

The meeting for Unit 356 was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on 1-15-2017. Present were Carolyn Reynolds, Cindy Shoemaker, Steve Reynolds, Jud Jones, Adair Karlin, Joan Merrill, Mindy Hawkins, Heidi Beards and Betsy O'Dell.

The December 11 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

1. We are down about \$13,000 from last year at this time. Expenses that contributed to this include the following:

\$5,000 - bridge mates

\$2500 - Skyline CC Membership Appreciation Day

\$1500 - Holiday Game in December

\$1100 - NLM tournament

Several hundred dollars for other operating expenses like candy for tournaments

2. Carolyn is looking into changing banks because we are experiencing too many service charges which adds costs and also there has not been very good customer service at the bank. She is looking into changing to Chase Bank.

3. Membership fees - We received a quarterly check for \$1100.

Tournaments

1. The January sectional had a table count of 448.

2. The regional tournament at the Radisson is giving us cooler space, prep tables, and one employee for prep.

3. Coffee will cost about \$1.50 a cup and will be supplied by the restaurant. Coffee saves us about \$1000 a day if it is supplied by the restaurant and then purchased by the bridge players.

4. Lunch tickets will be sold as people register to play to get a more accurate count.

5. The choices for lunches will be a hot buffet, a cold buffet (ours), or a sit down restaurant experience in their restaurant.

6. A hospitality room will be on Saturday only and will cost \$400 - \$500. It also might be a last minute decision due to room availability.

7. The use of the hotel space will cost about \$1000 a day for the regional, \$675 a day for the NLM tournament, and about \$750 a day for the spring sectional.

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