Unit 356 Board October 16, 2023

Present: Jack Shoemaker, Steve Reynolds, Suzanne Greenwood, Doug Cain, Ken Grafton, Peter Godfrey, George Harger, Sheri Morris

Meeting called to order at 10:01 AM. Minutes of the June meeting was approved.

Bonnie Hertzog has resigned from the unit board. The board discussed replacements and agreed to ask David Pearlman to join the board. Jack discussed it with David, and he agreed to join the board. His term will expire at the end of 2024.

There was not a district report from Steve since the district meeting was scheduled at the Taos Regional for October 23rd. He will provide updates at the October meeting.

George provided the financial report. The unit is doing well and shows a profit year to date. Our investment at Ameritrade is doing well. The interest we earn will help the unit in 2024 since ACBL fees and costs are going up in 2024.

Sheri reported that membership is at 880. In September we had 4 new members and 3 reinstated members.

There will be unit games in October. A unit wide game for players under 1500 points is scheduled for October 26. Clubs participating are Small Slams, Adobe, and Streams. The board agreed to pay the sanction fees for this limited game.

The unit is sponsoring a Halloween unit game at Northwest Tucson Bridge Club. A budget was given to NWT for food and refreshments. Promotion will be done by the unit and NWT.

Membership growth: We will be looking at various places in the community that might like to host bridge lessons or Learn Bridge in a Day.

 Doug – Has communicated and met with PCOA and is awaiting a reply from the Jewish Community Center

 Sheri – Oro Valley Parks and Rec

 Learn Bridge in a Day – if we want to try this, we need to check for possible instructors.

I/N sectional at NW on Sept 9-10. This was a successful event with 55 tables and a small profit.

New Business: We have 4 board members whose terms are expiring in 2023. They are Jack Shoemaker, Suzanne Greenwood (completing Beckey Cooper Baker’s term), Peter Godfrey and Doug Cain (completing Diana Galis term) Jack, Suzanne and Doug are running again. Peter will be stepping down.

The board needs to get an announcement out in October for candidates and schedule the annual meeting.

April 2024 sectional was discussed, and the board has agreed to hold the sectional after a long absence. Jack will work with TVLC on a contract.

The meeting adjourned at 11:08.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Shoemaker, President