

## UNIT 361 BRIDGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 28, 2026

Time: Called to Order 9:06 am by Don Boyarsky

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### ATTENDANCE

Don, Jay, Gale, Wally, Jennifer (phone), Gary, Susan G, Judith

Non-board members: Donna Marino

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### Approvals

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

#### Minutes

**Discussion:** No discussion.

**Motions:** Gale moved to approve minutes; Wally seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Further Action:** None.

#### Committee Reports

##### Financial Report (Judith)

**Discussion:** Judith's written report is included. Final January Sectional report indicates a loss of \$140.89. Net results were \$3,171 better than budget

**Motions:** Jay moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Wally seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Further Action:** None.

##### Sectionals/Events (Jay)

**Discussion:** Jay's written report is included.

Jay asked for confirmation on the status of the purchase of Bridgmates from Elly. Recollection was that the Unit had agreed to purchase them (91 units – 3 boxes) for \$1,500. Gary Weiss had agreed to store them at this house. Susan G raised the issue of insurance. Jay reasserted the need for volunteers for the March Sectional. Wally, Gary and Gale will be there Thursday for the Cowboy Moving & Storage delivery. Don Boyarsky will also assist if he is available. Judith will assist with breakdown on Sunday evening. Morning shifts (8:00 am on site) are Friday [Jay], Saturday [Don], Sunday [Judith]. Space for 55 tables (5,500 SF) is needed for both July tournaments (open and NLM). Iliff is out due to onerous rental costs. Donna Marino stated that the New American Charter School might be a possible venue. *(Post-meeting note: Donna confirmed that the space was not suitable in size or configuration).* Other possibilities mentioned were Elks clubs, JCC, School gyms (out of session). Jay proposed that, if the July NLM is held at Metro, there will be no lunches on Friday or Saturday (there is a wide range of opportunities nearby). A walk-through of the space across the hall from Denver Metro Bridge Studio was conducted. It is broken up into smaller areas so tables would be dispersed and separated but Jay feels confident it can hold 35 tables. A decision on the status of the July Sectional must be made by March 7. Board authorized the Events Committee to make a recommendation to the Board about whether we want to hold Grass Roots Game in future Sectionals. Lastly, Jay said that we need two positions to be filled, President and Sectional Tournament Chair, and that we currently have only one candidate.

**Motions:** The purchase was not previously documented. Jay moved to purchase the Bridgmates from Elly for \$1500. Jennifer seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Further Action:** Gary: determine storage and insurance for Bridgmates. Events Committee: determine whether to hold Grass Roots Games in future Sectionals. Jay: make proposal(s) regarding if/where open sectional/MLM regional to be held.

### **Hospitality (Wally)**

**Discussion:** Wally will use the pizza store close to the Summit for Friday lunch. He will continue with Subway for Saturday lunch. (Snarf's price was \$16 per sandwich v. \$10 for Subway). He is working with Liza for volunteers to staff serving tables.

**Motions:** None.

**Further Action:** Wally to follow up with food suppliers.

### **Communications (Susan M in absentia)**

**Discussion:** Jay stated that medallions for Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKinney winners are on back order. He also mentioned that she is calculating the Colorado Victory Trophy winner.

**Motions:** None.

**Further Action:** None.

### **Regional Game (Don/Jerry)**

**Discussion:** Things are proceeding apace. Ed Yosses is overseeing the ProAm with Sheryl Seigel coordinating AM's and Marsha Shaw helping to administer.

**Motions:** None.

**Further Action:** Ed to report progress on PRO/AM event. The Board to determine charity for the second charity event.

Gary/Don/Jerry need to meet at March Sectional or at Cowboy Storage to determine supply needs (mostly paper supplies).

Don/Jerry to determine specific actions to speed up Fast Pairs games. Don/Gary/Jerry will meet with Taos Regional Tournament leadership to purchase needed supplies for their next Regional; Unit 361 will be reimbursed for the purchase and storage of materials.

### **Growing the Game (Gale for Kathy)**

**Discussion:** Gale reported on a very helpful Zoom call she and Kathy had with ACBL. She reported that these calls take place quarterly. Don mentioned that, when looking for a July Sectional venue, The Hub was contacted. (Not available for July). They have several people that are looking for bridge instruction. He referred to Gale/Kathy for further action.

**Motions:** None.

**Further Action:** Gale/Kathy to follow up with the Hub about people looking for bridge instructions.

### **Mentors Membership and Marketing**

**Discussion:** Gale's report is attached. New ACBL rules require that we have a way to know how many Guest member (0-20 MP's) become full ACBL members. The idea of conducting a raffle has been dismissed due to complicated registration, licensing and accounting procedures and suggested that any gift certificates secured be used as prizes for sectional tournament winners. Gary suggested prizes be awarded only to I/N winners. Judith observed that, while no money will be raised via raffle, the gift certificates will represent a net revenue for the unit. Kathy currently purchases books as prizes for I/N's. This will expense will no longer be needed if gift certificates are donated. Donna Marino developed an enhanced Sponsorship Package and also has been in touch with a donor who may be interested in being a 'name' sponsor for the March Sectional. They would donate \$2,000 and the sectional would be named to honor a member of the bridge community.

**Motions:** Gale moved to authorize the awarding of 1<sup>st</sup> place tournament prized in I/N games (e.g., gift certificates) in lieu of raffles. Gary seconded. Unanimously approved. Gale moved to authorize the Marketing Committee to identify and solicit sponsors and in-kind donors. Such solicitations not to exceed \$750. Solicitations above \$750 will need prior approval by the board. Gary seconded.

Unanimously approved. Wally moved to approve Donna going forward in soliciting the \$2,000 donation for the March Sectional. Judith seconded. Unanimously approved, with the suggestion that a board member be involved in "the ask". Gary moved to name the March Sectional in the member's honor even if we don't retain a donor. Judith seconded the motion. 2 voted 'aye'; 5 voted 'nay'. The motion was declined. Judith moved to name the March Sectional in the member's honor with the provision that we have a sponsor. Gary

seconded. 2 voted 'aye". 4 voted 'nay'. 1 abstained. The motion was denied.

**Further Action:** Marketing committee to pursue the donation of gift certificates and to solicit donors. Gale to update Mentor/Mentee program.

**D17 Activity (Jennifer) Discussion:** Jennifer's report is attached. Jennifer stated that the ACBL expects to have 'Entry Express' up and running for the 2027 Regional. They are phasing in the use of 'Real Bridge' to work in concert with BBO for online games.

**Motions:** None.

**Further Action:** None.

### **Adjournment**

Unanimous decision to adjourn at 11:09

**NEXT MEETINGS:**                **SATURDAY, MARCH 21**  
    **SATURDAY, APRIL 4**  
    **SATURDAY, MAY 16**  
    **SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

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