

BOARD MEETING UNIT 356 SEPT. 19TH 2010

The meeting was called to order by President, Julie Abrahams, at 11:05 am at Las Candelas.

Members present: Barry Abrahams, Julie Abrahams, Dave Douglass, Don O'Bryan, Marge Curvin, Lee Toomey, Jan Miller Joan Merrill, Darwin Afdahl, and invited guest, Steve Reynolds.
Absent: Prudy Cain, Brenda Sonderegger.

Report of Officers:

1. The minutes of the August board meeting were accepted as presented.
2. Treasurer's Report: Barry said we had a loss of \$1400 for the month. This was mainly due to buying supplies for the Regional. Our current assets are \$46,000. Motion to accept the report passed.
3. Vice President: Absent
4. District 17 Rep: Darwin asked that we vote on two proposed changes to the D-17 by-laws.
 - 1) Change the term of the D17 Board members from two years to three years.
 - 2) Add that the President can poll Board members by telephone, mail, or e-mail... the change keeps the Board up with the latest technology.

Our board voted yes to both of these changes.

Report of Committees:

1. Tournaments: Barry reported that the booking at the Holiday Inn is down. He noted that the Days Inn near by has half the rate as the Holiday Inn. He projects that we may be down to 1400 tables from 1600. He is hopeful we may break even or be down a bit. There is a reception Friday, October 8th, for the district and guests. It will be at the Holiday Inn on the second floor at 4:30 pm. Barry is negotiating with the Banquet orders at the H.I. They are trying to increase some of our costs by 30%. The set up on October 7th can begin early since we have access to the rooms at 10:00 am. There will be 103 tables in the trailer. Barry needs some assistance with tournaments and nominated Steve Reynolds to be Assistant Tournament Chairman. Steve was unanimously approved by the board.
2. Club Manager: Brenda is absent, so Barry reported that we need a form for registration at the Regional. The winners will be announced before the 1:00 games. (not on Sunday)
3. Conduct and Ethics: Julie said that Chris Martin was suspended by

ACBL for unpaid dues. (Note: this was subsequently withdrawn by ACBL). Jan will check with ACBL to find out more information about this matter.

Dave said he had written a letter about “Slow Play” and how the ACBL supports the penalty for slow play.

- 4. Hospitality: Joan asked what her duty was for the tournament.**

Julie said Joan should be available to answer questions.

Julie has T-Shirts for winners and patches. Bonnie Bagley is the photographer.

- 5. Membership: Clubs need to assist in updating the information in the new directory. It was suggested that we provide copies of the new directory at local clubs to assist in updates on players.**

- 6. Education: Don is resigning from the board as of today.**

He has had difficulty finding speakers for the regional due to conflict with World Championships. Darwin and his wife have volunteered to be speakers. Don will get topics from the speakers, and will help with set up, and give talks.

A motion was made to appoint Carolyn Reynolds to the open position on the board and was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Barry announced that would like a replacement for the position of Treasurer. He nominated Carolyn Reynolds to take over this position. A motion to elect Carolyn as treasurer was seconded and passed unanimously.

- 7. I/N : Marge said that she now has enough caddies for the tournament.**

Barry said he will buy gift cards for the I/N players door prizes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Julie announced the time line for the Unit Board Elections which is as follows:

Nominees to be posted at clubs before Sept. 27th announcing the annual meeting on Oct. 17, 2010 at Adobe.

Nominations by membership due by Oct. 7th.

Ballots mailed out no later that Oct 27th.

Ballots counted before Nov. 26th ...only one member of the board can be present as long as they are not running.

Barry will prepare the ballots.

Mailing Committee, Jan, Joan, Marge, Lee

Election Committee: Don, Lee, Jan

It is time to think about the Calendar for 2011.

Volunteers for the committee: Julie, Barry, Joan, and Marge.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Miller, Secretary