

CORNHUSKER UNIT 241 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2009

Present: Justin Graver, Jeff Buckwalter, Darlene Rischling, Elise Parish, Leng Hua, Cookie Hoberman, Barb Kushner

Next meeting: July 11, 2009 @ 9:30 Omaha Bridge Studio

I. Officer Reports:

President

- In an effort to streamline the board's decision-making process and shorten meeting time, committee reports will be solicited before meetings and sent out with the meeting agenda.
- Award recognition packets will be mailed next week for 2008 Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney winners. These people will also be recognized at the upcoming Unit party.

Treasurer:

- Unit's form 990 has been filed for 2008.
- Balances
 - Great Western C.D. \$14,771.38**
 - Great Western checking \$ 2,105.00**
 - Great Western money market \$ 10,148.51**

II. Committee Reports

Education

- Last Bridge in the Schools competition will be May 19.
- Only one of the larger trophies remains. A decision will be needed as to continue giving trophies—purchase is expensive.
- Two schools (Marrs and McMillan) have indicated they wish to continue in 09-10. McMillan Grade 8 will no longer be during school day—Liz is losing them as a class. The plan is to have an after school club both semesters. Lewis /Clark and Buffet are interested.
- Cookie and Darlene are planning a brunch—both to thank the participants and to discuss with the bridge teachers what worked, what didn't, materials, communication, etc.
- Getting students to play bridge at the clubs is a focus at present. Several Unit members are already playing with students on a semi-regular basis. More volunteers would be appreciated. A suggestion by a Unit member is that we subsidize student playing fees—possibly by \$2.00.
- Committee is seeking funding in a variety of ways—grant writing, donations, etc.
- Youth Tournament is an extension of Bridge in the Schools. Numbers were small—23, Participation was excellent, and the committee is to be commended for their efforts— outstanding. Student survey indicated that it was a little long but was generally positive. Timing is an issue—perhaps the tournament needs to be earlier in the year—February or March—problem with that is that many classes are not very far along. Students loved the monetary awards! Maybe it could be held at the unit sectional?

Mentoring

- Elise would like to have a final one session Swiss team event as a finale for the mentoring program this year. She wants to use a unit game sanction. No objections. Date suggested in July 11th during the Saturday afternoon game.

Membership

- New member packets discussion included distributing at unit events, but it was decided that length between the events was too long. Based upon the new member list we try and find out where they are playing and leave the bags there. A welcoming call or voice message could be made letting them know that a packet is available where they play. Maybe a subcommittee could be created to help distribute the bags. A directory will be included with this welcome kit.

Regional

- Curtis Cheek is not coming back, but Billy Miller has confirmed along with Mildred Breed and Bart Bramley. Cookie is also working with Jeff Johnston to get confirmation of future Nationals so we can schedule regional accordingly.

Website/IT

- Article Updates in Library for Marilyn H, event listing on home page.
- Bridge Scene and email sent out.
- Flickr site created to store pictures. Will use when displaying on site.

III. Unfinished Business

Membership appreciation game current plan is

- Sunday 6/28/09, Westside Conference Center
- Bridge sessions at 10 am and 2 pm with pasteries before and buffet brunch in between.
- Proceed afternoon session with short annual meeting and brief recognition of 2008 award winners.
- Create a DVD loop of award winners
- We would play in the Sectional playing area (not in the gym) and eat in the Sectional eating area. The group will be divided (two rooms) at dinner, but with no program that should not be a problem.

Motion (Rischling, 2nd Hoberman): The budget for this event shall not exceed \$1000. Failed 7-0

Motion (Hoberman, 2nd Rischling): The unit will charge participants \$15 for this event and Unit will pick up the balance. Passed 7-0

Duplimate

- Nearly all directors have some capability to independently implement the process. More cooperation among them is apparent.
- We are still working to resolve printer operation issues.
- Cards need changed in some sets of boards—we have cards and I plan to get a little group together when I get time to make changes.
- Duplimate needs cleaned—ASAP it will happen

Unit Directory

- A draft was brought to the meeting. There will be two distinct groups--Those who can receive the information electronically and those who will require a printed version. It was decided printed copies with a binder would be provided for \$5. Email copies provided a no charge. A current copy of the directory will be left at both clubs for address verification.

IV. New Business

None.