

Unit 356 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

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

Diana called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Motion: The June minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jared reported that he had received second quarter funds from ACBL totaling \$1100.

Membership: Membership totals 1090 with 5 new unit members.

Old Business: Steve discussed the possibility of using Lodge on the Desert as a hotel for the regional tournament—good food and nice accommodations—a nice choice for visiting pros. In addition, there was a discussion of returning a \$1 or so from tournament entries to clubs that closed for tournaments. No decision was made. A motion was made and approved to increase our tournament liability insurance to \$10,000.

By Laws: Ron moved that the board approve the redrafted bylaws in the form submitted by the bylaws committee. It was seconded, and he invited amendments. The motion was debated and amended to incorporate Robert's Rules into the bylaws as the standard for board meetings. The amendment was approved and the question was called on the main motion. The issue was tabled with votes to be submitted by this Friday by email since further debate was not deemed necessary.

Further discussion included using paper ballots for unit elections when members could not be reached by e-mail. It was noted that the new by-laws change the definition of a quorum from 40 to 25 members and that the unit board would decrease by 2 voting members from 9 members to 7.

New Business: Diana suggested that we have an electronic method to share documents. Jack will look into adding this convenience to the website. Steve brought up the fact that we have a vacant seat on the board and possibly Suzanne would be interested in filling that voting seat.

The meeting was adjourned on receipt of members' votes with the redrafted bylaws approved by the board. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, August 20 at 4 PM.

Susan Johnstone