

Unit 354 Board Meeting  
January 17, 2008  
AzBridgeWorks  
5:30 p.m.

President Kim Corbin called the meeting to order. The entire board was in attendance: Lowe, Welch, Drake, Kelley, Katra, Rubenstein, Tompkinson, Davis, Ulrey, Corbin, Gaer, Spanier, L. Lowe, Bunnell, and Reed, and new members Rodney Bias and Shirley Rhodes whom Kim welcomed to our group.

Elections of Officers for 2008

The first order of business was to present the nominations for the 2008 officers. President, Kim Corbin; Vice-President, Lesley Davis; Treasurer, Leon Lowe (appointed); Secretary, Angie Ulrey. A motion to accept the slate was seconded and unanimously accepted.

A discussion about whether to increase the number of members on the board by appointing further members ensued. A motion to add one member to the board was defeated by vote 6 to 6 with two abstaining.

Minutes

The minutes for the Dec. 6 2007 meeting and the Annual Membership Meeting January 6 were approved .

Treasurer's Report

Leon presented a detailed Xerox report of expenses with particular attention to the budget vs. the projected expenses of the tournaments. We have enjoyed tournament participation above what was expected. Catering has cost less money than was budgeted. Caddy fees seem high. JoAnn volunteered to work as a liaison between Rick Hunt and the board to monitor costs and to have them in writing. Leon projects a successful tournament with 600 tables at our coming tournament.

Leon also expressed concern about the financial stability of our unit. He feels we need more liquid funds available to react to problems/a crisis if one occurs. We are not well positioned to handle negative contingencies.

Leon has done the tax forms for this year and given them to Kim to process.

Job Assignments

Tournament Chair - Lesley Davis  
Asst. Tournament Chairs - Charlie Kelley and JoAnn Lowe  
Hospitality for Regional - Shirley Rhodes, Angie Ulrey, Carol Katra  
Caddy Master - Rick Hunt  
Partnership - Page Tomkinson  
Speaker Chair- JoAnn Lowe  
Publicity - George Drake  
Novice Chairman for Pro-Am - Rodney Bias  
Shuffle,Deal,Play - Jamie Rubenstein  
WebMistress and Managing Editor SDP- Barb Bunnell  
Distribution of SDP - Bob Welch, Shirley Rhodes, Carol Katra  
Club Games/Unit Games - Angie Ulrey  
Charity - Shirley Rhodes and Page Tomkinson  
Judiciary - George Drake, Rod Bias, JoAnn Lowe  
Education - JoAnn Lowe, Steve Bruno, Rodney Bias  
Novice Committee - Rod Bias, Jerry Gaer

A P.S. to job assignments was Kim's suggestion that all board members make an attempt to help out in supervised play at the clubs to encourage newer players and to help instructors.

#### Tournament Report

Lesley reported a reduced expense in coffee, a need to improve the buffet lunch offered at the hotel, a need to present members with a list of area restaurants which Leon offered to create. JoAnn read comments made by members at the tournament.

At the President's Day Sectional, the board will set up Thursday starting at noon. Coffee will be served at the tournament only from 9-11 a.m. There will be a change in the lunch menu to make the sandwich line move faster.

Desert Empire Regional- The flyer is completed. Mention was made that we need a big banner at the Nationals and at the Vegas Regional and San Diego to advertise our tournament. Charlie received an O.K. to sign off for the bill for the regional kokopelli's.

#### Trailer

A discussion was held about how best to replace the stolen trailer. The best way may be to rent a truck with a lift gate and to store the tables in a rental facility. Leon and Charlie are checking on details. Rental costs would be less than replacing the trailer.

#### Website - no report, all is well Shuffle, Deal, and Play

Jamie reiterated that Barbara is the managing editor for Shuffle and is doing a fantastic job. She is also putting everything that is in Shuffle on the website. The deadline for the next issue is April 1. He also suggested we make banners or posters to advertise the website.

#### Future Tournament Sites

We have sectionals through 2009 at Doubletree. We may eliminate the Holiday Tournament in Jan. 2010. We can't schedule 2010 sectionals yet. The 2009 Regional will continue at the Sheraton. It will be at the Doubletree in 2010. Jerry is in contact with Casino Arizona to discuss viability of having Regional 2011 there with a shift from August to October date.

#### Membership

Bob Welch said our membership count this January is the same as this time last year with 1664 members.

#### District 17 report - no meeting, no news Card Table Usage Request

The request by Unit 351 to rent our tables is on hold pending solving the "trailer" problem. How are we going to move and store tables?

#### Free Plays for Nationally Known Guests

George suggested we offer free play as a means of garnering well known players who are in the area for their own seminars as stimulus for tournament.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20. The next meeting will be February 21 with the location still to be determined.

