases costing less than \$500. Don stated that \$500 has been the limit informally used over the last two decades.

Motions: Ratify Educational Grant: voted yes: 6; no: 2; abstain: 1, no vote: 1. Don moved to ratify vote on purchase of new boards, Jay seconded. Approved unanimously.

Further Action: Jay to purchase boards. Rita to notify Grantee of Grant Award.

President Welcome Message

Discussion: Rita reported on official duties that were completed: 2024-EZ Tax Return and finalization of the Accounting Audit.

Motions: None

Further Action: None.

Committee Reports

Financial Report (Judith)

Discussion: Judith's written report is included. Judith noted that one regional sponsor has yet to pay and that AM registrations are increasing in pace.

Motions: Susan moved and Jay seconded that the board approve the financials as presented. Unanimously approved.

Further Action: None.

2025 Sectionals (Jay)

Discussion: Jay's written report is included with personal items removed at his request. Jay stressed the need for a volunteer coordinator and asked everyone to think of candidates. Jay noted that the use of Lot A for Saturday and Sunday was approved by Iliff when he and Rita met with them in July. Jay followed up with Jake, our new contact, to confirm that. Jake said he needed to talk to Jason, his boss. He also asked that the Board make a decision on subsidizing lunches in 2026. Lastly, Jay the Events Committee believes Hospitality Chair has the authority to spend up to the budget on reasonable items, at his discretion, and that it looks like we have ~\$1000 to spend under the budget. Jay mentioned that Elly had agreed to rent us 3 cases of bridge mates, and that she had gone through the cases to make sure everything is working OK. Elly was told we'd pick them up sometime after the regional.

Motions: Jay moved and Don seconded that the Events committee determine the use of Lot A. Everyone approved except one no vote. Don moved and Gale seconded that we continue current lunch subsidies on Friday thru Sunday throughout 2026. Subsidies for Friday/Saturday cover costs over \$5/lunch, cover costs over \$10/lunch on Sunday. Approved unanimously.

Further Action: Directors to provide ideas for volunteer coordinator.

Communications (Susan M)

Discussion: Susan M's provided written report (attached). General discussion of her proposal to send quarterly 361News (from Rita) to the club owners informing them of the Unit's activities. Also discussed sending 361Clubs (Pianola) quarterly that is promoted/profiled; it will go to all Unit members.

Motions: Board consensus on 361News and 361Clubs and request that the Pianola listing rank advancers be forwarded to club owners, suggesting they announce people in their clubs.

Further Action: Susan M to begin drafting and reaching out to board members that could help write content for the 361News newsletter. (Months: March, June, September, December.) To begin in June. Susan M to begin drafting and reaching out to board members that could help write content for the 361Clubs newsletter. (Months: February, May, August, November.) To begin in August. Susan M to send Rank Advancers to club owners each month.

Regional Game (Don)

Discussion: Don reported that he's trying determine how many caddies are needed and when they are needed. We are also close to our room reservation commitment. He is working on the charity "give" QR sign be larger and that our charity (and something about them) be included in the first day fast results distribution. He asked that Judith provide cash for speakers, caddies and a tip for Cowboy as well as free plays.

Motions: Don moved and Gale seconded that we tip Ahmed (Renaissance employee overseeing conventions) \$100. Unanimously approved.

Further Action: Judith to determine with Don how much cash she needs to provide to him (and when).

Growing the Game (Gale, Kathy)

Discussion: Kathy's and Gale's reports are attached. Gale's report is slightly revised from what was in the board package. Kathy said the GTG committee is looking at more ways for I/N's to find partners for games as well as tournaments – still in thought. Susan G suggested she use Sign-Up Genius and stressed the importance of the sign-up QR code be on the on flyers and in Pianolas; URL will be on flyers, website and Pianolas. Kathy initiated a discussion about changing the start time of all Future IN Sectional's to 9:30am, with afternoon game to start at 2:00pm and proposed that a survey regarding tournament times go out to the IN players; times would be the decision of Kathy. Likewise, Jay decides the times for open sectionals but agreed to conduct a similar survey to open players. Also, IN players want something like Sam's Game more often (all mentor/mentee pairs.) Gale provided a detailed update for a revised Mentor Program. Much discussion and enthusiasm for the revisions, including her development for a more structured approach to expanding our mentor pool and a new mentor/mentee partnership pairing option.

Motions: Gale moved and Jay seconded Gale's recommendation as presented in her materials pages 22 and 23 of the board package. Unanimously approved.

Further Action: Gale and Jay to conduct surveys as they see appropriate. Margaret to ensure URL is on the website, Susan M to ensure QR code is on flyers and in Pianolas. Gale to create other QR code messaging. Susan M (with Gale) to send Pianola regarding new program.

Closed Action Items

Discussion: Closed action items were presented with no corrections. All members to review open action items.

Motions: None

Further Actions: All board members/advisors asked to review open action items.

Other Items

Discussion: Proposed by Jay that all meetings start at same time, 9 a.m. General consensus by the board. Kathy shared her research on a second speaker and all the attachments to connect to mic and first speaker. Education chair needs to be defined and will be on May agenda.

Motions: Kathy moved and Don seconded the motion that we acquire additional speaker equipment, spending no more than \$750, in time for the November Sectional. Unanimously approved.

Further Actions: Rita to add Education as a topic in May. Kathy to acquire equipment.

Adjournment

Unanimous decision to adjourn at 11:18

NEXT MEETINGS: SATURDAY, MAY 17
SATURDAY, JUNE 21
SATURDAY, JULY 19
NO MEETING IN AUGUST
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 (changed due to Boulder Sectional)
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 (if changed, it conflicts with Palm Springs)

from 9-11:15 AM at Denver Metro Bridge Studio.

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Corrected March minutes
3. Measures to be Ratified
4. President's report
5. Financial reports
6. Sectional committee report
7. Communications report
8. Growing the Game and Mentor/Mentee report