

CORNHUSKER UNIT 241 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
February 23rd, 2008

Present: Justin Graver, Darlene Rischling, Elise Parish, Jeff Buckwalter,
Tim English, Ron Wiseman, Leng Hua, Robert Wolfe

Next meeting: March 22, 2008 9:30 Omaha Bridge Studio

I. Officer Reports:

A. Secretary. Minutes approved as submitted.

B. President:

Justin will ask Dan Parish to be the NAP/GNT coordinator for the year.

C. Vice President:

Planning continues for awards party on April 6th. It was decided to start the afternoon game at 1pm, awards presentation 4:30-5:30. Dinner at 5:30. Evening game starting at 6:30.

Motion (Parish, Wolfe): Increase the fee paid by members to attend the awards party to \$25. Approved 7-1 (nay: Buckwalter)

D. Treasurer:

Funds: \$13,865.98 CD, \$3,834.59 Checking, \$11,066.15 Money Market.

The CD will be renewed for 6 months to align with regional.

Sectional financial report presented and discussed. Tim will work on reducing hospitality costs.

II. Committee Reports

E. Tournaments

Tim discussed the table breakout with the 199er section and plans on keeping them the same for the next tournament. The tournament postcard for April was reviewed.

F. Education

Duplimate: Darlene reported on the cost breakdown for printing and mileage to implement the duplimate program. She displayed several training sheets that can be done using DealMaster software. She recommends we proceed to the next phase of the program and get the machine into the club(s) and presented the resources to implement her plan. It was decided to not purchase a second machine until the board sees how director training progresses.

Bridge in the Schools: Darlene reported things are going quite well. The committee would like to get North involved to establish a complete program from elementary to high school.

Hour of Power: Darlene would like to implement a discussion forum led by someone who likes to discuss hands for the faithful and excellent players. The unit would provide a lunch or dinner once a month prior to an open game. It was decided to delay the start of this program until the mentor program is completed.

G. Mentoring

Elise reported there are 49 people participating. There will be several evaluation meetings to see how the program performed. One at the mid-point and one at the end.

H. Publicity/Communications

The objective is to communicate events of interests to unit members on an as-needed basis, not publish a periodic newsletter and have people scramble to fill it with content of marginal usefulness. She presented her article on the McMillan winter program. A page has been setup to display these articles. She will print out a small number of copies and post them at the clubs.

The board concurred that email is an excellent communication devise and will work to develop a more comprehensive list of email addresses. This will also help promote the unit's website as a resource for information.

I. Membership/Newcomers

Ron has collected the supplies from Scott Finn. Inventory is being replenished and he will begin distributing New Member bags.

J. Website/IT

Jeff is searching for a new hosting provider where we don't have the limitations on the number of pages or size to store unit records.

IV. New Business

a. Unit Games

Unit games will be assigned by Jeff Buckwalter