

**MAY 22, 2011 UNIT 356 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Douglass, Adair Karlin, Christie McDougall, Joan Merrill, Carolyn Reynolds, Steve Reynolds, Jan Miller, Jo Ann Vaughn, Lee Toomey, D17 Representative, Darwin Afdahl.

**ABSENT:** Barry Abrahams

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Christie McDougall, at 11 a.m. at Adobe Bridge Club.

**Minutes:** Darwin reported that the minutes be changed concerning his report concerning the change to 10 and 3 for Knock-Outs.

Attendance at Mesa dropped 20% and never came back when they made this change 10 years ago.

**Report of Officers:**

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Carolyn has e-mailed her report to the Board. The Spring Sectional made a profit of \$950.05. However, she reported we have had a deficit the last two months. We currently have \$21,400 in Checking, and \$24,300 in Savings. Motion to accept report passed.
- 2. Darwin will attend the District 17 meeting in Denver next week. He will discuss the issue of how much to charge for Sectionals and report back.**

**Committee Reports:**

- 1. Membership:** Joan reported that the Membership Books are now printed and available for members who are waiting for the new one,
- 2. Hospitality:** Joan reminded us that she needs help with cleanup today, as well as all Unit Games. The task is easy with more helpers!!! Lee will be in charge of Hospitality in July.
- 3. Education:** Adair reported that she is looking for local players for speakers at the coming NLM tournaments, and looking for players in the Phoenix area for Regionals.
- 4. I/N Representative:** Jo Ann showed us fliers from ACBL for new players. She has made them available at the local clubs. She requested that we try to have a NLM Swiss Team game in July. Christie said it would need to fit into the calendar to determine if it can be worked out.

5. **Kibitzer:** Christie said the Kibitzer is now only available on the web site: [www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com](http://www.SouthernArizonaBridge.com).
  
6. **Tournaments:** Steve reminded us that the Regional is a much bigger commitment than Sectionals in that it involves the board and helpers for a week. He is working with three hotels to determine what is the best for us for the coming tournaments: Hotel Tucson, Holiday Inn, and Desert Diamond. A motion was made and passed that Steve will make the decisions based on what he determines will be the most profitable and best for the needs and the size of the tournament.

We discussed the Sunday session at Regionals as to what to charge for lunch, should it be a separate charge, or be included in the charge to each team. \$5.00 was the suggested amount to charge. Darwin will find out next week what the we can charge and if it can be part of the entry fee.

Steve asked for volunteers for awards for Regionals. Joan, Jo Ann, and Adair volunteered.

Steve said he is comfortable with the volunteers for the Fall Sectional and will use the same people for the same jobs.

We need partnership help for the January Sectional. Jo Ann said she will help with the NLM, and we still need a volunteer for the LM.

#### **Old Business:**

**Membership Appreciation Game:** After discussion as to cost to the Unit for this game, it was felt that the cost of the game at one site was too expensive. Lee made a motion to hold the Member Appreciation Game at two clubs, second by Steve. Motion passed.

#### **New Business:**

Dave is concerned about attendance at the Thursday KO. The board feels that we need to talk up the KO game a couple of weeks in advance.

Dave will serve on the nominating committee. Selection of the Committee will be addressed at the July meeting.

Next meeting will be July 17<sup>th</sup> at Las Candelas at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Miller, Secretary