

February Minutes from Unit 356 Monthly Unit Meeting

The meeting was called to order on March 6, 2016 at 11:00 at Las Candelas Bridge Club. Anne Hinge, Adair Karlin, Joan Merrill, Ken Grafton, Cindy Shoemaker, Steve Reynolds, Barry Abrahams, Mindy Hawkins and Betsy O'Dell were present.

The January 2016 minutes were amended and will be sent to board members.

Barry updated titles and jobs of board members and will send e-mail addresses of board members to the secretary.

Mindy and Cindy are doing flyers for the events. Mindy is the contact person. The spring flyer is complete.

The treasurer report was discussed and it was noted that the new format was much easier to understand.

Cindy had many observations and info about NLM games and players. She noted the following:

1. There were 16 NLM tables at the last unit game.
2. Flyers for the last unit game were sent to NLM players and were available at the clubs. Flyers were sent for the March unit game and will be sent for unit games in the future.
3. The flyers and word of mouth helped to expand the unit game with NLM players. Once NLM players have enough players for their own section, more players come to the game.
4. Cindy uses Constant Contact to communicate with NLM players. The master point spread for NLM players is 0 to 749 master points.
5. Currently there are 499 players in the unit on the NLM list. 49% of the unit are NLM players. 51% of the unit are Life Masters. Cindy will promote NLM games and Steve will promote open games.
6. NLM regional is 9-22-16 to 9-25-16 in Tucson. Lecturers will be Barbara Rosenthal, Ken Badertscher and Ken Monzingo. NLM players will get \$2.00 discount at Gold rush pairs.

The Pro-Am team game will be on Sunday, May 22. Pro players will have 500+ master points. Am players will have less than 500 master points.

Senior Olympics is usually a Saturday in January. An exact date is needed. Suni has agreed to host it at Las Candelas. He will supply the equipment and the city will supply the snacks and beverages.

Streams will hold a unit game in 2017 on a Saturday. It will be open and NLM. Pre-registration was suggested because of the volume.

Because of some recent disciplinary actions, Steve and Ken are going to review the disciplinary code of rules and actions. A motion was approved to send a letter to other clubs in the unit to create a conversation about discipline rules and actions. The letter will be designed to encourage cooperation among all the clubs in the unit to respect and honor actions by other clubs in unit 356.

Tucson Expo Center has time and space available for bridge tournaments. There is a food prep area and all drinks will be supplied by the center. There are also hotels nearby for players who need lodging.

At the April unit game, Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards will be awarded.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy O'Dell 3-6-2016