

## Unit 356 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, July 15, 2018

Location: Adobe Bridge Center

**Attendance:** Cindy Shoemaker, Jared Boulds, Gordon Diss, Dan Faulkner, Diana Galis, Suzanne Greenwood, Leonard Hall, Mindy Hawkins, Carolyn Reynolds, Steve Reynolds.  
**Absent:** Ann Hinge - Membership/Webmaster/Kibitzer.

Cindy called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming. Cindy welcomed new board members Jared Boulds and Dan Faulkner. Jared will become the Unit Treasurer. Previous treasurer, Carolyn Reynolds, will remain on the Board as a member at large. Dan Faulkner will become the tournament coordinator and pursue various educational opportunities for the Unit.

Let it be noted that an e-mail vote requesting individual board member response, yea or nay, was conducted July 9, 2018. The board unanimously approved both candidates. E-mail responses were filed and archived.

The unit board now has 10 board members, including the I/N representative.

The May board meeting minutes were passed without corrections.

NLM Sectional at Adobe Bridge Center: Barry Abrams, president, Adobe Bridge Center, requested the unit consider holding an NLM sectional at Adobe Bridge Center. In response to his request and to ensure the venture was thoroughly investigated, a feasibility study with financials was created by Cindy Shoemaker and Jared Boulds and distributed to the board. The prospect of holding an NLM sectional at Adobe was deemed cost-effective and was determined to be of benefit to the NLM community. Additional factors included: date availability, space constraints, historical and national perspective and table fees, to name few.

The board determined to offer Adobe \$11 per table per session producing an estimated \$660 in profit based on a 15 table per four-session outcome. Profit would fluctuate based on the actual table count. The board would provide snacks and lunch on Sunday, produce a flyer and promote the event. Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place teams.

***Motion: Steve Reynolds made a motion to pursue a two-day/four session I/N Sectional September 28-29, 2019 at Adobe Bridge Center. Mindy seconded. Motion approved.***

2019 board election process: Cindy Shoemaker created a timeline and a notice template. The board determined that annual meeting will be held Sunday, October 7 at Adobe Bridge Center. Diana Galis will head the nominating committee pursuant of a deadline of August 6. The deadline to send written notice to all bridge clubs requesting each post the notice on bulletin boards/website will be September 27.

**Review/Update of Unit bylaws:** Len Hall (Cindy Shoemaker) will chair a committee to review and recommend updates to the Unit bylaws. The committee will include: Carolyn Reynolds, Steve Reynolds, Jared Boulds. Suggested changes will be posted to the Unit Website and brought up for a vote at the Annual meeting. Current bylaws were distributed.

**Treasurer's report:** Jared will report the Unit financials at the August meeting.

**District 17 Rep report:** Steve Reynolds reported:

- To date, The Longest Day event raised over \$4 million for Alzheimer's research.
- Bobby Levin will be inducted into the Bridge Hall of Fame.
- STaC week is scheduled in August.

**Tournament Chair report:** Steve Reynolds updated the board regarding the status of contracts for 2019. He reported that all contracts are complete and signed with the exception of the Skyline Country Club which will be signed within the month. A hard copy of all contracts has been created and is available for reference. Jared will issue deposits to secure events for 2019.

Sanction dates for 2020 -- 2023 have been verified and sanctions will be complete within the month. The date for the 2022 April sectional (21-24) is pending as it would be held over Good Friday/Easter weekend.

**I/N report:**

- Suzanne will send letters to welcome new members and offer a discount to play in a unit game.
- Mechanical pencils and convention card holders were chosen as the giveaways for the NLM regional in November.

**Education report:** Diana Galis will continue as the Unit's speaker coordinator and will work with Mindy to produce a speaker flyer for the Cactus Flower Regional/Tucson Fall Sectional and the Tucson Winter Regional. Diana is securing speakers for the Tucson Winter Regional.

**Caddy report:** Jud Jones is securing caddies for the NLM Regional/Tucson Fall Sectional and is seeking new caddies in preparation for the Tucson Winter Regional in Feb./March 2019. New caddies would be trained at the NLM Regional/Tucson Fall Sectional.

**Good and Welfare:**

- Cindy Shoemaker asked for suggestions from the board via e-mail regarding the addition of a charitable event or charity component to an existing event.

**Upcoming Events:**

Fall Pro-Am 10/7 -- Adobe Bridge Center.

NLM Regional/Open Sectional 11/8 – 11/11 -- The Hotel Tucson City Center.

Tucson Winter Regional 2/25 – 3/3, 2019 -- Tucson Expo Center.

A synopsis of how the above mentioned events will be marketed and a timeline was presented. The new flyer for the Tucson Winter Regional was distributed. The board was asked to take note of the following:

The Tucson Fall Sectional schedule has been revamped. Compact KOs and Swiss team games have been added. A 199'er game was also added to give Ams the opportunity to earn silver points in addition to gold rush events (NLM Regional.)

The Tucson Winter Regional schedule is almost identical to the schedule used for the Arizona Senior Regional held earlier this year.

Two new hotel options for out-of-town players who attend the Tucson Winter Regional include: Four Points Sheraton Tucson Airport and the Hampton Inn and Suites Tucson Airport. The Comfort Inn and the Red Roof Inn will remain as options.

Explore running a 1/2 page ad (\$910) or a 1/3 page ad (\$615) in the Bulletin for two consecutive months. Steve Reynolds stated that District may offer to pay for each unit to create a full page ad in the Bulletin to promote regionals.

**Next meeting: Sunday, August 26 at Adobe Bridge Center -- 11:30 am.**

Meeting adjourned 12:14 p.m.