

UNIT 361 BRIDGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 18, 2026

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

ATTENDANCE

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

AGENDA ITEMS

Approvals

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

Minutes

Discussion: None

Motions: It was moved by Jennifer and seconded by Kathy to approve the April minutes. Unanimously approved.

Further Action: None.

Committee Reports

Financial Report (Judith)

Discussion: Judith's written report is included. Judith said all numbers are still not in for the regional yet, but that the final result should be close to "even." Judith asked whether she should transfer \$20,000 back to Fidelity. (Funds were taken from Fidelity to offset early Regional costs prior to the tournament.) Jennifer suggested that she first estimate cash flow needs through the end of the year. Judith agreed and mentioned that Gale's marketing efforts are beginning to produce some income and that she, Jay and Don have scheduled their 2027 budget planning milestones. Jay offered to create a spreadsheet for July 2027 to make it easier for costs to be allocated to the appropriate tournament for this 2-tournament event where costs are shared.

Motions: Jennifer moved and seconded by Gary to adopt the financial statement. Unanimously approved.

Further Action: Everyone to meet their dates for providing cost data to Judith.

Events (Jay)

Discussion: Jay's written report is included. Jay indicated that Don and Margret alerted him to a new event space at 6th and Kipling. He has already reached out, but has not gotten a return call. He shared that while some units are moving to a 9:30am/2:30 pm, he is strongly against. For the July 2-tournament event, has asked for more utility tables and indicated that Elly will provide a simple/limited breakfast, but we need to bring fruit.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Kathy and Rita will bring utility tables for the July event. Rita and Don will also bring large trash cans.

Hospitality (Wally)

Discussion: Verbal report. Wally shared that the daily lunches will be: Curtis Deli sandwiches on Friday, pizza and salad on Saturday and a BBQ feast on Sunday.

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

Communications

Discussion: Susan M's verbal report. Susan gave an update on the electronic Conflict-of-Interest statements and hopes to complete for the next board meeting. Table Talk was a major discussion point: items brought up for inclusion were the mentor/mentee program, the meet 'n greets, the Bible Park event (a post mortem), board of director status—who's running this year, deceased members, volunteer of the year (we have two candidates), JJ award status, and the need for volunteers. Judith reported that when she reaches out to all club owners, none had any issues.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Susan to assign individuals to provide necessary information for the Table Talk.

Growing the Game (Kathy)

Discussion: Kathy's verbal report. She said 56 people have already pre-registered for the NLM Regional. She asked that Susan include the pre-registration reminder in future IN/NLM Pianolas. She also asked Susan to give her an update September flyer for her review.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Susan to provide flyer to Kathy.

Caddies and Supplies (Gary)

Discussion: Gary's verbal report. Gary indicated that he learned a lot about caddy duties for the Regionals (which has a much higher set of responsibilities than Sectionals have.) He has caddies set July.

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

Mentors, Membership and Marketing

Discussion: Gale's report is attached. Gale shared a sample of a newsletter for IN players in hopes it will generate more interest in game play and the mentor program. She also said she plans to start a membership committee to make calls to lapsed and at-risk players rather than burdening the board members. She reported that we have been selected as a vendor for the South by Southeast Community event at Bible Park on August 15. After much discussion about who could lead all the efforts (since Gale will be out of the country), Susan M suggested she could ask Rick Gardner. He would work with Lauri Gaspar and other volunteers to use Bridge Battle as an attention getter/engagement device and provide info regarding club locations, teachers and mentors, and the mentor/mentee program.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Gale to speak with Rick and share what the expectations are.

D17 Activity (Jennifer)

Discussion: Jennifer had no report for D17. At the time, there is no firm date for FRC, but it is likely to be a Saturday and will be in Fort Collins. Lucille Steiner is leading the Front Range Challenge; Jennifer is organizing our teams.

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

Regional Game (Don)

Discussion: Don's verbal report included the logistical issues with the Renaissance hotel; he is attempting to get those issues addressed. He also reported that they have yet to send an invoice to us, preventing up from "closing" the regional financially.

Motions: None.

Further Action: Don to follow up with the hotel.

Around the Room

Discussion: Update your assigned duties on the shared drive!

Motions: None.

Further Action: None.

Adjournment

Unanimous decision to adjourn at 11:15

NEXT MEETINGS: **SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**
 NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER
 SATURDAY, October 17
 SATURDAY, November 21
 SATURDAY, December 19

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