

Unit 354 Minutes
August 28, 2008
In the home of Barb Bunnell

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 by President Kim Corbin with the following members in attendance: JoAnne Lowe, Leon Lowe, Lesley David, Angie Ulrey, Kim Corbin, Marianne Spanier, Bob Welch, Jamie Rubenstein, Page Tomkinson, Barb Bunnell, Charlie Kelley, Jerry Gaer, and Rod Bias.

The **minutes** for our July meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Leon presented a detailed report of expenses for both the Desert Empire regional and the Horn o' Plenty sectional as a comparative study for the last three years. He reports a balance of \$36,785.46 with outstanding invoices of \$7/8000. He also reported a loss in our tables with discussion following as to exactly how many tables this loss entails and when it occurred. Discussion ensued about how to avoid duplication in the sending of SDP electronically. Lesley suggested that the flyer for the sectional be sent to the same email addresses we have to SDP electronic distribution. Leon said the Two Men and a Truck movers cost the unit \$670. We can't afford this expense over the long run, so he'll look into buying a dolly so we can go back to moving tables ourselves. Leon announced his resignation as treasurer effective after the Holiday Tournament in December. He suggests we find a replacement as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition. He has also made a personal commitment to locate a cost effective playing site for sectional play in December of 2009.

2008 Desert Empire Regional Report: Lesley thanked the board who worked so hard to pull off a great tournament. She, in turn, received applause from the board for her hard work and difficult task. She commended Barb and JoAnn for their unending work on hospitality. A discussion ensued about appropriate playing times. A committee of JoAnn, Barb, and Jerry will meet to discuss times for future tournaments.

Kim will head up a committee (to include Rod) to discuss changes in the Pro-Am.

Horn O'Plenty: The board signed up for responsibilities at the October sectional: snacks, Barb; caddies, JoAnne; tables, Charlie; food drive, Page.

Novice/education Report: Rod reported on the Dysart Youth Program. With help from Kiva volunteers, there will be an after school program starting next week dependent on sufficient student interest. Another new program will begin next semester. Angie reminded the board that Rod is out of pocket for expenses in developing the youth program. We agreed to make up whatever difference national does not re-pay.

Nomination for fill board vacancy: Barb Bunnell was unanimously voted in as a new board member. (Now she's with us officially!! Does that mean she'll do twice as much work?)

Shuffle, Deal and Play: The next issue will come out Nov. 4th before the December tournament. The next SDF deadline is Oct. 10.

Casino Arizona contracts: Contracts are set through 2015. However, we have just been informed that the national tournament will be in Phoenix in 2013 and will interrupt our Regional for that year. There was discussion about the best time to inform Casino Arizona about our problem in breaking one of the contracts. Discussion leaned toward doing so straight-forwardly, honestly, and immediately. The board also discussed whether to have a regional at all in 2013. General sentiment was to by-pass the 2013 regional. Casino Arizona is too expensive for our sectionals. They will be at the Doubletree for 2009 with the President Day Tournament at ASU West. There are no spring 2010 sectional contracts to date.

Other business: Quick mention was made about the website, membership and flyers, upcoming board elections, and District 17 news before we abandoned the meeting for a TV set and Barack Obama's acceptance speech. There was no adjournment, just general dispersement. The next meeting will be September 24 at the Scottsdale House.