

## Board Meeting, Unit 356, August 25, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Barry Abrahams  
at Las Candelas Bridge Club at 11:10 AM.

Present: Barry Abrahams, Adair Karlin, Joan Merrill, Judson Jones, Terry Coe, Lee Toomey, Carolyn Reynolds, Steve Reynolds, Bill Schelstrate, Darwin Afdahl, D17 Rep

### Report of Officers

1. Secretary: A motion was made by Bill to approve July's minutes seconded by Joan Merrill. All approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: Carolyn submitted the treasurer's report via email. Last month was quiet. The club received \$1700 reimbursement from ACBL.
3. District 17 Representative Report: Darwin reported that Joan Merrill was appointed to the Goodwill Committee at the National Board Meeting in Atlanta.  
Beginning in 2014, NLM Regionals will have an upper limit of 750 master points, & shall award 10% GOLD Points for overall awards and section tops in the top flight or strat of two-session, or longer, pair event and the top bracket of two- session, or longer, KO event. This is good news for the Tucson Non-Life Master Regional in February 2014.  
Darwin has completed his first full term as our representative to the District 17 Board of Directors. District 17 includes Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Las Vegas NV, El Paso, TX, Cheyenne and Laramie, WY. Darwin is currently the President of District 17 and is a member of all committees. In the past he has served as Chairman of both the Finance Committee and the Regional Tournaments Committee. This year we have had five successful Regionals with Albuquerque, Mesa, Denver and Colorado Springs exceeding the table count from the previous tournament (Las Vegas was down 3.7%, but still had 3913 tables). In September, we are going to a new location, Taos, NM. Tucson will be the final regional of 2013 in October.  
The District is in good financial condition with a net worth of over \$170,000 as of June 2013. Committees are working on rewriting the By-Laws, New Electron Device policy, and Junior Member Discount. We need to continue to attract new members; they are the future of bridge.  
Darwin respectfully requests our support and vote for him to continue his role as our representative to the District 17 Board of Directors

### Committee Reports:

1. Membership Report: Carolyn is updating the membership book.
2. Tournaments: Steve handed out a task & responsibility sheet for the Board members for the upcoming Regional Tournament in October. Barry is

in charge of getting the patches. Joan is in charge of getting the t-shirts. Barb Rosenthal & Barry will be in charge of printing the photos. Joan will get some people to help with the distribution of the photos to the winners. Joan is going to order calendars with a pen to hand out to NLM members. Steve expects 1500 - 1600 tables. We had 1990 tables at our last regional. There will be a welcoming party for NLM members Tuesday evening. There will be an thank you party open to all members Sat. afternoon. Barry will draw up a welcome letter to be handed out the first day of the tournament. There will be a Friday night party at Chopsticks for Board members, District managers and club managers at 5 PM.

3. Tournament Co-ordinator Report: No report.
4. Club Manager: No report.
5. Hospitality: Joan reported that everything is OK.
6. Education: Adair reported that flyers for the regional & NLM tournaments are done. She also has speakers set up for all tournaments through Feb. mostly done.
7. Publicity: Adair asked Steve to announce at the beginning of each day's session who the speaker will be and what the topic will be.
8. I/N Representative: Terry will have registration forms for NLM members to fill out. There will be a drawing for four days. Eight people's names will be drawn. They will have dinner at the Old Pueblo with Becky to answer their bridge questions.
9. Caddy Master: Caddies are all set for the Regional.

Unfinished Business:

Steve volunteered to head up the Nominating Committee for Board seats. Terms expire for Judson, Bill, Joan and Lee. Bill is not going to run again. We will have two open seats. We need 5 candidates minimum by October.

New Business: none

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lee, seconded by Bill. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Next Meeting - Sept. 22 at Adobe Bridge Club

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lee Toomey  
Unit 356 Secretary