

UNIT 361 BRIDGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 20, 2025

Time: Called to Order 9:02 am by Don Boyarsky

ATTENDANCE

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

AGENDA ITEMS

Approvals

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

Minutes

Discussion: No discussion.

Motions: Jay moved to approve minutes; Kathy seconded. Unanimously approved.

Further Action: None.

Email Votes

Discussion: Rita summarized votes taken by email and entered into the record .

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

President Welcome Message

Discussion: Rita's message contained in Board Package. She then led a discussion on the difficulty of recruiting new board members. It was agreed that the need for a board member would be in the next Table Talk. We are trying to recruit someone to fill a 2-year term due to Kevin's decision not to run again. We will appoint someone to fill a 1-year term due to Greg's decision to leave the board before his term expired. Susan G volunteered to write a "recruitment advertisement" for the Table Talk.

Motions: None

Further Action: Margaret/Rita to include board member "recruitment" short article and another article promoting the Regional's "name the day" promotion.

Closed Action Items

Discussion: Rita noted that 85% of the actions assigned to board members since the beginning of the year were completed.

Motions: None.

Further Actions: All board members/advisors asked to review their open action items and include in your report as a matter of normal procedure.

Committee Reports

Financial Report (Judith)

Discussion: Judith's written report is included. July sectional and IN regional reports: sectional saw \$940 profit and IN regional saw \$3,500 loss. Judith worked with Don, Jerry, and Jennifer to produce 2026 Regional budget, which has been approved. Also working on the Unit's 2026 budget with Jay and Rita.

Motions: Report unanimously approved

Further Action: All Board members are to provide budget estimates for areas they are responsible for.

Sectionals (Jay)

Discussion: Jay's written report is included. Jay stressed that we need volunteers to replace Gale's current non-board activity. He also stressed that running a Sectional is easier than meets the eye.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Jay to nail down location for March, July and November 2026 tournaments

Chairs (Rita)

Discussion: Leaving Illiff means we have no near-term use for the newly acquired chairs. After Rita talked to Elly about storing them with other of Elly's items, she agreed.

Motions: Rita moved to purchase the pallets made specifically for storing/transferring the chairs and to contribute to the cleaning and reorganization of the store room, spending no more than \$1,500. Gale seconded and motion was unanimously approved.

Further Action: Rita to initiate approved actions.

Communications (Susan M)

Discussion: Susan M's provided written report (attached). Susan asked the board for input on announcing the library grant progress and informing the Unit of the second educational grant approved and its progress. General consensus was to mention them in the Table Talk and perhaps add to an already scheduled Pianola.

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

NLM Regional (Kathy)

Discussion: Kathy's report is attached. Kathy shared her experience learning that many IN players do not open the Pianolas they received, partially due to the from-address being "Unit 361" rather than a person. If action is requested, then she recommends a "signature" be added to make it more personal. She also reported that another Meet and Greet, for IN's to come and meet potential partners. This is the 2nd one conducted; the first was on July 21.

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

2026 Unit Appreciation Game (Don)

Discussion: Don is looking at either February or June. He's waiting until we have a Contract for November, then he'll reach out to Roxie at Summit about February. He also mentioned that game might have to be at Iliff.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Don to recommend a month and location.

Growing the Game (Kathy)

Discussion: Kathy's report is attached. Kathy asks that the Unit website list the tournament "from newest to oldest" rather than in chronological order. If the ones that haven't taken place could be highlighted in some manner that would also help.

Motions: None

Further Action: Margaret to investigate Kathy's request.

Mentor Program (Gale)

Discussion: Gale's report is attached.

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

Hospitality

Discussion: Wally provided a list of items to be purchased and brought to the next Sectional. Several board members volunteered.

Motions: None.

Actions: None.

D17

Discussion: Jennifer's report is attached. She added that Grand Junction decided they do not want to hold a Regional tournament so D17 is back to looking at Taos. She also added that Colorado Springs wants to sell extra tables, cards, etc. if we are interested. We expressed no interest.

Motions: None.

Actions: None.

New Business Items.

Online Games at Regional and 2026 Regional Schedule

Discussion: Don shared that the ACBL decided to reject any online games at Regionals and Don indicated we should close our "to do" regarding our own Regional. Don suggested we keep our 2025 schedule but it was agreed to table until October. We also discussed having Bracketed Pair games at our Regional; Jennifer is going to a tournament where they have those, and she'll give us a readout.

Motions: Susan moved and Judith seconded Don's recommendation regarding closing our online game decision. Unanimously approved.

Actions: Don to recommend 2026 Regional Schedule.

Bracketed Pairs at Regional

Discussion: Adding Bracketed Pairs will give our NLM members another opportunity to get Gold Points at our Regional Tournament. The GTG Committee was asked to research what we need to do to get Bracketed Pairs added to our Regional Tournament.

Motions: None.

Actions: Grow-the-Game Committee to summarize the steps and assign a team to implement the steps.

Unauthorized Pianola

Discussion: Susan G. discussed the Pianola that went out regarding DTC bridge club new location. A complaint was made that it benefited a single club, which is against our by-laws. Others thought it was just a public service announcement. Susan G's analysis was that the board decide whether there should be a "remedy" and, if so, what should it be.

Motions: Rita moved and Jay seconded that the board be given time to think about the subject and decide in October. Unanimously approved.

Actions: Rita to add remedy topic to October agenda.

Reports as Official portion of Minutes

Discussion: Board discussed whether the member reports should be part of the minutes on the Unit website. It was generally agreed that the Financial Report should be included but the other reports be stored in the Unit's archive file. If reports are requested by a member, they will be provided.

Motions: None.

Actions: Susan M. to provide Margaret with minutes in accordance with the above. She will store member reports in the archive. Susan M. to also coordinate with Elly the 2026 Board Meeting dates.

Adjournment

Unanimous decision to adjourn at 11:12

**NEXT MEETINGS: 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT • AUG-SEP 2025

FUNDS ON HAND & NET INCOME/LOSS SUMMARY

<i>Through AUGUST 31</i>	<i>Beginning Month</i>	<i>Gain/Loss</i>	<i>Month End Total</i>
Checking Account (WF)	\$29,638	(\$5,443)	\$24,195
CD Investments (WF 40K)	\$42,419	\$141	\$42,560
CD Investments (WF 30K)	\$31,136	\$99	\$31,234
Money Market Acct (Fidelity)	\$41,235	\$139	\$41,373.46
TOTAL	\$144,427	(\$5,064)	\$139,363
Net Gain/(Loss) from JUL M/E			(\$5,064)

<i>Through JULY 31</i>	<i>Beginning Month</i>	<i>Gain/Loss</i>	<i>Month End Total</i>
Checking Account (WF)	\$27,449	\$2,189	\$29,638
CD Investments (WF 40K)	\$42,283	\$136	\$42,419
CD Investments (WF 30K)	\$31,036	\$100	\$31,136
Money Market Acct (Fidelity)	\$41,096	\$139	\$41,234.66
TOTAL	\$141,864	\$2,564	\$144,427
Net Gain/(Loss) from JUN M/E			\$2,564

OTHER MATTERS

None

Submitted by Judith Repp, Unit 361 Board Treasurer, September 20, 2025