

SEPT. 18, 2011 UNIT 356 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President, Barry Abrahams, at 11:00 am at Las Candelas.

Members Present: Barry Abrahams, Dave Douglass, Christie McDougall, Joan Merrill, Jan Miller, Carolyn Reynolds, Steve Reynolds, Lee Toomey and Darwin Afdahl (District 17 Representative)

Absent: Adair Karlin, JoAnn Vaughn

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as presented.

Report of Officers:

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn has e-mailed a complete report to the board. The income was \$427.50 with expenses for tournaments and Unit costs of \$396.24 the net income was - \$297.74. Checking/Savings of \$45,075.56. Motion to accept this report passed.

District 17 Report: Darwin has a meeting in Phoenix on October 22. He will be running for re-election as Unit D17 Representative.

Committee Reports:

1. Membership: Joan reported that there will be no new directory until next year. We discussed having the directory on-line rather than in book form. Some concern was expressed about security. Barry indicated there are some approaches to providing access just to members such as a player could use their ACBL number to access the directory. Barry will check with other units on their experience having the directory on-line.
2. Tournaments: Steve
Steve reported that the volunteers for the Fall Sectional are lined up. The Trailer will be moved on Thursday and set-up for Friday will begin at 6 a.m. Desert Diamond has raised the cost of the buffet from \$16.50 to \$18.00. This will add \$540 more to expenses. We will not have evening coffee but serve ice water. This will save us \$150. Pastries/bagels have been well received for the morning sessions at past tournaments.

Christie and possibly Ann Hinge will work in the March NLM Sectional.

Joan reported on awards for the Regional. We need 250 T-shirts and with printing and shipping the cost is \$1060.00 They will be printed with the Old Pueblo Regional patch design. They have not yet been ordered.

Barry reported that the Phoenix NABC in 2013 is asking us to raise our tournament fees by \$1 to help pay their deficit of up to \$75,000. Complete details of their proposal had been sent to the board in August.

Barry also said that we will need to also raise our fee by \$1 in the near future to help cover our costs. After some discussion of the impact of raising our fees by

\$2, Lee moved that we decline the invitation to donate to the Phoenix NABC by raising our fees by an additional \$1. Passed unanimously.

Barry reported that the Fall and NLM Sectional Flyers have been sent to clubs. Old Pueblo Regional and Winter Sectional Flyers will be mailed out this month. The January Flyer is approved, March NLM Schedule is submitted to ACBL. The Regional Patches have been received.

Caddy Master: Lee reported that she has caddies for the NLM.

Unfinished Business:

1. The nominating Committee (Dave Douglass): Board election candidates are Lee Toomey, Joan Merrill, Judson Jones, Derek Graybill, Jere' Webb, Bill Schelstrate, and Marge Curvin. Nancy Sweat was added as a candidate after the meeting. She had been left off due to some miscommunication. There will be a notice to the clubs by Sept 26th, write-in candidates by Oct.6. Mailing ballots by Oct. 26th, and Vote count by Nov. 26th. Joan, Jan, Carolyn, Steve, and Barry will be on the mailing committee. We will select a group to count ballots at the next meeting.
2. Christie will not be on the board next term after 8 years of her service to Unit 356, she has agreed to attend the January meeting to meet with her replacement to discuss her job as Club Manager.
3. A calendar committee is needed for to schedule next year's events and will be the agenda for our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be at 11 AM, October 16th (Annual Meeting at 1p.m.) at Adobe.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Miller