

Unit 354 Board Meeting
Scottsdale House
June 1, 2009

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

President Janet Newman called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. The minutes were approved as sent out electronically.

The Treasurer reported we have not received all the bills for the Silver Sun tournament. However, we should show a slight profit.

Upcoming tournaments: The budget for the Desert Empire Regional was discussed in detail with further comments and finalization at the board's next meeting on August 3. Charles Kelley reported that "the wheels are coming off" the carts used to transport the tables we use at the tournaments. Stronger wheel assemblies are needed and can be installed after the tables are off-loaded at that tournament. The cost will be \$750 and was approved by the Board as a necessary expense.

A preliminary Task Sheet for Desert Empire was reviewed and an updated version will be emailed to board members by Barb.

President's Day: Charlie will confirm ASU West for the Feb 12-15, 2010 Sectional.

Caddies: Amy Kapell has taken over the position of Caddy Master. The unit will continue to supply lunches for the caddies during the Sunday Swiss Team event.

Promotional Material and Supplies: Barb Bunnell is in the process of ordering additional items needed for the regional and JoAnne Lowe was authorized to spend up to \$500 to purchase bidding boxes and other supplies from Linda Green whose club has ceased operations. Board members are encouraged to help replace all the cards in our 11 sets of boards. We will meet Monday, June 15 at 4:15pm at the Scottsdale House.

Daily Bulletin: Due to the overnight time frame requirements Barb will utilize Kinkos for the printing of the Daily Bulletins for the Desert Empire Regional. Sample bulletins from other regionals are being reviewed for ideas for additional items for our bulletins.

Pro-Am Game: Clark Ransom has volunteered to chair the Pro-Am game this year. He will work closely with Barb Bunnell to ensure a good game.

Scoring Machines: We discussed the use of Bridgemate scoring machines. They will not be used for this regional. We will wait for future enhancements.

Novice/Ed Report: Rod reports that there was a good turnout of the number of newer players at the last tournaments. Some of the players have joined ACBL. Attendance is down somewhat at the school programs, and there's been attrition among teachers. He

and his volunteers have been invited back for fall programs. Some of the players will be going to high school in the Fall. Rod hopes to establish a program for them and their friends.

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

By-Law Change: Bob Kreutzer, a local attorney and member of Unit 354, has agreed to re-write the proposal to update how the by-laws can be changed.

District 17: Marianne handed out a report on activities by the District 17 board.

Other Business: Nothing new on NAP. Unit-wide STAC games are being scheduled for January 4-6, 2010. Those games will allow members to earn silver points they might have won at our Election Tournament which was cancelled this year due to a schedule conflict. Charlie will further investigate the guidelines and fees for these games and report back to the board at the next meeting.

Charity Donation: The date for nominations of organizations eligible for the District 17 grant has been reset to September 1.

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

Membership: Bob Welch reported a total Unit 354 membership of 1542 as of June 1st.

The next meeting is set for August 3 at Scottsdale House, 4:30 p.m.

Silver Sun Tournament: