



Minutes of the District 17 Board of Directors Meeting December 11, 2025, via Zoom Video Conference (subject to final approval at the next board meeting)

Present: Sharon Smith (President), Cindy Shoemaker (National Board), Dave Baglee, Kay Brock, Kitty Larson, Toby McEvoy, Jennifer O’Neill, Bill Phillips, Steve Reynolds, Perry Van Hook

Also present: Jack Shoemaker, Board Member-elect representing Unit 356

THE PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:30 AM MST

Opening Remarks

Sharon Smith

Sharon welcomed new board members whose terms of office will begin on January 1, 2026: Jack Shoemaker (Tucson, Unit 356), and Steve Western (Arizona at large, Units 355 and 358).

Approval of Minutes

Bill Phillips

Motion by Dave Baglee to approve the minutes of the August 14-15, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Jennifer O’Neill. Carried unanimously.

Election of Board Officers for 2026

Kitty Larson

Nominees: Sharon Smith, President; Dave Baglee, Vice President; Kay Brock, Secretary; Jennifer O’Neill, Treasurer; Kitty Larson, Elections Secretary. All were elected by acclamation.

Board Meeting Schedule for 2026

Sharon Smith

Board meeting schedule for 2026:

Albuquerque Regional: January 14 and 15, 7:30 AM MST

Tucson Regional: April 9 and 10

Taos Regional: September 23 and 24

National Board Report

Cindy Shoemaker

Online events at regional tournaments will continue to remain an option. Local sectional tournaments (sectionals whose TD is a local director) will continue as well. The current limit is six local sectionals, but that limit is likely to be increased. The current table limit is 25 tables per session. Allocation of masterpoint types (percentage of red and silver) has yet to be determined.

The District 17 board discussed whether D17 should have control over whether a regional tournament can schedule online events. The Regional Tournament Committee, chaired by Dave Baglee, will take this under advisement. Cindy Shoemaker will provide Dave with information about the financial impact of offering online games.

District 17 has been awarded a Summer NABC to be held in 2031 in Las Vegas at the Rio.

Treasurer's Report

Jennifer O'Neill

Jennifer reviewed the status of investments in CDs and other interest bearing accounts. She will be reinvesting funds in various instruments. She described projected income and expenses for 2026. Motion by Bill Phillips to approve the 2026 budget. Seconded by Perry Van Hook. Approved unanimously.

Review of Policy Manual Changes

Sharon Smith

Sharon and others have revised and updated the Policy Manual, incorporating changes approved by the Board since the last Policy Manual revision in 2022. Items requiring clarification or replacement were identified. Several board members offered suggestions for additional changes. The updated Policy Manual with the proposed changes will be sent to board members for approval via an email vote.

Motion by Jennifer O'Neill that District 17 provide four (4) free plays per annum to the District 17 recorder and zero (0) free plays to the assistant recorder. Seconded by Dave Baglee. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:30 AM MST

Next Meeting: January 14 and 15, 2026 at the Albuquerque Regional, 7:30 AM MST

Respectfully submitted,
William D. Phillips
Scribe