

CORNHUSKER UNIT 241 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2008

Present: Justin Graver, Jeff Buckwalter, Darlene Rischling, Robert Wolfe,
Elise Parish, Cookie Hoberman, Tim English

Next meeting: January 17th, 2009 @ 9:30 Omaha Bridge Studio

I. Officer Reports:

President

The Election ends December 21st. Justin and Leng will be responsible for counting the ballots for the unit election and reporting results to members who were running.

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Accounts payable section has been added to the regional report for outstanding bills that have not been submitted.

Great Western C.D. \$13,865.98

Great Western checking \$ 2,436.31

Great Western money market \$ 12,136.84

II. Committee Reports

A. Tournaments

Tim has received his first complaint letter about the recent sectional. The issue dealt with the raising of the 0-99 strata to 0-199. He also sought guidance on keeping the picture for the sectional tournament. All board members agreed this was needed. Sanction has been submitted for the 299er tournament. It will be held on April 18th and 19th, 2009. Tim plans on getting flyers made for that tournament and the spring sectional in time for distribution at the Kansas City Regional.

B. Education

The Bright Futures program in Omaha has volunteered to provide transportation for middle school students to the regional if there is a section for them.

Bridge in the schools has a new program beginning in January. The Underwood focus school will begin classes Jan 6th with Bill Chapo teaching. The MARRS middle school is planning to move to an in class program (Math) with 18 students. Cheryl Gorman is teaching at Beve-Ridge for 28 students with assistance from Barb Kushner. Darlene has completed her McMillan program for this semester. Leif Erickson is teaching at King Science after school program. He is getting different students for each session. Jerry Wendling is teaching at King Science in Class for 60 students. Rebecca and GK Rhoads are teaching at Mercy High School for 32 students. Diane Zipay will begin teaching at Westside middle schools after Jan.

C. Mentoring

The 2009 mentoring program should begin in February. It will consist of 8 sessions with a Swiss team event at the end of the program. There will be no masterpoint restrictions on who can be a mentor or mentee.

D. Publicity

E. Membership

F. Regional

There are some concerns about the 2009, 2010, and 2011 Regional's starting the day after the National ends. We are unable to move the regional to a week later, because St. Louis has picked up those dates for 2010 & 2011. Cookie is addressing these issues with a marketing plan for pluses of our local regional. We will see what happens in 2009 before deciding on moving 2010/2011 events.

G. Website/IT

The website domain, OmahaBridge.org has been transferred and we are now using the Microsoft office live site. There are a few more links that need to be added to complete the transition.

III. Unfinished Business

H. Unit Party

A proposal was submitted to have a unit party in June with one session of bridge with a hors d'oeuvres buffet, coffee, and watered catered. The cost would be \$10. This would be held at Westside. It would not be held in the Gym. Suggestions were made to have the game in the afternoon with longer round times to allow more socialization and eating. Other locations are being examined to see how they compare to the proposal.

I. Duplimate

The board has decided to not provide duplicated boards beyond Jan 31, 2009. Responsibility will shift to directors. A letter will be sent, from Justin, to all directors and club owners detailing their options for continued use of duplimate boards.