

Minutes
Unit 354 Board Meeting
September 24, 2008
Scottsdale House

President Kim Corbin called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. In attendance were George Drake, Kim Corbin, Janet Newman, Charley Kelley, Page Tomkinson, Rod Bias, Jamie Rubenstein, Barb Bunnell, Lesley Davis, JoAnne Lowe, and Bob Welch. Absent were Angie Ulrey and Marianne Spanier. Bob Welch was acting secretary.

The minutes of the August 28, 2008 meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report

JoAnne reporting for Leon, stated that as of September 22, 2008 the Unit has \$5,272.22 in checking and a 2.6%, \$25,000 CD which will mature June 18, 2009. The net profit for the Desert Empire Regional was substantially greater than expected at \$9,088.78.

JoAnne also presented the proposed budget for the 2009 Desert Empire Regional. When compared to 2008 a higher table count is projected as we will not be competing with a nearby Summer National, increasing both expenses and revenues.

Tournament Report

Lesley handed out assignments for the Horn OPlenty sectional. JoAnne will check with Rick whether he can provide two caddies to help with set-up Thursday, October 2 at 5 PM. Other assignments were reviewed and approved.

Novice/Education Report

Rod told us that mini-bridge at Dysart schools has met with limited success. He has had a request from another school to try once again at a new location in October.

Shuffle, Deal and Play

The board cheered Barb's efforts on SDP. The next deadline is October 10 – only a few days after the sectional ends in order to be delivered a month prior to the Election tournament in early December.

Board Member Election

The 2 year terms for 6 board members end this year. Kim Corbin will not run for re-election, but will serve as Past President and will succeed Leon Lowe as Treasurer. The other 5 who running as incumbents are: George Drake, Charles Kelley, JoAnne Lowe, Janet Newman and Angie Ulrey. Additional candidates who have agreed to run are: Harriet Motley and Sue Sneed. George will contact Chris McNaughton to see if he is interested and Barb will contact Ron Grantz.

Jerry Gaer's 2 year term as Unit 354 District Representative is up this year. He plans to run again and will be opposed by Lesley Davis.

New Joint Directory

Jamie Rubenstein stated that the current 351/354 Joint Directory is obsolete and that planning needs to begin for updating and reprinting it. Bob Welch, Barb Bunnell and Jamie will work with Unit 351 (Mesa) and consult with Clark Ransom who was assisted with the current directory. The committee will investigate the feasibility of an 8 ½ x 11 layout, consider adding a cell phone data field, and prepare a

proposed budget for the next board meeting. Advertising rates will also be discussed by the committee. It was agreed that any advertising revenue raised be allocated back to the Unit which sold it.

Membership

Bob reported a membership of 1550, as compared to 1542 that we had at the same time last year. He also stated that Shuffle, Deal and Play is currently mailed to 1273 addresses (many husband/wife combos get one copy.) Approximately 130 members receive SDP via email. The extra copies of the current SDP and tournament flyers will be taken to the upcoming tournament.

Charity

Page reminded us to request contributions to the food bank be brought to the various participating clubs. Also, all the items collected at the clubs need to be delivered to the tournament Friday or Saturday.

District 17 News

Jerry Gaer reported that The District 17 Board members raved at the hospitality they observed at our regional. Many other favorable comments were received from other parts of the country.

Jerry also reported that Phoenix has been selected for the 2013 Fall NABC. This will mean that we will not have a regional tournament that year. Sectional events can run at the same time as NABC events, but regional events are not allowed. It was suggested that the unit work with local clubs to offer either a unit-wide STAC week or some other unique game at the individual clubs. JoAnne and Lesley will develop a proposal for the next board meeting.

Reception for Board Members

Page will look into possible sites for a brunch thanking outgoing board members and welcoming incoming board members. A date is tentatively set for January 11, 2009.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 22 at Scottsdale House. A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.