

CORNHUSKER UNIT 241 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2009

Present: Justin Graver, Jeff Buckwalter, Darlene Rischling, Elise Parish, Leng Hua, Tim English

Next meeting: May 16, 2009 @ 9:30 Omaha Bridge Studio

I. Officer Reports:

President

Gave a brief report of how Lincoln club is setup as a non profit corporation. Elise read an email about the structure of the Des Moines bridge center which is setup as a non profit organization -- the Greater Des Moines Bridge Center. They rent to 3 different individuals who run the games during the week. The unit does not own or operate the facility. Suggestions were made to gather more information including asking ACBL how other units are setup.

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Larry Adams audited the books for 2008. He felt the unit's books and balanced are in order. Procedure changes were recommended for certain expenditures/deposits that did not have supporting documentation.

Great Western C.D. \$14,771.38

Great Western checking \$ 1,459.86

Great Western money market \$ 10,147.68

II. Committee Reports

Tournaments

A barometer pairs has been added for the Fall sectional. So we will be having three sessions on Saturday. At the fall sectional, we should have 21 cases available for this event. 199ers players will also be able to join the afternoon Swiss after their event has completed.

Education

Westside is having their competition on May 14th in the afternoon. Beveridge continues to have issues. There is a dramatic difference between Marrs and Beveridge. Both are offered during a Math class, but the results being obtained are very different. Mercy is having their tournament April 30th. McMillan students are playing at the center mall on April 23rd. Darlene is trying to get more students to play at clubs. April 11th was going to have three students playing. Two of them are partners; the third is being paired up with an adult. We hope to see more transitions from the school programs.

Mentoring

Mentoring program is going well.

Publicity

An article will be created for Brock and Zac who are playing at Omaha Bridge Studio.

Website/IT

Report on website activity presented. The regional and club tabs were redesigned. Flyers were posted for Regional and 299er Tournaments. Link will be added from the ACBL website linking the regional page.

III. Unfinished Business

A. Membership appreciation game.

Board reviewed the five options presented from Justin:

- party at Tiburon golf club, limited to 100, one session, Sat evening in Oct, cost = \$20/person (total Unit cost = \$1000) (only for 2009, free facilities)
- party at Westside CC (same as always), two sessions, Sun evening when available, cost = \$20/person (unit cost = \$1000)
- One party per year (alternating clubs), scheduled as regular game, unit covers entry fee and unit provide refreshments (unit annual cost= \$1000, assuming 100 players @ \$5/player).
- Two parties per year (one at each club), scheduled as regular game, unit covers entry fee and members provide refreshments (unit annual cost= \$1000, assuming 200 players @ \$5/player).
- Cancel party and use money on other stuff (we'd still need to have an annual meeting at some event, perhaps the Sectional).

The board decided it was important to have a social event that involves a location separate from the club. Justin/Leng will investigate having a single session event with Hors d'oeuvres.

B. Duplimate

Ben is running 1000 boards with Deep Finesse.

C. Unit representation at District Meeting

Board members who are attending tournaments can act as our representatives.

D. Youth Tournament

Flyers have been created and mailed to elementary schools. Darlene is going to visit each school and distribute to all school programs. It is a restricted tournament, so only 80% of sectional awards will be awarded. We will be stratifying for monetary awards, but all kids play in the same strat for ACBL awards. A lot of the work won't start until after May 1st when we know how many students will be attending.

IV. New Business

E. Awards Recognition

A recognition packet will be sent out with two free play awards, the ace of clubs certificate, and medals for the members up to diamond life master. We will create certificates for diamond life master and above winners. Elise will try to get pictures of winners for a bridge scene article by May 1st. Leng/Jeff will try to get some pictures while Elise is in New York.

F. Unit Directory

Everyone got their copy of the email prepared from Elise showing what the directory would look like. The unit is going to charge \$3.00/copy via standard mail or send it free email for each directory. We will put a notice in the clubs and on the unit website giving members the option. We should also make people aware of how they can update their ACBL information. The subject line should also be such that members won't view it as spam.