

Minutes of the March 9, 2014 Unit 356 Board of Directors Meeting

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

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

1. The February 9, 2014 minutes were approved as submitted.
2. Carolyn Reynolds gave the Treasurer's report which was accepted.
3. Darwin Afdahl reminded us that D17 Goodwill nominations are due by April 1st. Members should send suggestions to Barry this week. Nominations for the D17 charity awards should be sent to Jared and Joan.
4. Membership chair Carolyn Reynolds reported that Ann Hinge thinks she will have something of the membership directory on the web by April. Jared Boulds passed out copies of "Preparing for an Online Directory." Ann will put it in the Kibitzer when she is close to having the directory on the web.
5. Tournament chair Steve Reynolds reported that the February Regional NLM was successful. He also noted that hotel rates at Hotel Tucson are lower than at the Holiday Inn. When he meets with the manager at Holiday Inn, he will pursue the possibility of pasta as a lunch option and box lunches on Sunday. Barry and Adair will send emails regarding the April sectional to all units in the southwest.
6. NLM's will only pay \$3 for unit games in April, May, July and August. Gordon will meet with JoAnn Vaughn to get an email list of NLM's in the unit. Barry will check with Skyline regarding the rates for Member Appreciation on June 29th and December 14th.
7. Education chair Adair Karlin announced the speakers for the April sectional - Ken Badertscher, Nora Tkacz, and Ken Grafton. She is currently working on the flyer for the 2015 Regional. Gold Rush and NLM events will be highlighted. There may be only one speaker at 6:15PM each day. The next Pro-Am will be at the Adobe Bridge Club on May 18th. Gordon will assist Am's in finding Pro's and putting teams together.
8. Steve suggested the possibility of eliminating the poorly attended NLM sectional. He would like to replace it with a "super sectional" where some gold would be awarded. He will also check with Desert Diamond regarding their current rates for holding a tournament there.
9. I/N Representative Gordon Diss shared his idea of putting NLM members in 3 categories and finding the best way to reach out to each group. Barry will get him a list of NLM members.
10. Steve suggested inviting club managers to 1 meeting each year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Pendley