

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2014 UNIT 356 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Barry Abrahams called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM at the Adobe Bridge Club.

Barry Abrahams, Darwin Afdahl, Jared Boulds, Dan Faulkner, Ann Hinge, Judson Jones, Adair Karlin, Joan Merrill, Jane Pendley, Carolyn Reynolds, and Steve Reynolds were present.

1. The January 5 Minutes were approved as submitted.
2. Carolyn Reynolds gave the Treasurer's Report which was accepted.
3. Darwin Afdahl reported on the January District 17 Board Meeting. D17 Goodwill nominations are due by April 1. D17 gets \$30,000 from ACBL to be divided among 6 charities. Nominations of charities need to be made by June 1. D17 has \$6 discount cards for junior players. They may only be used at D17 Regionals. The junior must be 25 or younger, a member of ACBL, and not receiving pay for his play at the tournament. Darwin provided board members with a written summary of the January D17 Board Meeting.
4. Regarding membership, Carolyn Reynolds reported that Steve searched online to see if other units included membership lists on their websites. It was agreed that we would model our posting of the membership after Unit 143. Members may opt to not have their information on the website. Ann Hinge will set-up and manage the posting. To encourage members to keep their information up-to-date, Barry suggested a series of educational articles in the Kibitzer. Jared volunteered to write them.
5. Adair Karlin gave the report for education. To encourage participation in the NLM Regional, she has given some free passes to instructors to pass on to their students. The speakers for that tournament are Barbara Rosenthal, Paul Shalita and Mike Smith.
6. The discussion for cutting expenses at future tournaments included having salmon fewer days and replacing the Sunday buffet with box lunches. Steve will talk with the Holiday Inn people regarding the feasibility of the box lunches. There was agreement to make the following changes for the February 2015 Regional. Starting times will change from 1:30 to 1:15 and from 7:30 to 7:00. The Sunday Swiss will be bracketed instead of strati-flighted. More days of Gold Rush will be scheduled.
7. The board voted to invite Gordon Diss to be the new I/N Representative.
8. Barry will touch base with Lee regarding caddies.
9. Steve will check with Skyline Country Club to see if we can get similar arrangements to last year's Member Appreciation Game now that Skyline is under new management.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Pendley