As you may be aware, in a May 22nd e-mail Desert Mountain member Glenn Hughes sent to the Advisory Board and in other e-mails he subsequently shared with many DM members he alleges that a number of improprieties took place in the conduct of the recent AB election and subsequent election of its’ officers that involved DMP Co-President Bob Jones and AB President David White.

At its’ next scheduled meeting on June 11th the Advisory Board named a special committee to investigate the matter. To maintain total impartiality, the committee decided to retain independent counsel to conduct a number of interviews with the involved parties in order to substantiate or refute his allegations. Don P. Martin, a partner in the Phoenix office of Quarles & Brady, LLP was chosen to perform the work.

Mr. Martin recently provided us with his report. His conclusion is as follows:

‘Having completed my investigation, I have discovered no evidence that Bob Jones did anything to actively recruit David White to run for election to the Advisory Board. As best, it appears that he engaged in one or two short conversations with Mr. White and indicated that he was pleased to hear that Mr. White was either considering a run, or had already made that decision. In either event, the evidence shows that he did nothing actively to secure that result.

Moreover, I found no evidence of any real relationship between the two men, either on a business or a social level. There are certainly no indications of the ‘close relationship’ described by Mr. Hughes in his e-mail. Finally, I gave Mr. Hughes multiple opportunities during his interview to provide me the names of individuals who he claims had first-hand evidence of the matters asserted in his e-mail. I closed my interview with Mr. Hughes by telling him that he could provide those names later if he chose to seek their permission to disclose their identities. No such information has been forthcoming between the time of his interview on July 9th and now.

Based on the interviews I conducted and the various written materials I reviewed I must conclude that the claims of improprieties in the election of David White to the Advisory Board, as set out in Mr. Hughes’ May 22 e-mail are wholly unsubstantiated and meritless.’

For those of you who are so inclined to read his entire report, it is posted on the AB web site under the heading ‘Investigation of 2010 Election Results’.

It is unfortunate that the AB is required to spend its’ resources on such matters, especially because this is such a challenging and very busy time for us. We need to concentrate our undivided attention on the crucial matters of resolving turnover issues with the developer and planning for the post-turnover operation of the club.

Although we realize ‘you can’t please all of the people all of the time’ our hope is that the great majority of members are supportive of and confident that the individuals who serve on the AB are collectively acting in the best interests of the membership rather than pursuing any ulterior motives or personal agendas.