

## Unit 356 Board Meeting

November 13, 2024 – Special Meeting to Discuss Marriott for 2026 Regional

### Minutes

Present: Jack Shoemaker, Steve Reynolds, George Harger, Sheri Morris, Suzanne Greenwood, and David Pearlman; Tara Evans and Ken Grafton were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM.

2 weeks ago, Jack, Sheri, and Suzanne visited University Marriott to take a look at what they are offering. Looked at facilities. They had a positive impression. Tucson Visitor Center representatives were also there. They were very positive.

Venue is beautiful. Plenty of room. Willing to work with us. Problems are parking and getting tables in. Tables are fixable problem with help from hotel. With respect to parking, Tucson Visitor Center is willing to work a deal with street cars.

Beautiful outside area for classes maybe.

\$3,900 for room and \$9,600 for food for Tuesday through Sunday. Will reduce room charge if we buy more food. Date would be week after easter (April 7-12).

This is doing an extra day.

Will give a \$5 room rebate on a rate of \$159.

Probably will have to raise the table fees in 2026 anyway.

Have to clear with district. Steve and Jack will initiate. Plan B would be to go to ACBL directly.

Consensus was that holding the tournament there would be a nice thing for the membership and for Tucson.

Steve suggested we run a budget so the District can see some firmer numbers. Maybe we can negotiate a bigger discount, e.g., \$10 a room.

The board agreed to go forward with a process of pulling together a real budget, with a view to finalizing a deal by year end.

George and Jack will take a first cut at a budget.

On motion by Mike, seconded by David, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael Barry, Secretary