

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2015 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, Dan Faulkner, Ken Grafton, Ann Hinge, Judson Jones, Adair Karlin, Joan Merrill, Jane Pendley, Steve Reynolds, and Ann Shaylor were present.

1. The minutes of the December 14, 2014 meeting were approved as corrected.
2. Cindy Shoemaker was approved as the new I/N Representative.
3. The treasurer's report submitted by Carolyn Reynolds was approved.
4. The officers for 2015 will be: Barry Abrahams - President, Adair Karlin - Vice President and Publicity, Jane Pendley - Secretary, Carolyn Reynolds - Treasurer and Membership, Steve Reynolds - Tournament Chairman, Judson Jones – Caddy master and Education, Ken Grafton - Disciplinary and Recorder, Joan Merrill - Hospitality and Club Manager, and Dan Faulkner - Tournament Coordinator.
5. Regarding the January sectional, Steve Reynolds reminded us of the Wednesday set-up and training for unit game directors. He suggested that the point limit to qualify for a discount at the tournament by attending a lecture be raised to 299. He announced that there will be a reception for District 17 and Unit 356 board members on Friday night during the February regional. The location has not been determined.
6. Adair Karlin listed the speakers for the regional. They are: Lowell Andrews - The Possibilities of Preempts, Mike Passell - Q & A, Marc Jacobus - Q & A, Chris and Donna Compton - Let the Opponents Do the Work for You, and Curtis Cheek - Q & A. Their talks will be at 6:15 PM Tuesday through Saturday.
7. Ann Hinge asked about a daily bulletin for the regional. She agreed to write it. She has solved the mass e-mail capability problem and will send the Kibitzer out by email.
8. Ken Grafton suggested we start a bridge program at U of A. He said there are reportedly 3 professors emeritus from there who currently play in the unit.
9. Joan Merrill recommended a change in the strats for unit games. It was agreed that they should be 0 - 750, 750+ - 2000 and 2000+.
10. There was discussion re. a letter of complaint from 2 players at the winter membership appreciation event. Barry said he would follow up with emails to us.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Pendley