

CORNHUSKER UNIT 241 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2009

Present: Justin Graver, Jeff Buckwalter, Elise Parish, Leng Hua, Cookie Hoberman, Barb Kushner, Tim English

Next meeting: August 22, 2009 @ 9:30 Omaha Bridge Studio

I. Officer Reports:

President

- Attended Dist 14 Board Meeting, Saturday, May 23, 2009, Bloomington, MN
 - Mike Cassel proposed to hold the GNT finals in the Twin Cities on May 15-16, 2010.
- Bridge Pad Free Trial
 - Assuming four 18-unit bundles (enough for four 18-table sections) and assuming leasing includes maintenance, it looks like the break-even point is around 7 years. Over a 10-year period it's about \$1000/yr to buy and \$1400/yr to lease. Over 20 years the numbers are around \$650 and \$1300, respectively. The free trial includes equipment for 12 tables. No action taken by board at this time.

Treasurer:

- Balances as of June 30:

◦ Checking	\$1,516.24
◦ Money Market	\$6,149.94
◦ C.D.	\$14,771.38
- Bills not paid for 2008 regional will be removed from balance sheet.

Motion (Hoberman, 2nd English). Unit will waive unit fee for unit game being held for mentor-mentee team game today. Passed 7-0.

II. Committee Reports

Tournaments

- All games have been approved for October sectional including the barometer pairs on sat eve.
- Tim separate the bidding boxes into those with (~76) and without inserts (~109). He is going to go through the old inserts and remove those that aren't up to standards. He will also clean the boxes themselves. We would like to replace more of the bidding boxes. Elise has an email address of the Canadian business we bought several years ago.
- Tim is taking off work along with one of his daughters to setup tables for regional on Monday.

Motion (Hoberman, 2nd Kushner): Unit will spend up to \$1000 to replace old bidding box inserts with new ones. Passed 7-0.

Education

Bridge in the Schools

- One mini bridge class occurring during the summer—set up by Ted Hoff in Council Bluffs.
- A brunch was held in June for teachers and volunteers. Cookie Hoberman was hostess. Excellent discussion of problems and successes. Two teachers volunteered to compile a list of expectations for schools who wish to have bridge clubs and/or classes.
- In August, the schools in which we had classes during 2008-09 will be contacted about their wishes for the upcoming school year. One school, Nathan Hale, has contacted BIS with definite dates. McMillan plans to have an after school club both semesters and an in school class during second semester for Grade 7. Diane Zipay has stated that the students are asking for a club at the high school level and she thinks there is interest at the Middle Level for an in school class at the middle level.

Duplimate Report

- Most of the directors are proficient with the exception of capability of changing toner and drum cartridges. Inserting new cards has helped. The computers are working well—having two is helpful. Problems develop when anything unusual occurs when cards don't go through the duplimate. Printer paper jams—though infrequent—also frustrates directors.
- Issues continue with the number of cases we have for use by the directors. The resolution that Darlene recommends is to buy 4 more sets and then distribute them to directors by numbered cases. Directors would then be responsible for assigned. The Unit would then own 16 cases. Four cases will be immediately moved from BIS into the club pool. New cases will backfill into BIS asset list.

Motion (Hua, 2nd Kushner). Board will purchase 4 new sets of duplimate cases. Passed 7-0.

Mentoring

- Today is a unit game celebrating the end of the 2009 mentoring period. Twelve tables are expected. All mentoring games have been paid.

Regional

- Regional is moving ahead. Met with MAC and have arranged menus. Postman for ACBL should be delivered within the month.
- Have added a new hotel, Microtel for \$65 with rebate of \$5 to Regional. Included in ACBL Postman email.
- Balloons reduced to \$450.
- Billy Miller returning as Pro...GREAT speaker!
- Denny from United will be contacted to transport tables from Westside.
- Elise will be doing photographs.
- Not sure if flyers were distributed in Gatlinburg.
- There was discussion on the agreement between the units and what is considered standard operating procedure. (i.e. who gets rooms, free plays). Justin will find his copy of the agreement and resend to all board members. The sop should be discussed after this regional.

Website/IT

- Pictures and award winners posted on site.
- Re-arranged home page to list upcoming units events first then message area
- Elise commented that while creating the directory that at least ½ of the members do not have email. She is concerned we aren't reaching enough members. She suggested we might get together a phone committee to contact each member without an email and find out if they have one. An announcement will be made at the mentor-mentee game to elicit volunteers.
- New Motel Information will be added along with a copy of the flyer.

III. New Business

- Educational Foundation operational hand-off. Jim Kuhn formally transferred operations from the education foundation to the unit. There will now be forms that need to be submitted to Grant foundation as programs are created. Each grant will require a contractual signature along with detailed expense report provided back to the granting foundation on conclusion of grant program. There should be no comingling of funds so the unit should setup a separate checking account to handle money from the foundation. Currently there are 4,064.81 of unrestricted funds that could have a grant written against. Approximately \$1,100 will become available in September. The unit also has to keep track of the number of people served by the grant process.

Motion (English, 2nd Kushner) Unit 241 Annual Meeting to be held at next board meeting. Passed 6-1 (nay Parish).