

UNIT 361 BRIDGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 17, 2025

Time: Called to Order 9:01 am by Rita Simas

ATTENDANCE

Don, Jay, Kevin, Rita, Susan M, Gale, Kathy, Judith, Susan G, Margaret, Jennifer

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: No discussion.

Motions: Don moved and Gale seconded that the board approve the May 19 Minutes. Unanimously approved.

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

President Welcome Message

Discussion: Paul Perkowski resigned from the board. Rita introduced Wally Erbe's resume and recommended that he fill the rest of Paul's term, which ends December 2026. Rita also announced that she will not be appointing an Education Chair. When an education initiative is raised, a Board Member will be assigned for the specific initiative until it is resolved.

Motions: Judith moved; Don seconded the motion to ask Wally to join the Board. Unanimously approved. Wally will shadow Greg with his hospitality duties, then take those duties on in 2026.

Further Action: Wally can't attend our next board meeting in June, but will join us in July.

Closed Action Items

Discussion: Closed action items were updated with all members. The importance of written reports cannot be overstated. Going forward, these reports can also state closed items by the author. During the board meeting, the author should not repeat items in the report—instead, report items since the report was written, highlight areas where you want comment or approval, and move on. These reports will help future Boards with the background on motions and actions. They are also very helpful when we are documenting the minutes and crafting next month's agenda.

Motions: None.

Further Actions: **All board members/advisors asked to review their open action items and include in your report.**

Document Archival

Discussion: Rita suggested we use a shared Google Drive to archive our Financials, the Board Action Items: Closure Review Table, table counts and other files as agreed to by the Executive Committee. Discussion regarding Board permissions for accessing the google drive as members go on and off the Board.

Motions: Susan moved; Don seconded the motion to institute the use of the Unit Google Drive. Unanimously approved.

Further Action: Margaret, Rita, and Susan to discuss how permissions will be managed and inform the Board.

Assignments

Discussion: The I/N Regional is recognized as a loss leader for the Unit. Kathy oversees the tournament and is committed to growing the attendance. The GNT was discussed with regard to how much the Unit will contribute to Unit 361 winners.

Motions: None

Further Action: Kathy, Jennifer and Judith will create a proposal for funding GNT winners.

Committee Reports

Financial Report (Judith)

Discussion: Judith's written report is included. Judith noted that CD rates are unpredictable right now, so she turned one CD over for only 4 months. She also reported that the pro/am is fully registered and paid (72 people.) She also clarified that the reception after the pro/am event will include coupons for 1 drink.

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

Further Action: None.

2025 Sectionals (Jay)

Discussion: Jay's written report is included. Jay again stressed the need for a volunteer coordinator and asked everyone to think of candidates. Judith to determine the cost of renting 10 sets of boards and 3 cases of bridge mates from Elly. Jay shared that the Events committee decided that Lot A for be used for board members and volunteers only. The discussion of how much authority an event chair has will be discussed later in the meeting.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Board members to provide ideas for volunteer coordinator. Jay to get the new Iliff contract to Rita by June 2.

Communications (Susan M)

Discussion: Susan M's provided written report (attached). Susan added that the first Pianola for the July tournaments goes out on June 1, November flyers are posted on the ACBL website and she is awaiting the plaque to recognize Theresa. (These minutes will not be posted on the website until after the July Sectional.)

Motions: None.

Further Action: Margaret to post November flyers on unit website.

Regional Game (Don)

Discussion: Don discussed set-up and the need to help Jay and Bill Phillips unload items from their cars. Heavy lifters need to be available at 9 am Tuesday. Small tear-down on Sunday and major tear-down on Monday.

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

Growing the Game (Gale, Kathy)

Discussion: Kathy's and Gale's reports are attached. Kathy clarified that the GTG committee is not running anything, they are only brainstorming new ideas to grow the game. They are currently discussing an I/N social/bridge event that uses the Monday night that Elly offers free learning games. They may have to rent the club and create boards, etc., but they do have a budget. For the survey they are developing, Susan said she needs a link to the google form and can send to those with fewer than 500 masterpoints. She also said that the I/N players would like more Sam's Games as part of the Mentor Program.

Motions: Don moved and Kathy seconded the Gale/Kathy recommendation to include Sam's Game in the Mentor Program. Unanimously passed.

Further Action: Gale and Kathy will present a plan for expanding the Mentor Program for the board to review in July.

Old/New Business

Partnerships

Discussion: Susan G explained how the online partnership desk work and said she has helped over 50 people, so far, needing partners for the Regional.

Motions: None.

Further Actions: None.

JJ Award

Discussion: Margaret said that Jennifer will announce the two winners at the Regional. They are giving trophies in the shape of apples. Bonnie has confirmed with Margaret that next year the award will go to the person in Colorado who started 2025 with less than 500 masterpoints and ends up with the most masterpoints earned during the year. This excludes Gold Rush, Bracketed Teams, Side, and Online games

Motions: None.

Further Actions: Kathy will report on the current I/N awards and whether they still make sense. Margaret and Bonnie to determine whether the 2025 will be for the year or for 6/1 to 12/25.

Around the Room

Discussion: Jennifer stressed the importance of the Unit board members attending the Wednesday night social at 7pm with the District 17 Board members. Susan discussed her draft of matching the budget with specific projects and authorities (Motion Approval Process). Kathy asked if Jennifer could provide the names of other Units who focus on growing the game. Jay suggested that we understand WHY we want people to go to the website and to be able to measure activities on the website.

Motions: Susan moved and Kevin seconded that Margaret spend up to \$100 to obtain additional website monitoring tools.

Actions: Susan, Gale, Margaret will work on Susan's Motion Approval Process document and report back in July. Margaret will distribute the by-laws to all members and provide the Conflict-of-Interest statement for everyone to sign. Margaret to obtain monitoring tools.

Adjournment

Unanimous decision to adjourn at 11:17

NEXT MEETINGS: 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.