

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 6th 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 25th to Sunday, March 3rd 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

Unit 356 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019

Location: Adobe Bridge Center

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

Excused: Diana Galis

Cindy called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

Motion: Jared moved that the minutes for the January 17th Board meeting be approved.
Seconded by Mindy. Approved.

District 17 Rep: Steve informed the Board that Bonnie Bagley is retiring. The District Board will vote on 8/15 for a replacement.

Treasurer's report: Jared will provide a financial report at the March Board meeting

Good & Welfare: Cindy and Mindy discussed the status of our charitable giving. Since the Wounded Warriors are not in Tucson, it was felt that the local Fisher House or Primavera might be better recipients for the Charity.

Membership Chair Report: Cindy reported that the Unit currently has approximately 1,100 members.

I/N Report: Suzanne reported there were 22 new members to our Unit. She will be handing out gifts of pencils and convention card holders to Non Life Masters at the Tucson Winter Regional.

Education Report: Diana confirmed that all is in order for the speakers for the regional and that the flyer is ready.

Caddy status: Jud has indicated that caddies are ready for the Regional.

By-laws: Tabled until June.

Publicity: Mindy reported that the speaker flyer for the Tucson Winter Regional and the flyer for the Tucson Spring Sectional are ready.

Disciplinary Report: Nothing new to report.

Motion: Mindy made a motion to go with GSN to build a new Unit website. Suzanne seconded. Motion approved.

Unit Directors: The Unit Board controls the choice of director for Unit games. Len will oversee the technical aspects. The Board determined that it will select directors for unit games and report scores to the ACBL for unit games and unit wide games.

Meeting adjourned 11:45 a.m.

Next meeting: March 17, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Adobe Bridge Club.

Unit 356 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, March 17, 2019

Location: Adobe Bridge Center

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

Excused: Mindy Hawkins

Cindy called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

Motion: Dan moved that the minutes for the February 10th Board meeting be approved with one modification, namely the website consultant is "GSM" and not "GSN". Seconded by Mindy. Approved.

District 17 Rep: Steve informed the Board that the November 2020 Regional will be at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas.

Treasurer's report:

Good & Welfare: Cindy and Mindy discussed the status of our charitable giving. Project Action for Veterans may be a good recipient.

Membership Chair Report: Suzanne stated that the Unit currently has approximately 1,180 members.

I/N Report: Suzanne reported there were 3 new members to our Unit in February.

Education Report: Diana confirmed that all is in order for speakers for the April sectional and the flyers are out.

Website: The Board congratulated Ron Gagne for his work on the website including photos. We are moving ahead with GSM to design a new Unit website.

Caddy status: It was suggested that we have four (rather than three) caddies at the Regional.

By-laws: Tabled until June.

Publicity: Mindy reported that the speaker flyers for both the Tucson Winter Regional and the Tucson Spring Sectional are done.

Disciplinary Report: Nothing to report.

Postmortem – Tucson Winter Regional. The Board discussed feedback from the Regional. Suzanne’s work with I/N’s was appreciated. Carolyn did an excellent job with the food.

Trailer: Steve informed the Board that Trailer is 16 years old, single axel 12 foot long. We need a 2 axel 14 foot trailer which would cost about \$5,500 after trading in the current trailer.

Motion: Dan moved that the Unit purchase a 14 foot dual axel trailer in accordance with the above estimates. Len seconded. Motion approved.

Partnerships: Rudy will be stepping down from the partnership desk. Doug and Sherry Cain have indicated an interest in managing the partnership desk.

Meeting adjourned 11:53 a.m.

Next meeting: May 19, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Adobe Bridge Club.

Unit 356 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, May 19, 2019

Location: Adobe Bridge Center

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

Excused: Mindy Hawkins, Dan Faulkner

Cindy called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

Motion: Jared moved that the minutes for the March 17th Board meeting be approved. Seconded by Suzanne. Approved.

District 17 Rep: Steve noted that Ruth Houkom was nominated for the goodwill award.

Good & Welfare: None.

Treasurer's report: Jared provided a financial report on the Sectional Tournament held in April. The Unit registered a bottom line surplus of approximately \$4,000.

Motion: Steve moved that Cindy be reimbursed \$200 for Constant Contact expenses. Seconded by Suzanne. Approved.

Membership Chair Report: None.

I/N Report: Suzanne reported there were 8 new members to our Unit in March and 9 new members in April.

Education Report: None.

Website: The Board congratulated Ron Gagne for his work on the website including photos. We are moving ahead with GSM to design a new Unit website.

Caddy status: Ann Taylor has agreed to help organize the caddies.

By-laws: Tabled until July. Len is working with Ron Bliss on the Laws Committee.

Publicity: There will be a reception on the patio at Adobe where Cindy will hand out trophies.

Disciplinary Report: Nothing to report.

Partnerships: Doug and Sherry Cain will manage the partnership desk. Suzanne volunteered to help.

Diana will submit paperwork to bond Jared in his work as Treasurer. Cost about \$100.

Meeting adjourned 12:25 p.m.

Next meeting: June 23, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at NW Club.

Unit 356 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, June 23, 2019

Location: Northwest Tucson Bridge Club

Attendance: Cindy Shoemaker, Jared Boulds, Diana Galis, Suzanne Greenwood, Len Hall, Steve Reynolds, Dan Faulkner.

Excused: Mindy Hawkins and Gordon Diss

Cindy called the meeting to order at 11:10 am

Motion: Minutes for the May 19 Board meeting approved.

District 17 Report:

- . Ruth Houkom will be awarded the Goodwill Ambassador title from District 17. This will be done before the game at Tucson Charity Bridge Club on Tuesday, July 7, 2019.
- . NAP qualifiers will be held at Northwest Tucson Bridge Club and the Adobe Bridge Club.
- . Becky Rogers resigned from District 17 board.

Motion made to increase Steve Reynolds' allowance to attend District 17 meetings from \$200 to \$300.

Steve turned down a per diem.

Good and welfare: None

Treasurer's report: Jared provided a financial report regarding the Member Appreciation Game at Skyline stating a net loss of \$1,549.

Membership: We added eight new and transferred members to Unit 356 in May.

Education: We should research locations to hold beginning bridge lessons in Tucson to increase unit membership.

Bylaws: Tabled until July. Len Hall, Ron Bliss, Steve Reynolds.

Disciplinary Report: None

Website: Our new_website should be up in the next couple of weeks.

Caddy status: None

Partnerships: Jack Shoemaker will chair partnerships for the September NLM sectional. as Doug and Sherry will be out of town. Partnership team consists of: Doug and Sherry Cain and Jack Shoemaker.

Publicity: The Cactus Flower Non-life Master and the Tucson Fall Sectional flyer needs updating.

Motion made to modify the schedule for the Tucson Fall Sectional by replacing Compact KOs with Stratified Swiss team games for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Tucson Winter Regional schedule/flyers are complete.

We have 10 rooms for directors at the Red Roof Inn. The other hotels to accommodate attendees of the regional are: Hyatt Place, Comfort Inn, Stay Tucson Inn and Suites, Red Roof Inn and the Viscount Suite Hotel.

The Board congratulated Unit members Randi Berkson and Monica Quinlan for winning the GNT Flight C in Denver.

Motion made to award Randi Berkson and Monica Quinlan \$300 each to help with expenses during the GNT finals held at the NABC Las Vegas.

The Unit's trailer and its contents is now located at the property of Suzanne Greenwood.

Motion: Steve Reynolds moved to pay Suzanne \$360 annually to "store" the trailer.

Meeting adjourned: 12:40 pm.

Next meeting: TBD

Unit 356 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, August 25, 2019

Location: Adobe Bridge Club

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

Cindy called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

District 17 Representative on the ACBL Board of Directors: Gordon handed out ballots for the Unit Board to vote for D17 Rep on the ACBL Board of Directors. After voting, each ballot was sealed, placed in an envelope and mailed to the ACBL.

Good & Welfare: None.

Treasurer's report: Jared provided a financial report for the Skyline game and the May and June Unit games as well as the cash flow from May through July.

Cindy distributed the 2020 Unit 356 calendar for review.

Motion: Diana moved that the 2020 Calendar for Unit 356 be amended to remove the March 15th Unit game since it will be held on March 22nd at Adobe. Mindy seconded. Approved.

Cindy distributed the proposed Unit 356 Board Meeting Schedule.

Motion: Jared moved that the Meeting schedule be approved as submitted. Mindy seconded. Motion approved.

Life Master recognition: Steve and Jared recommended that new Life Masters in our Unit be given a free play at a local Sectional or Regional. Members concurred.

Regional and Sectional dates: Len agreed to get sanction numbers at least 45 days ahead of each event.

Sponsorships and Grants: UBS offered to sponsor our regional by providing funds for coffee, pencils and food.

Mindy made a motion to purchase stainless steel bowls of various sizes for use at Regionals and Sectionals. Jared seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned 12:20 p.m.

Next meeting: TBD.

Unit 356 Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, October 27, 2019

Location: Adobe Bridge Club

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

Excused: Dan Faulkner

Absent: Carolyn Reynolds

Cindy called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m. and thanked those present for coming.

Motion: Jared made a motion to approve the October minutes with one change. Cindy called the October meeting to order at 3:42 p.m., not a.m. Steve seconded. Approved.

District 17 Representative: Steve Reynolds. Nothing to report

Treasurer's report: Jared reported the unit had a +\$502 bottom line at the NLM Sectional.

Good & Welfare: Cindy said that we would be raffling a basket at the Tucson Winter Regional. At the Tucson Fall Sectional, there will be a Q & A session for Directors given by Eric Bell.

Unit Game Calendar: Cindy met with Ruth Houkom and she is interested in hosting a sectional at Tucson Charity Bridge (one day with two sessions and/or a Swiss Team game)

Motion: Steve made a motion to approve the calendar. Seconded by Mindy. Approved.

The flyers for the GNT Championship Game need to be changed to reflect the correct dates. (March 2nd to 8th at the Tucson Expo Center.) Our Unit hosts this event.

Cactus Flower Non-life Master Regional/Tucson Fall Sectional
Thursday November 14 – 17, 2019. Hotel Tucson City Center

Tucson Winter Regional – March 2 – 8 Tucson Expo Center
The GNT finals will be held at this Regional. There will be a Champion Flight separate from the Open flight,

Meeting adjourned 11:41 a.m.

Unit 356 Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, October 27, 2019

Location: Adobe Bridge Club

Cindy called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

Cindy explained that there were four positions and four candidates. The candidates were:

Diana Galis

Gordon Diss

Jack Shoemaker

Susan Johnstone

Cindy declared the uncontested election as won by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.