

Unit 356 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020

Attendance: Ron Bliss, Jared Boules, Diana Galis, Suzanne Greenwood, Susan Johnstone, Carolyn Reynolds, Steve Reynolds, Jack Shoemaker, Gordon Diss

Diana called the meeting to order at 4 PM. The minutes were approved with the addition of the draft of the bylaws and amendments.

Treasurer: Jared stated that the only expenses incurred in August were the nominal costs of awards sent to members.

Membership: Suzanne reported 1109 unit members. It was noted that we have e-mails for all but 85. Twelve new I/N members have been added.

Old Business: Steve reported that that the ACBL would decide in two or three weeks on holding tournaments at beginning of the new year. Should we hold the regional in March with a smaller than usual number of players, the EXPO center will give us a break in price. In addition, Steve said the \$1000 deposit could be used the following year. Contracts for the hotels used for the regional have been signed.

New Business: After a brief discussion of providing a summary of important changes in the bylaws for unit members, it was decided to table the topic until September. It was moved that two amendments to the bylaws be added. After discussion, the motion passed adding this sentence to article 6.4: Nominations in addition to the slate prepared by the Nominating Committee may be made by the membership, but such nominations shall be in writing, signed by at least ten members in good standing, and must be received by the Secretary of the Unit at least ten days prior to the Annual Meeting. The second amendment changed Article 9 to read: These bylaws may be amended, altered or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by the members.

Diana reported she found a statutory agent who will remind us of reports, taxes, and other annual filings that are due. We voted to hire him for \$49 annual fee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM. September's meeting is the 24th at 4 PM.

Susan Johnstone
Secretary