

Unit 354 Board Meeting
Scottsdale House
April 27, 2009

Present: Bob Welch, Jamie Rubenstein, Barb Bunnell, Marianne Spanier, George Drake, Susan Snead, JoAnne Lowe, Angie Ulrey, Rod Bias, Lesley Davis, Kim Corbin, Janet Newman, Page Tomkinson. Unable to attend: Charles Kelley, Harriett Motley

President Janet Newman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The minutes were approved as sent out electronically. The Treasurer reported total assets of \$40,000 after a few incoming bills are paid.

Upcoming tournaments: JoAnne reported that a contract has been signed with Grand Canyon University for the May 2010 tournament. She also reported that the caddies are in good shape for the upcoming tournament which will be the last for caddy master Rick Hunt. A new caddy master, Amy Kapell, will take over at the next tournament. Kim Corbin reported that the October 2013 Regional will be cancelled because of the national tournament to be held at in Phoenix in November 2013. The possibility of an August Regional for that year has been denied by the district.

Promotional Material for Regional: there was discussion about promotional items for the regional. Barb suggested a small gift for everyone in lieu of section top prizes. The board approved purchasing a pen engraved with future tournament date.

Daily Bulletin: Ken Monzingo has done our daily tournament bulletin at a cost of \$2500-\$2700. Barb Bunnell has offered to do the bulletin this year. A motion that the board will pay for Barb's hotel room during the regional carried.

Pro-Am Game: needs to be organized for the tournament. Barb will ask Tim Rumshosky if he's willing to organize the game. Janet will talk to Clark Ransom about the letter that goes out.

Scoring Machines: There was some discussion of using scoring machines. Lesley will discuss the topic further at the District 17 meeting.

Update on Printer to do Flyers: the printer is at Barb's home

Novice/Ed Report: Rod reports that the number of newer players at the tournaments has risen. Attendance is down somewhat at the school programs, and there's been attrition among teachers. Planning is going ahead for fall programs, however, and maybe as many as twenty elementary students are coming to the Silver Sun Sectional. Rod also discussed possibilities for a unit sponsored mentor program for new adult players.

SDP: The next issue's deadline is June 15.

By-Law Change: George is moving forward on work to change the bylaw by which we can simplify the process how we change our by-laws, as stated on the website. We will hold a special meeting for discussion and voting at the Silver Sun. Jamie will present by law change at the tournament.

District 17: no report

Other Business: Susan Sneed will be the NAP coordinator and contact Dale Sweetwood.

Charity Donation: Suzanne Bias provided information about Deep Within Recovery, Inc., hoping that any money we receive from the ACBL grant to the district of \$20,000 can be directed their way. The application needs to go to Karen Griffin at district by June.

Page will coordinate nominations for charity grant. She also was directed by the board to give the locally raised \$500. to St. Mary's Food Bank.

Website: Lesley is our new web master, taking over from Barb.

Barb will create an addendum of corrections for the directory to be handed out at the tournament.

Membership: Bob Welch reported a total membership of 1698 as of April 1st.

The next meeting is set for June 1 at Scottsdale House, 4:30 p.m.