

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