

## Unit 356 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 17, 2019

Location: Adobe Bridge Center

Attendance: Cindy Shoemaker, Jared Boulds, Gordon Diss, Dan Faulkner, Diana Galis, Suzanne Greenwood, Leonard Hall, Mindy Hawkins, Steve Reynolds, Carolyn Reynolds

Absent: None

Cindy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

Motion: Mindy Hawkins moved that the minutes for the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved. Diana Galis seconded. Motion approved.

Presidents Report: An open discussion on venues occurred. The Sheraton on Grant was deemed too small to hold a sectional with restriction. The Aloft Tucson Hotel on Speedway demolished its detached convention space to create a parking lot. The Greek Church was deemed too noisy. The Desert Diamond Casino was deemed too expensive and the Casino Del Sol cannot provide enough rooms in its room block to accommodate out of town players. The board will continue to review and explore venue options.

Motion: Each board member will maintain their same positions; approved by acclamation.

Motion: Dan Faulkner moved to provide Steve with \$700 to take the District 17 and Unit 356 board members and spouses to dinner on the Friday night of the Regional. Steve Reynolds seconded. Motion approved.

Motion: Diana Galis moved to change the 199er game to a 299er game to accommodate this growing segment of our membership. It should be noted that this change will decrease the lowest open game stratification to 0-750. Steve Reynolds seconded. Motion approved.

Motion: Mindy Hawkins moved to raise unit game fees to \$7 for non-life masters. Steve seconded. Motion approved.

District 17 Report: Steve reported on restaurants options to take the board members to dinner the Friday night of the regional.

Membership Chair Report: Cindy reported that the Unit currently has 1,197 members. There are approximately 750 Non-Life Masters and 450 life masters in our unit.

Education Report: Diana confirmed speakers for the regional. A free play will be used as daily giveaways (Tuesday - Saturday) instead of the custom designed bridge caddy by Ron Brown. Free plays will be good for play at the regional only.

Caddy Report: Jud Jones has confirmed caddies for the Tucson Winter Regional. The caddy shirts have been washed and ready for the event. Caddy lanyards have been located and caddy badges will be created/customized for the event.

By-laws: Tabled until June.

Publicity: Mindy created a speaker flyer for the Tucson Winter Regional and a flyer for the Tucson Spring Sectional. Both flyers have been sent to the ACBL for posting/approval (Tucson Spring Sectional.)

Treasurer's Report: Jared completed and distributed a detailed Income and Expense report. A year end financial statement was sent to the ACBL. Jared will shift to an accrual accounting method that records revenue and expenses when they are incurred.

Recorder: Greg West. A disciplinary warning -- CDR 3.3.3 and CDR 3.3.7 -- was issued in December. No additional action was warranted.

Motion: Jared made a motion to approve the revised Unit 356 game calendar. Mindy seconded. Motion approved. A date change for the Palm Springs Regional prompted the revision.

I/N Report: Suzanne has ordered the I/N giveaways for the Tucson Winter Regional. She is recruiting volunteers for the welcome desk and has purchased volunteer gifts for a nominal fee. She has ordered free Tucson Guides.

Partnerships: Rudy and Nancy will handle partnerships for the Winter Regional. A new partnership chair(s) will be sought after the regional. The job description for the partnership chair will be refined. Free play amounts as compensation were discussed.

Website: After stepping in after Ann Hinge's resignation, Ron Gagne has cleaned the website, refined button bar options and streamlined copy. The Unit Directory is not working and cannot be restored. Quotes have been obtained from firms to develop a new website.

Motion: Jared made a motion to send Ron Gagne \$300 for his help with the website. Dan seconded. Motion approved.

Motion: Mindy made a motion to make Wounded Warriors project our designated charity for the Tucson Winter Regional. Diana seconded. Motion approved.

Good and Welfare: To raise additional funds for the Tucson Winter Regional's designated charity, a basket filled with items/gift cards will be created and raffled off during the regional.  
Chairs: Mindy Hawkins and Barbie Corbett.

Tournament/Upcoming Events:

Tucson Winter Regional: Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019.

Details to ensure that the Tucson Regional runs smoothly were discussed. They include: refinements to the contract, room pick up and extensions of dates to reserve rooms, set up (Armin) where a set up date needs to be determined. Diana and Suzanne will replace playing cards for team games. Jared will create the Daily Bulletin. Rod Gagne will be the photographer. Suzanne will coordinate volunteers for the welcome desk. In addition to tournament chair responsibilities, Steve will handle the food. Marketing ongoing and culminating with promo in the Scorecard and a Constant Contact promo to Unit membership. Additional meetings will occur.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 a.m.

Next meeting: TBD in February at Adobe Bridge Center