

Bulletins

Fast Results cost the district about \$100. We will need to learn how to input data for the newsletter portion. If we use Fast Results minus the newsletter or if we use the results sent to us by ACBL, posters about the tournament's activities and some hard copies of tournament's activities need to be made and displayed. Cindy will be the person in charge and she welcomes volunteers to help out.

Hospitality

The hospitality committee includes Mindy, Cindy, Ann, Steve and Betsy. The committee is in charge of food and related supplies for the unit games and special event games.

Future Tournaments

NLM Regional is in September at Hotel Tucson.

November Sectional and December Holiday games will be at Hotel Tucson.

January sectional is not determined because it depends on agreements as to where it will be.

Clean cards are needed for the tournaments for knockouts and team games. A committee is needed to go through the cards to remove dirty/sticky cards. Joan will be in charge and volunteers are needed to help.

Photos and bios of speakers and the dates, times, and topics of their lessons are needed for the regional. They will be needed for all future tournaments, too.

Flyers have been printed for the April sectional. Mountain View (SaddleBrook) needs flyers for the regional.

Caddies for the regional include Bruce, Terry, Jamie and maybe Yetta. We might need more caddies for the team games. Ties are available for the caddies.

Heidi has a sign up sheet for helpers for the NLM games at the Regional. The people who sign up will be trained to answer all questions that a NLM might have. They will also hand out the newly created patch, giveaways, and sign up players to win the raffles.

Senior Olympics

There are about 28 tables signed up for the game.

Jared is the director in charge. One to two more directors might be needed.

Dave Douglas will hand out the medals to the winners.

Election

There was a secret ballot election for president and vice-president of the unit. Cindy will be the next president and Mindy will be the next vice-president. The results were approved by acclamation.

The next meeting is on 2/19 at 11:00 at Adobe.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy O'Dell (unit secretary) on 1/18/2017

Unit 356 Board Meeting 2-19-2017

Unit 356 board meeting was called to order at 11:15 on 2-19-2017. Present were Jud Jones, Carolyn Reynolds, Heidi Beards, Steve Reynolds, Cindy Shoemaker, Anne Hinge, Ann Shaylor and Betsy O'Dell.

January Minutes - The January minutes were approved. Jud made a motion to approve and Steve seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

1. Carolyn reported a positive \$2800.00 for the sectional in January.
2. We had many expenses for the regional that needed to be prepaid.

Goodwill

1. Cards, flowers, etc. will be sent to people in the unit who have/had difficulties in life. (ex. deaths, sickness, accidents)
2. People behind the scenes need recognition, too. Examples include Dave Rinehart and the late Bob Hinkle.
3. Dave Rinehart needs to be honored at the regional for all he has done for the unit. To honor him, he will be given a plaque and free plays.

Membership

We are up 28 members from March of last year to March of 2017.

Partnerships

Partnerships@SouthernArizonaBridge.com is set up so everyone who has a password can access it. Since Rudy is having trouble accessing it, Heidi is monitoring it and sending partnership requests to Rudy.

Senior Olympics

There were 31 tables and \$1200.00 was made for the city of Tucson.

Regional

1. There were some difficulties making reservations and there were issues with some people who wanted to book a double room.
2. Gifts are to be considered for the people who worked so closely with us at the Radisson like the manager and the restaurant owners. The cost will be about \$200.00.
3. Caddies have ties and the final list was sent out on 2-19.
4. I/N were targeted for the regional with email blasts and flyers.
5. There will be 3 options for lunches Tuesday through Saturday. Menus are available for people to preview.
6. Two places will be set up for coffee. Coffee cost \$1.50 per cup.
7. Swiss team lunches for Sunday will include pizza, a salad and a cookie.
8. Candy will be available each afternoon.

Giveaway Promotions

1. The patch was designed by Mary Primeau.
2. T-shirts 300 were ordered locally for winners of events.
3. I/N giveaway drawings will be held at lunch time. Giveaways include convention card holders, pencils, baskets (Tues. to Fri.), and a jewelry piece by Barbie Corbett to be given away on Saturday.
4. "Visit Tucson" magazine will be available for out of town visitors.
5. Fast Results will be available at the end of each session.

Welcome Desk

1. The primary focus will be customer service. There will also be a table for future events and promotional flyers from other units.
2. Thank you cards will be sent to the 23 plus volunteers. Heidi will be sending the cards and Cindy will be ordering the stationary and stamps.

Displays

Photos of speakers and dates and times of their events are on posters to be displayed. Other posters will be created for partnership desk, schedules, the photographer and food options.

Printers

1. Two printers will be placed in the Fish Bowl for printing as needed.
2. After the regional, there will be printers available in the office of the casita to be used by anyone for bridge use.

Photographer

A photographer will be on hand during specified hours to take photos of winners and those achieving life master status. Steve J. Reynolds, the photographer, will be available 4 to 5 times daily. Winners will also receive a T-shirt.

April Sectional

1. Armin and Sam will be on the team replacing Dave Rinehart.
2. Ann Shaylor is working on speakers.
3. Mindy is working on the flyer. The cost of the flyers will be about \$238.00 and the mail cost will be about \$40.00. The flyer will be on the home page of the unit website.

Future events

These events include Pro-Am, NLM regional, and Unit games. Mindy and Cindy will work to promote them in multiple ways.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy O'Dell on 3-5-2017

The next board meeting is on 3-19-2017 at 11:00 at Bridge Club of Greater Tucson.

March 19, 2017 The meeting of Unit Board 356 was called to order at 11:25. Present were Cindy Shoemaker, Mindy Hawkins, Ann Shaylor, Jud Jones, Carolyn Reynolds, Steve Reynolds and Betsy O'Dell.

Minutes

The minutes were approved. A motion was made by Mindy and seconded by Jud.

Membership

Anne reported that the unit has 1177 members up 19 from last year.

Treasurer report

Because of expenses from the regional and some difficulties at the regional, our balance is not where we want it to be.

The hotel had a software glitch and hotel rooms could not be booked for people who wanted them because of the glitch in the system. There were complaints about not enough people to help with the food service and the maintenance of the lavatories.

Good and welfare

A plaque will be given to Dave Rinehart for his service to the unit at the 3-19 unit game.

The Salvation Army will receive the \$147.00 from the Charity game. A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Jud to do this.

New Business

Card fees have not been covering the unit's costs for the unit games to break even. The unit does not profit from these games. It is simply a way for the unit to give back to the bridge community. The cost for the open game will be raised to \$7.00 and the cost for NLM will be raised to \$5.00. A motion was made by Ann and seconded by Steve.

Hospitality will be itemized and be sent with the report of the treasurer monthly.

Membership Appreciation

The fee to play at the Skyline Membership Appreciation Game will be \$25.00 for both sessions and lunch.

The fee to play at the Holiday Game for both sessions and lunch will be \$25.00.

We will save money if we eliminate providing salmon at unit events.

Open Board Positions

We need a replacement of Heidi for the I/N position.

We need a unit game coordinator.

We need an education liaison.

Job descriptions will be posted.

Unit games

The attendance of life masters at unit games is down.

The May unit board meeting will be May 7 before the game.

The October unit board meeting will be October 29 before the game.

Tucson Winter Regional

a. The fast result responses were the following:

registration/information/partnerships/prizes - These had positive results.

food/coffee/facility - These had negative results.

b. There needs to be discussion as to whether 10 and 3 or 9 and 1:30 games are better for most people.

c. The schedules for the next tournaments need to be checked and if needed changed to insure better attendance results.

Ann is in charge for the speakers for the April tournament.

Mindy will be taking reservations for the May 7 Pro-Am. Betsy will help match up teams until May 1 and Cindy will match up teams after that.

Steve will be the organizer for the food on May 7. He is thinking about a Cinco de Mayo theme.

The next unit game is April 2 at Adobe. There will not be a board meeting on April 2.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy O'Dell on March 30, 2017

Unit 356 Minutes

May 7, 2017

The meeting of Unit 356 was called to order by President Cindy Shoemaker, 11:20 AM, Adobe Bridge Club. Present were, Mindy Hawkins, Ann Hinge, Jud Jones, Steve Reynolds, Ann Shaylor and Cindy Shoemaker.

The March minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Steve stated we have approximately \$52,000 in the bank. We made approximately \$19,000 on the regional and \$2,000 on the sectional. We are still waiting on approximately \$1,000 rebate from District 17. The regional's income was mainly from the food.

It was also discussed that we need a clear picture of what is spent at our unit games. Also, on your receipt, please mark what event the expense was used for.

Good and welfare: Cindy stated a check was sent to the Salvation Army.

New Business: Cindy nominated Diana Galis for the IN representative. Steve Reynolds made a motion to accept this nomination, second by Jud Jones.

We are still waiting on a unit game coordinator. Cindy did a spotlight on education which was well received. Cindy is going to discuss with Al Spaet to teach Bridge in a Day.

Also discussed was registration on the website. Ann will look into this and talk about cost, etc later.

Membership report: Ann stated we are down 47 from last month which was to be expected, .up 6 from last year.

Cactus Flower Regional: Cindy introduced the new IN representative, Diana Galis. Cindy stated the flyer was complete for the September tournament and everything was going as planned. There will be a new start time for this tournament.

It was also discussed to change the time for our next regional tournament to 10 and 3. Steve stated that Barry Abraham had done a survey several years ago and the results were the majority wanted 9 and 1:30 start times. The board will do a survey through the ACBL to see what members want at this time.

Member Appreciation Game: Mindy Hawkins stated the flyer is complete. It is on our website. The event will be held on June 11 at Skyline Country Club.

Caddy Status: Jud stated we have plenty of caddies for our tournaments.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00

Next meeting will be June 11, 2017, between sessions at Skyline Country Club.

June 25, 2017 - The Unit 356 Board meeting was called to order at 11:05. Present were Ann Hinge, Steve Reynolds, Carolyn Reynolds, Cindy Shoemaker, Diana Galis and Betsy O'Dell.

Minutes The minutes from May 7, 2017 were approved.

Good and Welfare – Jud will continue on as caddy master but he has resigned from the board.

Amber is the City of Tucson representative for the Senior Olympics. There was a suggestion to ask the city if it is possible for them to provide a bigger facility and chairs for the event. We have tables. We also need to check on the city's registration system to see if it can be made more efficient.

New Business – A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Cindy to offer the position of unit coordinator to Leonard Hall. Also, a motion was made to make him a board member. Steve made the motion and Diana seconded it. Leonard accepted the position.

The Cactus Flower NLM Regional will be held September 21 -24 at Hotel Tucson. The fliers are printed and will be distributed. Diana will do a web blast and there will be a constant contact promotion. ACBL script as well as restaurant certificates will be used as prizes. There will be online lessons by an expert as a big prize.

Our sectional will be November 16, 17, 18 and 19 at Hotel Tucson.

The January 4-7, 2018 sectional will be held at Hotel Tucson.

Our next Tucson Open Regional will be February 25-March 3 in 2019.

Start games – A survey is being developed about start times. Constant contact will be used.

A motion was made by Steve to give Ann Hinge a raise to \$300.00 due to an increase in expenses. It was seconded by Carolyn and approved by the board.

Website – Rotating pictures vs photo page on the website is open to further discussion.

Unit Directory – The unit directory needs to be explained and advertised in the Kibitzer.

Membership- -There are 1085 members in the unit up 20 from July 2016. 109 more people have email addresses than in 2015. This means that we are reaching more people.

Membership Appreciation Game – There were 73 tables - 36 in the morning and 37 in the afternoon. It needs to be advertised as 2 single sessions not as a double session. The Holiday Party will be discussed at a future meeting. Themes for hospitality for July and September will be announced. There will be pizza at the August game at Green Valley.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20. The next meeting will be on July 16 at Adobe.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy O'Dell on July 8, 2017

Unit 356 Board Meeting 7-16-2017 At 11:20 the meeting was called to order. Present were Steve, Ann H., Carolyn, Leonard, Darwin, Ann S., and Betsy.

Minutes

The minutes were approved as amended. Dates for the sectional were corrected. Carolyn made a motion to approve the minutes and Steve seconded the motion.

District News

Mesa needs a place for the Senior Regional. The district board is down from 14 to 10. Phoenix and Denver are down 1 each. Wyoming was placed with Colorado and El Paso was moved to New Mexico at large.

Treasurer

\$50,670.00 was the balance at the end of June after the Skyline game. We received \$1,000.00 from the ACBL. Diana needs to receive a debit card.

Membership

The membership was the same as May and is up 20 players from July of 2016. Ann H. made a computer sign-up for all unit games.

Good and Welfare

Senior Olympics – Adobe agreed to have it. The unit will do the food. Jan. 28 was reserved with the city.

Tournaments

Cactus Flower NLM Regional - Trophies, patch, photography and give-a ways are set up. Attending a lecture by Jerry Helms will be the Grand Prize give-away.

The November sectional is November 16 to 19. Everything is on schedule and contracts are signed. Is it possible to combine the sectional with the NLM Regional in years to come?

Hospitality

The next unit game is August 12 at Green Valley. Steve Reynolds is in charge of the luncheon.

Education/Speakers

NLM Regional takes place during the Jewish holiday. Possible speakers include Jud Jones, Deon Mamula, Jared Boulds, and Al Peters.

Publicity

Mindy needs names of speakers for fliers. There is an article going in the Scorecard for the tournament. Diana will be sending information to all new members. There were 4 new members in April, 7 new members in May and June and 4 new members in July.

2019 Regional

The Tucson Winter Regional in 2019 might be held at the Tucson Expo Center. This is pending. There are hotels across the street from the center and they will cooperate with us. Other options include Casino del Sol and El Conquistador.

Senior Regional

Our regional and the Mesa senior regional will rotate every other year. We want the same time for the regional every year. It is easier to make deals if we are able to do this.

Survey

It is scheduled go out in Constant Contact in August.

Holiday Party

The December Holiday Party will be at Adobe. Special food and treats will be served. There will be 2 separate events – morning and afternoon. Players can sign up on line closer to the event.

12:00 meeting was adjourned.

11:30 next unit board meeting at Green Valley on August 12.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy O'Dell on August 8, 2017

August 12, 2017 Unit 356 Board Meeting The meeting was called to order at 11:35.

Present were Steve Reynolds, Carolyn Reynolds, Cindy Shoemaker, Mindy Hawkins, Darwin Afdahl, Betsy O'Dell

Minutes were approved. Steve made the motion to approve them and Carolyn seconded the motion.

Darwin

Arizona Senior Regional (Mesa) - They want to get out of being the host to the regional. It is an option that our regional and the Mesa Senior Regional will rotate every other year in Tucson. We want the same time for the regional every year. It is easier to make deals if we are able to do this.

All regionals are on track with D. Mamula coming to the NLM regional.

Cactus Flower NLM Regional – The start time is 9:30. Fliers are being circulated and taken to various clubs. Information will be put in the bulletin.

Sectionals

Is it possible for the April sectional to be a split sectional with Green Valley?

Our role in the November 2018 NLM Regional needs to be discussed. Is it possible to combine our sectional with the NLM Regional in years to come?

Treasury

\$1300.00 was needed for supplies and checks for rooms for the November and January sectionals.

\$50,019.73 is the combined total between the two unit accounts.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy O'Dell on 9/9/2017.

Next meeting is at Adobe on September 17, 2017 before the unit game.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 on 9-18-2017. Present were Mindy Hawkins, Darwin Afdahl, Ann Shaylor, Carolyn Reynolds, Leonard Hall, Steve Reynolds, Diana Galis, Ann Hinge, Cindy Shoemaker and Betsy O'Dell.

There was a discussion about the price of unit game fees going from \$5 to \$7. This discussion was tabled and will be revisited. Points made by some committee members were the following:

1. Money from the regionals will be adequate to keep the price at \$5.
2. We lose money on almost every event except the regular regional.

Membership is 1098. This is 23 more than the membership in Sept. 2016.

NLM Regional

1. Printer needs to go to Diana for pictures. Cindy will take the photos.
2. A new bulletin board is needed because the old one broke in the trailer.
3. Both the badges and the list of nearby restaurants are ready.
4. Al Peter's speaker info is needed.
5. Training sessions before the Swiss team event will be directed by Al Peters. This is a way to introduce Swiss Team play to those who will be playing at the NLM Sectional and the Fall Pro-Am game on Sunday, October 29.

Leonard asked if the Senior Olympics should be on the unit calendar.

The speakers for the November sectional include Dave Douglas, Ken Grafton and Jared Boulds.

Senior Regional in March

1. Best Western has already been contracted. Directors can stay for \$50.00 a night and a shuttle to and from the tournament is available.
2. The Comfort Inn, Days Inn and Red Roof Inn are closer to the tournament sight for people who want this.
3. A volunteer concierge (as per Albuquerque) will be discussed to help people with hotel rooms.
4. Start times for the Senior Regional are 9:30 am, 2:30 pm, and 7:00 pm.

The next unit board meeting will be 11-5-2017 at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted by Betsy O'Dell on 10-28-2017.