

District 17 Board Meeting
Phoenix, AZ August 20, 2016

NOTE: This is a partial summary of the D17 Board Meeting. The final minutes are subject to D17 Board approval at the next D17 Board Meeting in Tucson, AZ, Saturday, March 4, 2017.

General

1. Opening remarks from President Jerry Ranney:
Jerry thanked Phoenix Unit 354, Tournament Chair (JoAnne Lowe) and the many volunteers. The regional was held at the Talking Stick Resort, (a beautiful hotel and casino, rooms were large and spacious and only \$99.00++ per night). I believe they are trying to return next year. There were 1653 tables but the dates were earlier in the year. I would expect an increase in tables if we go back next year. The opening Pro/Am Pairs had 39.5 tables (our Cindy Shoemaker was 6th overall) with 38.5 tables in the Charity Open Pairs. The 9:30am and 1:30pm games usually had 70+ tables in the Gold Rush and Stratified Open Pairs. The 7:15pm Stratified Open Swiss had less than 20 teams. The Bracketed KO team events had less than 30 teams. Sunday had A/X/Y Swiss Teams and 0-3000 Flighted Swiss Teams (Top 3 teams in each 0-3000 flight receive GOLD POINTS). The attendance at each of the District 17 Regionals this year has been down as compared to previous years.
2. Bonnie Bagley, D17 representative to the ACBL National Board, said the Board meeting at the Washington NABC's was "light", but the Board is discussing reducing the number of Board Members.
3. Marion Robertson, Western Conference President (Districts 17, 21, 22) asked each District President to appoint two members to a newly formed Western Conference Task Force tasked with recommending efforts to cut costs and improve benefits to our members. D17 President Jerry Ranney appointed Mesa Unit 351 Board member Jim Horton, and John Grossmann, Colorado.
4. As of August 11, 2016 District 17 total assets were \$102,811, this reflects the net income for 2016 of -\$4,787. The Denver and Las Vegas regional incomes were each down significantly with a combined income for those two regionals of \$8,631 below budget. Total expenses to date are \$72,013, \$35,237 under budget.
5. Gary Zeiger, the Director in Charge stated that attendance for the KO's was bad, going down, but the attendance for the Pair events was OK
6. D17 Regional table fees will increase to \$13.00 per session effective January 01, 2017. The \$4.00 increase per table will be split with \$3.00 going to the district and \$1.00 going to the unit sponsoring the regional. HOWEVER, the district will pay the Western Conference fee of \$2.25 per table, which means the unit will have a net increase of \$3.25 per table.

7. Reminder for Tournament Chairs: the Budget and Schedule for Regionals must be approved by D17 prior to two NABC's.

Future Tournaments

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| 1. Tucson, AZ, NLM | Sep. 22-25, 2016 |
| 2. Colorado Springs, CO | Oct. 10-16, 2016 |
| 3. Phoenix, AZ, NLM | Oct. 21-23, 2016 (in conjunction w/Phoenix Sect.) |
| 4. Albuquerque, NM | Jan. 16-22, 2017 |
| 5. Tucson, AZ | Feb. 27-Mar. 5, 2017 |
| 6. Mesa, AZ | Apr. 3-9, 2017 |
| 7. Denver, CO | May 23-29, 2017 |
| 8. Las Vegas, NV | Jun. 19-25, 2017 |
| 9. Phoenix, AZ | Aug. 14-20, 2-17 |
| 10. Tucson, AZ, NLM | Sep. 21-24, 2017 |
| 11. Taos, NM | Oct. 9-15, 2017 |

Next D17 Meeting

Tucson, AZ, March 4, 2017

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