

Unit 354 Board Meeting
March 2, 2009
Scottsdale House

All members were present. President Janet Newman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes were approved as emailed earlier.

Treasurer' Report: Kim reported that the year began with an unencumbered cash balance of about \$32,000. The Presidents' Day sectional netted about \$13,500. Other board activities such as SDP, new directory costs and a Grand Canyon deposit reduce our cash position by \$ 4,000. Therefore we now have unencumbered cash of about \$41,500 as of Feb. 28. The budget presented for the Silver Sun was accepted by the board.

Tournament Report: Jo Anne reported that the ASU West President' Day Tournament was a great success and we hope to use the facility again. She has a contract with Grand Canyon University for May 2010. Jo Anne announced the resignation of Rick Hunt as Caddy Master after the next tournament. Page will investigate finding a new caddy master and notify the board ASAP. Charlie will proceed with finding out about strengthening the wheels on our table carts. Charlie is also checking out billing from the last tournament at ASU West.

Future Tournaments: We have a problem with contracts at Casino Arizona because we must cancel one tournament in deference to the nationals being held in Phoenix. Discussion ensued about whether we have a tournament in August. Janet will ask Bob Kreutzer to accompany her and Kim to the casino for further discussion of our contracts there. Lesley will confer with District 17 to check if we can have an August tournament.

The necessary criteria for a tournament site was discussed with an explanation of why we have had several tournaments at the Doubletree as well as why we will be finding other venues. The discussion of future sites included finding more west side sites.

Publicity: George delineated how the \$1550 budgeted for publicity is insufficient to cover expenses and requested an additional \$300. A motion was unanimously accepted. George will work with Barb about information submitted to The Forum. Charlie will order 700 more kokopellis. George suggested we have more coffee at the tournaments. It was decided to give the tournament chairman discretion to order more coffee as needed in the morning of tournaments. A discussion of promotional items for the August regional was tabled until our next meeting.

Jo Anne will order new replacement decks of cards. She also explained that Tucson has bought their own printer and makes their own flyers. This could be a real cost effective move. Barb offered to do flyers at her home if we purchased a printer. We might also do our own tournament daily bulletins. The vote to purchase a printer was unanimous. Barb will research buying the printer. A discussion about whether to continue tournament

bulletins with Ken Monzingo was tabled. Jo Anne will call Adele Verkamp/Dale Sweetwood about how Unit 351 produces their tournament bulletins.

Novice/Education: Rod reported 98 tables of novices at the recent tournament. He suggested sending some of our youth program kids to the nationals in Washington D.C., but the general feeling of the board seemed to question spending the money on a few youth when it could be used to encourage the local youth program. The board expressed concern about liability for an extended field trip. Rod was congratulated for his work with the youth and novices.

Shuffle, Deal, & Play: Jamie announced the next deadline of March 16

By-Law Change: George suggested a change in the present article 9 of our by-laws. He suggested that the present article 9 be stricken and replaced by the following: “These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the board by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular board meeting or has been made a part of the agenda of the meeting and has been submitted in writing to each member of the board at least 30 days prior to the meeting.”

George’s motion, seconded by Jo Anne, was unanimously approved and will be presented to the general membership for a vote at the Silver Sun. Notice of the change will be printed in SD&P.

Web Site: Barb reported all is going well.

Flyers: Bob reported that all flyers have been distributed.

Directory: Barb said she will get directories to any club requesting more. A resounding no vote was heard from the board about whether to post directory information on the web.

District Report: Lesley reported that the district is looking toward using scoring machines and dealing machines at future regionals. They are increasing the amount of money provided for reception rebates to \$1000. The district wants our input about what charity we are interested in for its \$20,000 grant.

Next meeting: Monday, April 27, 4:30, Scottsdale House