

## March 6, 2011 Unit 356 Board of Directors Meeting

Members Present: Barry Abrahams, Dave Douglas, Adair Karlin, Christie McDougall, Joan Merrill, Carolyn Reynolds, Steve Reynolds, Lee Toomey

Absent: Jan Miller, District 17 Rep. Darwin Afdahl

The meeting was called to order by President, Barry Abrahams, at 11 AM at Adobe.

Minutes: The revised minutes were approved as corrected.

### Report of Officers:

1. Treasurer's Report: Carolyn had emailed her complete report to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting. The unit was up \$1500 for the month, and down \$500 for the year. The federal forms for taxes are in. Carolyn will send the forms in soon. . Motion to accept the report was made and passed.
2. District 17 Representative Report: None

### Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: Joan reported that there 15 membership books left. No request has been made for more. So far around 6 corrections need to be made.
2. Tournament Report :
  - a. Results of NLM Regional: Steve had emailed his report to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting. He said there were no complaints and received many compliments about how well the tournament was run. Steve said that Rudy Martinez and Nancy Sweat did a great job at the partnership desk.
  - b. Volunteers for Spring Sectional: Steve reported that he had it covered.
  - c. New Partnership Chairman: Rudy Martinez was approved as the partnership chairman unanimously. He had told Steve he would serve, if approved, through the 2012 Regionals.
  - d. Discussion of Member Appreciation Game: Since we had a loss of

\$2000 at the last Membership Appreciation Game, suggestions were made as to how to cut down on expenses such as raising the fee from \$15 to \$20, have the game split between Adobe and Las Candelas, or have the game at the Hotel Tucson. Steve is going to meet with the banquet director at the Hotel Tucson this week about having the game there on 12/11/11. It was not determined if the fee will raise from \$15 to \$20.

- e. Future Tournaments: Barry reported that sanctions for tournaments through 2013 have been approved. Then an alternate Fall Sectional was discussed. The following changes have been approved by the Board.

Thursday 11/3 Starting times for sessions will be 9 and 2

Friday 11/4 Starting times for sessions will be 9, 2 and 7

Saturday 11/5 Starting times for sessions will be 9 and 2

Sunday 11/6 Starting times will be 9 and 1:30 (approx)

On Friday 11/4, the Bracket KO II (Round 1) will start at 2

On Friday 11/4, a Single Session Swiss will be added at 7

Barry reported that Directors pay for Sectionals was raised by 7% last April, and will raise by 4% this April. Consequently the fee has to be raised. The Board agreed to raise the fee from \$10 to \$11. Barry is going to run this by Gary.

3. Club Manager: Christie reported that there will be 3 unit wide games in the Fall.
4. Kibitzer: Christie reported that there were no complaints about the reduced distribution of the Kibitzer for the last 2 months. Starting next month the Kibitzer will be available only online.
5. Hospitality: Joan reported that cleanup after the unit games is still an issue and requested help from the board members when they are available.
6. Education: Adair reported that speakers for the Spring Tournament is pretty much done. There will be a speaker at 1 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

7. Publicity: Barry reported that we will do extra advertising for the 2012 Regional. He recommended putting an advertisement in the Forum for an extra month. The events in the Regional will remain the same. Barry suggested that the names of the events be made more simple. The Board agreed.

Unfinished Business: Barry reported that we still do not have an I/N rep. He asked the board to let him know if any of us had a good recommendation.

New Business: Barry will hand out the Mini-McKenney awards at the start of today's Unit Game.

Move to adjourn at 12 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lenore Toomey, Board Member