

CORNHUSKER UNIT 241 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2008

Present: Justin Graver, Jeff Buckwalter, Darlene Rischling, Robert Wolfe
Leng Hua, Elise Parish, Cookie Hoberman

Next meeting: December 13th, 2008 @ 9:30 Omaha Bridge Studio

I. Officer Reports:

A. President:

B. Vice President:

C. Treasurer:

Through Nov 14, we have exceeded our expenses by 10,331.61, not including some outstanding expenses for the sectional tournament and regional. We are expecting to net around \$1500 from the October sectional. We saved a lot of money not having to rent card tables and we collected over \$200 for coffee. It was decided to mark several of the outstanding regional expenses as reserved for payment to specific vendors.

Great Western C.D. \$13,865.98

Great Western checking \$ 10,778.70

Great Western money market \$ 12,136.84

II. Committee Reports

A. Tournaments

There was some feedback about table spacing at the sectional. There was a last minute decision to have a two single sessions on Saturday instead of a two session open to help keep attendance up during the football game.

B. Education

Hour of Power Classes

All three classes were well attended. The program was very successful. Dan Parish delivered well developed, highly organized lessons as a volunteer. Obviously, Dan had put much thought into the selection of hands and the questioning to provoke thought by the participants. The unit should consider more of this type of instruction. Dan Parish has volunteered to redo these three lessons at the Center Mall during the early part of 2009.

A request was made by a participant—have 45 minute sessions following a game where Dan would respond to written questions about hands. They could jot down their questions during play of hands.

The cost of HOP was \$217.94 for food and beverages.

Duplimate.

There was much discussion on ways to proceed with the duplimate program for the clubs. Demands from the bridge in the schools program are creating a strain on Darlene's time for duplicating boards. Justin is going to contact directors about what type of training is necessary for them to be able to make their own boards. The board needs to decide what to do going forward concerning the tech support issue.

MOTION: (Rischling, 2nd Hoberman) The unit awards Ben S. \$500 for the effort he has spent getting the laptops running, improving the automation program, and his availability in supporting the duplimate program. Approved 7-0

- C. Mentoring
- D. Publicity
- E. Membership

F. Regional

Flyers for 2009 are done. Cookie is taking some to Boston NABC.

G. Website/IT

Microsoft has put together a site called Office Live Small Business and its free. You don't have to have specialized software downloaded on your machine to create a new site. Everything can be done online. You can have up to 5 administrators/content editors in the base package. I think this would be great in allowing others to help maintain the site and/or remote posting. I think many of the built in tools aid in a nice site design and are simple enough anyone could use them. The free package also comes with 500 MB of storage (20 times more than we get now). The biggest draw back I have encountered is the organization of files. Everything is in one document library which will make for a long listing of files when trying to link items in a page.

Concerns were raised that we aren't reaching a large percentage of our members via the website. A communication item will be added to the next board meeting agenda.

H. Awards Party

Planning move to next board meeting due to time constraints.

III. New Business

Bridge in Schools (BIS) has suggested to the foundation committees the operating education foundation (NOT the Education Grant Foundation) overseeing the BIS be dissolved and oversight return to the unit. Jim Kuhn reviewed why the grant organization was setup—Capable of handling more money and can issue grants. If this is done, the unit will have to follow strict bookkeeping of funds distributed to the unit.

Motion (Hoberman, 2nd Parish). The unit will accept responsibility for the BIS program on July 1st, 2009 once the operating foundation spends its current funds and dissolves itself. Approved 7-0

The BIS committee reported that after the operating budget was established, several new teaching opportunities have come up.

1. The Omaha Public Schools after school site coordinators are working with the Mayor's Bright futures program to start teaching bridge.

2. King Science has called to say they want to come on board.
3. Diane Zipay has made contact with District 66 to initiate plans for teaching in its middle school.
4. Contacted with Partnership for our Kids and they are interested in teaching for there summer program.

Each school has a onetime startup of \$485 for cards, cases, teacher packets, boards, and bidding boxes. For each in class program, the ACBL will pay \$350, BIS will pay \$150. Each after school program has an additional cost of \$200 for a sponsor. The ACBL fee will be paid if it lasts 16 weeks and has 8 students and has a competition.

Motion (Rischling, Hoberman). The unit will pay up to \$5000 to the Bridge in the schools committee through June 30, 2008 to cover additional programs expenses. Approved 7-0