

## 2011 UNIT 356 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**DATE: 1/16/2011**

**TIME: 10:30 AM**

**The meeting was called to order by President, Barry Abrahams, at Adobe Bridge Club.**

**Members: Barry Abrahams, Dave Douglass, Adair Karlin, Christie McDougall, Joan Merrill, Jan Miller, Carolyn Reynolds, Steve Reynolds, Lee Toomey**

**D17 Representative: Darwin Afdahl**

**Guests: Prudy Cain**

**Steve moved that we nominate members for the Executive Board: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Lee seconded.**

**The following positions were accepted by vote:**

**President: Barry Abrahams**

**Vice President: Christie McDougall**

**Treasurer: Carolyn Reynolds**

**Secretary: Jan Miller**

**The minutes of the last board meeting and the Annual Meeting were approved.**

### **Report of 2010 Officers:**

1. **Treasurer's Report**
  - a) **2010 results: The net increase is \$1360 for the year.**
  - b) **Budget for 2011:**

Carolyn feels that it will be a challenge to have a positive balance this year.  
We were down about 15% in attendance at the Sectional. The member appreciation game expenses need to be reduced. An increase in the Regional by \$1 will help.  
Printing fewer Kibitzer's will also cut some costs.  
Motion to accept the report pending some adjustments with our losses passed.
2. **District 17 Representative Report:**

Darwin announced that Bonnie Bagley is our new District 17 President. There is a meeting next week in Albuquerque and he will have a written report following this meeting.
3. **Membership Report:**

Barry reported for Brenda that the new membership book is ready for print. There will be 500 copies printed initially. There are approximately 1000 members in the Unit.

### **2010 Committee Reports:**

1. **Calendar Committee:** Those who prepared the 2011 Calendar were Barry, Brenda, and Joan. Barry handed out calendars for those needing one.
2. **Tournaments:** Steve said that he and Carolyn are going for paperless reports from now on. The Regionals net income was \$3000. There were many complaints about the hotel concerning the garbage not being cleaned up, mediocre food, and rest rooms overloaded. Steve noted that the coffee was disappearing too quickly so he changed the cup size to 8 oz and there was no more problem. The Holiday Inn told Steve that we can't cancel our future reservations with them without a penalty, which is incorrect per the contract.

**We discussed the starting times for the Sectionals being 9am and 2pm instead of 10 and 3, and Regionals being 9am, 1 and 7:30 pm for next year. Barry and Darwin will attempt to get the District to agree to revising the Regional start times.**

Steve brought up a suggestion from Michael Levy that we consider having the Thursday Knock-Out games play in the morning and afternoon and no night Knock-outs. The board discussed that this would provide a time for an evening NLM game or a ProAm game. Steve feels that we need to do something to increase attendance and interest in our tournaments. We will discuss this further at the February meeting.

One key issue is where to hold future Regionals, Casino Del Sol or Holiday Inn? Action-Steve Reynolds

3. **Club Manager: Christie**  
All sanctions are covered.
4. **Kibitzer: Christie**  
The ProAm registration forms are included in the Kibitzer this month. Christie recommends that we phase out the printing of the Kibitzer because it is on the web-site, and many players do not read the printed copies. We will phase out the printed form, and for the next two months the number printed will be cut in half.
5. **Joan: Hospitality** No report
6. **Education: Don O'Bryan** will continue to volunteer to speak at tournaments.
7. **Publicity: Barry** will continue to be in charge of publicity.
8. **I/N: We** need to get names of players interested in helping with NLM. It was suggested that Marge Curvin might assist us.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF 2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN/POSITION**

**By-Laws: Steve Reynolds**  
**Conduct and Ethics: Dave Douglass**  
**Education: Adair Karlan**  
**Hospitality: Joan Merrill**  
**Membership: Christie McDougall**  
**Partnerships:**  
**Sergeant at Arms: Barry Abrahams**  
**Election Committee and 2010 Calendar-later in the year**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Barry** passed out the Unit By-Laws
2. **The Unit Party** for old and new board members will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at Barry's Home.
3. **Prudy Cain** described her new role of working with Bonnie Bagley. She would like to see the awards given out by March this year and would like increase the number of NLM players at Unit games.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Miller, Secretary