ACBL Unit 354 Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 26, 2026 — 9:00 AM
Location: Zoom

Attendees

Carol Urban, Julie Bosserman, Joel Glassman, Anne West, Cindy O'Connell, Pat Linville

Absent: Perry Van Hook

1. Call to Order – Carol

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Secretary Report – Pat

September 15, 2026 minutes were posted to the Unit website and deemed correct.

3. Administrative Business – Carol

Board Vacancies: Judy and Marina have resigned, and Cindy will not run again. The Board seeks members with computer, people, and promotion skills; recruiting should note that meetings are on Zoom.

Club Outreach: Carol will draft a letter to the other clubs' presidents/managers (particularly the open clubs) inviting board candidates and event volunteers, and circulate it to the Board.

4. Financial Report – Joel

The Unit holds approximately $150,000 after pending advance deposits and is in very good financial shape.

Fountain Hills Deposit: Joel will ask Jennifer at Fountain Hills whether she wants the 2027 sectional deposit now; if not, the Board will plan for payment in January.

Use of Funds: Joel asked how surplus funds could better benefit members. Carol raised possible civic support (e.g., the Phoenix Symphony); several members preferred bridge-related uses. Julie has asked David Divine to develop an event.. Members will bring ideas to the next meeting.

5. Committee Reports

Unit Games/STaC – Anne:

- D17 Fall STaC week begins November 9.

- Unit 354 Limited STaC was held October 24-25. Prior to this event, Kiva requested funds for hospitality and the Board approved $150 for each of the two participating clubs, BOS and Kiva.

-Additional Reimbursement Request: Kiva has requested reimbursement for its sanction fees. The request was declined.

Annual Meeting: Susie Kabine (Kiva) needs the 2027 annual meeting date. The Board agreed to repeat the split-site format (Kiva and Bridge on Shea) on Sunday, February 21, 2027, pending Bjorgvin's approval.

Education – Perry: No report

6. Tournament – Pat/Julie

October Sectional Review: Attendance was down (early season, no club flyers, back-to-back events). Unit profit was roughly offset by food costs; financials are not final.

0–750 Event: Turnout was 8 and 6 tables Saturday and 2 for Sunday teams. Options include pairs both days or an A/B/C team format alongside an open team game.

2027 Start Times: Bjorgvin recommends moving Bridge on Shea sectionals from 9:00/1:30 to 10:00/2:00 (or 9:30). No decision; requires the director's approval.

Sunday Lunch: The Board agreed to make a free Sunday lunch a tradition at Bridge on Shea sectionals, with sandwich choice included in pre-registration.

February Tournament: Debbie Reichow will run the partnership desk; movers are scheduled (in Thursday and out Monday morning). Julie's flyer has gone to most clubs. Bagels may replace donuts, with morning food put away 15 minutes before game time. Pat and Julie will plan lunch.

7. D17 Report – Perry

No report

8. New Business

Debit Cards: Joel asked that members use the Unit debit cards rather than seek reimbursement. Pat will try adding the card to her phone; Joel will check whether she needs her own card.

Member Ideas: The Board agreed to focus on enhancing tournaments; members with new ideas are welcome if willing to lead them.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:53 AM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 15, 2026.

Action Items

Carol: Draft and circulate board-recruitment letter; confirm February 21 with Bjorgvin, then notify Susie Kabine.

Joel: Talk with Jennifer re: deposit; respond to Marsha; reimburse Cindy; check Pat's debit card access.

Julie: Follow up with David Divine; discuss start times with Bjorgvin; add Sunday lunch to pre-registration.

Pat: Decide February morning snacks; plan lunch with Julie; add debit card to phone.

All: Bring ideas for use of Unit funds; identify potential board candidates.