

## Unit 356 Board Meeting

February 19, 2025

### Minutes

Present: Jack Shoemaker, Steve Reynolds, George Harger, Sheri Morris, and David Pearlman, Anita Froehlich, Michael Barry and Doug Cain; Suzanne Greenwood was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

The minutes of the January 15, 2025, board meeting were approved.

### *Reports*

Steve presented a brief update on District 17. The Albuquerque tournament was successful, as was the District STaC game. There will be a GNT game at Adobe on February 21.

Jack noted that the District approved plans for the 2026 Regional at the University Marriott – there is much more to plan for that, including parking, food, and how to use the food spend requirement.

George presented the Treasurer report. Membership fees were \$981 in January. The Unit spent \$765 on two games at Adobe and Streams (paying for prizes at Streams). Investment income will go down because we had to cash in one of the Unit's CDs to meet the need for cash for tournaments.

Anita presented the Membership report. There were three new members in January. Total membership for January was 865.

Jack discussed tournaments. He stated that we are good to go on the University Marriott venue for the 2026 Spring Regional right after Easter. We are keeping it a five-day tournament.

For giveaways for the 2025 Regional, patches have been ordered, and we are getting mechanical pencils. Suzanne is working on the food with Steve. ACBL is expecting 847 tables – that may be an overestimate. We are covering most of the directors' hotel requirements with our room credit with Sheraton. George is expecting profitability to go down based on the tables projection.

Doug discussed partnership. We still have a number of open partnership requests for the Regional.

Jack discussed speakers and introducers at the tournament; we have posters for speakers.

Northwest has agreed to do the IN sectional on October 4-5.

*New business*

Jack noted that 2026 is our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We should begin consideration of a celebration. Possibilities include a reception or a member appreciation game.

We need to get some more directors qualified for the IN Sectional, and we need to get local directors trained up for tournaments.

The Unit STaC is April 21-22 and will include presentation of awards. We will get some revenue from that.

There was a general discussion of the District Grant program and ideas for a grant to the Unit. Sheri discussed doing a bridge teaching project/learn bridge in a day. We could also use a grant for director development. There is \$5,000 available – typical range for a grant is \$300-\$1,000.

George noted that the NABC is coming to Las Vegas 2027. We usually give a contribution to Las Vegas Nationals. After discussion, the Board approved a \$2,000 contribution to this tournament.

The next meeting will be on March 10 at 9AM.

On motion by David, seconded by Sheri, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Barry', written in a cursive style. The signature starts with a large, stylized 'M', followed by a series of loops and a long, sweeping tail that extends towards the upper right corner of the page.

Michael Barry, Secretary