

Unit 356 Board Meeting

March 10, 2025

Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

The minutes of the February 19, 2025, board meeting were approved.

Reports

Steve presented a brief update on District 17. Steve has connected Sheri with Sharon to discuss new members and teaching. Liz Hamilton has resigned as District 17 President.

George presented the Treasurer report. We made about \$1,700 on the February/March Regional Tournament. Last year net revenues were \$6,400. Given that this year's table count down significantly (624 for this year vs. 820 for last year) and we receive \$12,000 less gross revenue, this result is pretty good. We were able to offset the reduction in gross revenues by cost saving, including certain director costs, sanction fees, session fees, and hospitality.

Anita sent an email reporting on membership: We had 6 new members in February; total membership through February is 857.

Tournaments: Jack noted that survey results for the Spring tournament were pretty good, although Anita (in her email) had noted that some people did not like the start time.

There was a brief discussion of marketing efforts for next year's Spring Regional.

There was a discussion of the 2025 Fall NLM regional/sectional. There was a general discussion of table fees, fees for food, and a subsidy for beginners. The Board agreed to increase the table fee beginning in November 2025 to \$15 (from \$14) and to not change the current food subsidization policy.

There was a discussion of complaints about the difficulty, for less experienced players, of the bracketed team game format, which is aggravated by the reduction in attendance (which compresses the brackets), and whether we should we go to a standard Swiss. This issue was noted and put over for the next meeting.

With respect to future tournaments, Jack noted that we have sanctions for all of next year, other than for the January Sectional and November NLM Regional tournaments. The Church has complained about how much coffee we're drinking. If we're going to use the Church, we will have to consider limiting amount of coffee available or coming up with an alternative. Jack will go to the Church and discuss costs for next year's tournaments.

There will be a Unit STaC week at the clubs April 21-27– Small Slams, Northwest, Streams, Sierra Vista, El Eorado in green valley, and Adobe will be participating.

New business

Jack suggested we should refresh out website and that he would like to spend up to \$500 with a website developer to look at this. The Board approved this expense.

The next meeting will be on April 16 at 10AM.

On motion by David, seconded by Sheri, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Barry', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Michael Barry, Secretary