

CORNHUSKER UNIT 241 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2008

Present: Justin Graver, Jeff Buckwalter, Robert Wolfe, Darlene Rischling,
Tim English, Leng Hua

Next meeting: May 10, 2008 9:30 Omaha Bridge Studio

I. Officer Reports:

A. Secretary.

Minutes approved as submitted.

B. President:

No Report.

C. Vice President:

Planning continues for awards party on April 6th. The Gym is in use Friday/Saturday which will require a Sunday delivery of tables or storage in a side room. Program will be held in the Gym using the provided stage. ACBL score needs to be loaded on a unit laptop along with latest player database.

D. Treasurer:

Great Western C.D. 13,865.98

Great Western checking 1,420.49

Great Western money market 11,089.53

II. Committee Reports

E. Tournaments

1,035 postcards were mailed on Monday for 299er tournament.

F. Education

Justin has communicated with a teacher at Omaha North who is assisting in the search for a sponsor. Belvedere Elementary will have a group for next year that fits in with one of their programs. Omaha South has a program that started in March containing 8 seniors being taught by Alice Craig. Darlene has setup a special game on April 24th for 16 of the McMillan middle school students at the Center Mall Bridge Club. They will play with adult volunteers. The biggest issue with education is getting bridge players to volunteer to teach.

G. Publicity/Communications

Leo Biga, a free lance writer for Omaha Reader magazine is doing a story on bridge. He has visited the Bridge Studio and plans on doing a photo shoot sometime in the next few weeks.

Tim is going to be going to the clubs to promote the 299er tournament and will be collecting email addresses at that time.

H. Website/IT

There was a spike in traffic to the website when the first "Bridge Scene" email was sent out. Additional articles were loaded to the library along with a friendly 16 member application. We are using 80% of available space. A new host provider is still being researched.

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Duplimate

Justin researched the alternative duplimate machine provided by a company in Australia. He recommended we not pursue the purchase of a second machine. The board discussed ordering more boards, but no action is being taken until the machine is moved into the club and an evaluation is made. The move will not happen until after the 299er tournament.

B. GNT/NAP

Dan Parish has agreed to be the GNP/NAP coordinator.

C. District Reps

Tim McCollough and Mike Garrett have agreed to be the unit's representatives to the district for the next two years. The board reaffirmed that the unit pays \$100/person for each out of town meeting attended along with a mileage rate of \$0.50/mile.

V. New Business

A. Minute Approval Process

MOTION(Wolfe, Rischling): The minutes approval process be changed to an electronic submission by the secretary to all board members. Once corrected, minutes are considered approved when a 2nd electronic email is submitted. Approved 6-0

B. Fund raising for Youth Bridge Tournament in Atlanta

Justin will forward email for review by the board.

C. Morning KOs at sectionals

Board was made aware of a question concerning KOs at sectionals. Tim English provided his findings when talking to directors and individuals who had participated in the past. Board took no action other than reaffirming that the sectionals are run by the tournament coordinator and decision is left up to that person.

D. Unit printer/copier

Jeff Buckwalter has been tasked with looking at the various printer/copier options and will report next meeting.