

UNIT 361 BRIDGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 21, 2026

Time: Called to Order 9:10 am by Rita Simas

ATTENDANCE

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

Non-board member: Ed Yosses

AGENDA ITEMS

Approvals

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

Minutes

Discussion: A motion was documented as approved in the last set of minutes regarding the ask of a \$2,000 donation for naming rights to a sectional. Upon review, some members disagreed with wording of the motion and whether it was approved or not.

Motions: Jay moved to table the \$2,000 donation motion until our needs were better understood; unanimously passed. Kathy moved to approve the amended minutes; Don seconded. Unanimously approved.

Further Action: Kathy to contact The Hub per last month's minutes. Gary and Kathy to talk to Elly regarding upkeep of the Bridgemates.

Email Votes

Discussion: The February motion to pay \$1,500 to Elly for the purchase of 91 working Bridgemates and one lost Bridgemate was not correctly stated; that motion was amended to reflect the proper purchase price of \$2,000 as agreed to by Rita and Elly.

Motions: Rita restated the motion to reflect the new price; the Executive Committee approved (prior to Board meeting) after a discussion with Elly. Jay moved to ratify this decision and Gary seconded; unanimously approved.

Further Action: None.

Committee Reports

Financial Report (Judith)

Discussion: Judith's written report is included. It now includes specific expenses and deposits.

Motions: The board voted to unanimously accept the report.

Further Action: None.

Sectionals (Jay)

Discussion: Jay's written report is included. He highlighted that the ACBL approved the 10am/2:30pm start times for the IN Regional. Moving the November Sectional to one week later was discussed.

Motions: Jay moved and Wally seconded that we hold our November Sectional November 13-15 at the Summit. Unanimously approved

Further Action: Susan to send a Pianola to all announcing the new date and another Pianola to announce the Elway gift certificates on next IN April Pianola. Margaret to update the website to also reflect the new date and to add to the July IN regional that two \$100 Elway gift certificates will be awarded. Don to find Volunteer Coordinator for July.

Hospitality (Wally)

Discussion: Wally shared that the Olive Garden gave us a 25% discount for a savings of \$300. Regardless, he is looking to replace them at the July sectional with possibly a BBQ meal. He would like to better align the number of meals he orders with reality of member behavior. To that end, he has suggested a survey be attached to the July Pianola to uncover how many people like to buy meals at the tournament, prefer to go out and bring their own meals.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Susan to include food survey in Pianolas for July Sectional.

Communications

Discussion: Susan M's provided written report (attached). Susan suggested we order name tags with our "official" logo with the addition of the word "Denver". The board discussed the desire for all board members to wear their tags at all bridge events. Susan also said her plan was to put the non-disclosure into PDF form for members to sign upon being voted onto the board. It was agreed that the District, in conjunction with the Regional committee, will send Pianolas for the Regional event.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Susan to order new board member badges, including one for Jerry Rainey as regional co-chair. Susan to create a Non-Disclosure PDF. Susan to mail medallions to Mini-McKenney winners once received (now on back-order.) Don and Jerry to work with D17 for Pianolas.

Regional Game (Don/Jerry)

Discussion: Don reported that all activities are on time and should be within budget. Regional committee to pick the Charity to receive receipts from Charity game. One more article needs to be written and Jerry is working on completing the slate of speakers. Ed reported that AMs are slow to sign up for PRO/AM and would like flyers to be passed at as many sectionals as possible. He is targeting 35 tables.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Don to order supplies, food and beverages. to report progress on PRO/AM event. **Regional committee to determine charity for the charity event.** Sheryl Siegel to provide Susan the electronic form of the PRO/AM flyer. Susan to get 200 copies printed and distributed.

Growing the Game (Kathy)

Discussion: Kathy's report is attached. She asked that board members contact her if interested in hosting a Meet-n-Greet or interested in volunteering for Jump Start Bridge

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

Mentors, Membership and Marketing

Discussion: Gale's report is attached. Gale highlighted our 5/5/5 participation is at 67% and she's still trying to get clarification on ACBL's program regarding 5/5/5. She presented new mentoring structure and asked for approval. The Board clarified that the Marketing Committee can approach businesses for sponsorships at no more than \$750.

Motions: None. Judith moved that Gale's mentoring proposal be accepted and Wally seconded; unanimously approved.

Further Action: Gale to evaluate changes to 5/5/5 program and report back.

D17 Activity (Jennifer)

Discussion: Nothing to report.

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

Partnerships (Susan G)

Discussion: Susan G. asked for approval to extend the \$108 software subscription used to request and match partnerships. The Board approved.

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

Around the Room

Discussion: Rita is still working to get 501(c)(7) documentation for the Lowry location. Don stated he will lead the nomination committee this year; Rita and Gary have already indicated they will not run. Wally wants to thank Judith, Gale and Gary for all their help at the last Sectional.

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

Adjournment

Unanimous decision to adjourn at 11:21

NEXT MEETINGS: **SATURDAY, APRIL 4**
 SATURDAY, MAY 16
 SATURDAY, JUNE 20
 SATURDAY, JULY 18
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
 NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

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