

April Meeting Unit 356

The meeting was called to order on April 24, 2016 at Adobe Bridge Club. Anne Hinge, Adair Karlin, Ken Grafton, Cindy Shoemaker, Steve Reynolds, Barry Abrahams, Mindy Hawlins, Ann Shaylor and Betsy O'Dell were present.

General discussion

The February minutes were approved.

The treasurer report was announced as on track and stable.

It was suggested that Darwin will need to work on the Good Will candidate.

The membership is down about 34 members. This is due mostly to snowbirds going back to their own units.

Chris Hasney is trying to get a grant for a ACBL college level course for bridge at a community college near Sierra Vista.

Sectionals

It looks as if the sectional made money. Swiss has had about 42 tables on Sundays. There were 49 on Thursday. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday tables were up. Wednesday tables were down like Saturdays at regular sectionals.

STAC games

STAC games are harming attendance at sectionals. Sectional attendance is down nationally. Gold Rush pairs (750 master point limit) are needed to get more people to sectionals.

Regionals

The regional at Grand Lux had poor facilities and attendance. Rooms at nearby Hampton Inn would be \$129.00+. There was no consideration for director accommodations.

The next regional in Tucson will be at the Radisson (formerly Clarion/Holiday Inn). Ten rooms will be 1/2 off and there will be 2 comp rooms. There will be no attrition costs. We only pay for rooms used. Rooms that have been renovated will be \$119.00. Rooms that have not been renovated will be \$109.00. Suites will be \$129.00. There will be pastries and salmon in the morning. We will do a cold buffet and they will have a hot buffet for lunch. The restaurant will also be open.

Upcoming Events

Hotel Tucson

1. NLM Regional September 22 - 25
2. Sectional November 17 - 20
3. Sectional January 5 - 8

The February - March regional will be February 27 to March 5 at the Radisson Hotel.

Senior Olympics will be on 1-29-2017.

There will be no unit game at Streams in 2017.

The next unit game will be on 5-15. There will be Swiss team training before the game for NLM.

NLM Regional

Is it possible to attach an open sectional to a NLM regional? It was discussed and decided that we should not tamper with success. A patch for the NLM regional was designed and may be put on t-shirts and card holders. T-shirts may be used as potential prizes. There will be a dinner with the pros during the NLM regional. ACBL president will visit the regional.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy O'Dell on May 5, 2016.