

CORNHUSKER UNIT 241 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2009

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

Next meeting: Jan 16, 2009 @ 9:30 Omaha Bridge Studio

I. Officer Reports:

President:

The NAP District Finals had Bridgemate scoring available. Mike Flader could bring the devices to the spring sectional.

Action Item: Further research is required to determine if Mike Flader is an assigned director, actual costs of the units.

Treasurer:

- There were some expenses that occurred before the Grant Foundation check was received. We now have \$5500 from the Foundation in a separate checking account. \$447.36 will be reimbursed by the Unit 241 Grant Foundation funds.
- 2009 October Sectional revenue and expense numbers are not finalized, but preliminary results indicate we will not lose money.
- We have not received all the hotel "rebates" from the regional.
- Our account balances are as follows:

○ Great Western C.D.	\$14,771.38
○ Great Western checking	15,072.49
○ Great Western money market	<u>4,150.50</u>
▪ Total	\$33,994.37
- In October a cell phone was purchased for use by the partnership desk at all three tournaments. The cost was \$38.50. We will pay \$3 for each day that we use the phone (unlimited minutes, voice mail, and long distance included). We now have a telephone number which will be printed on our flyers, and the phone will be passed around to the partnership chairmen for the various tournaments.
- A Gmail account (nebraskabridge@gmail.com) for partnership e-mails was established. This is, of course, a free account, and each partnership chairman will be provided the sign-in and password information.

Action Item: Cookie will follow-up with Hotels which have not provided rebate.

II. Committee Reports

Tournaments

- Attendance was down at the sectional. There was more participation of members bring food. Barometer pairs game was well received. Everyone had their own cases at the table. February tournament is set for Feb 11-14th. Suggestion was made to try a barometer pairs game at the awards party in a similar format to the Ruth Scott celebration.

Action Item: Confirm Unit Party date in 2010, hopefully March 7th. Look into a pay in advance to reserve your spot.

Education

- Shirley Hasche is asking for some specific kinds of boards for instruction. Have Ben doing that—no charge to the Unit.
- Nathan Hale has signed a memorandum of understanding
- Plan is to have the Ruth Scott Youth Tournament on Saturday, April 10
- Tim McNary did a fine job for the Sectional Tournament.
- Concerns about the printer—it has developed a sound that's new.
- Ruth Scott Celebration November 8, 2009. In terms of attendance, the celebration was a success. Many people did comment on how well the day went and that they really enjoyed the Celebration.

Regional

- New Flyer for 2010 unveiled which are going to print this weekend.
- Marlene and Art are doing all of partnership.
- There were several letters in the Bridge Bulletin commenting on the tournament.
- Working with Jeff Johnston to reschedule 2015 so it's not next to the national.

Action Item: Follow-up required from Unit 184 on proposed agreement changes.

III. New Business

2010 Board Elections

- Darlene, Justin, Leng, Elise, & Bob terms end in 2009.
- A letter has been drafted by Justin seeking volunteers and help with activities on the board.
- Cookie will attend the Swiss team event expressing the boards need for help is utilizing the hidden talents of our members.

Action Item: Prepare ballots and boxes for election from Nov 21.

District 14 Meeting Report

- Tournament calendar will be posted on district site.
- NAP in Des Moines has 32 ½ tables. District final is schedule for Omaha in a couple of years. Change was adopted that a member has to have a justifiable reason for being allowed to buy in at the district event (skipping club qualification and paying a penalty)
- Re-imburement is \$100/person + current IRS mileage website.

Action Item: A committee needs to be created to plan and promote this NAP in Omaha.

Duplimate Supplies

- TonerPrice.com is able to provide toner supplies for ½ of what Office Depot charges for the toner.
- Four hundred more cases of cards were secured at a special price. It expected each deck should last for at least a year.

Proposed By-Law changes

There was discussion on making the Regional Chairman an automatic position on the board.