

ACBL Cornhusker Unit 241
Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Place: House of Cards
Saturday, January 11, 2020
9 AM

Present:

Lorri Brockman (via phone)
Julie Dunn
Claire Flatowicz
Pierre Flatowicz
Cookie Hoberman (via phone)
Jill McDermott
Carol Miller

The meeting came to order at 9:05 AM.

Officers

The first order of business was to elect officers for the upcoming year. Motions and seconds were made for president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. A vote was taken after each. Votes were unanimous. The following are the officers for the upcoming year.

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| President - | Claire Flatowicz |
| Vice President - | Jill McDermott |
| Treasurer - | Lorri Brockman |
| Secretary - | Julie Dunn |

A motion was made and seconded to have Claire's and Julie's names added to the bank account so that they can write checks as well as Lorri. Claire and Julie will be getting the necessary information to Lorri as soon as possible to make that happen.

After the meeting was adjourned, Claire suggested that the secretary should also act as parliamentarian. This is to ensure that Robert's Rule of Order are followed.

Committees

What the board wants to take on was discussed. It was agreed that committees needed to be decided on and go from there. It was suggested that a board member take one of the committees and chair it. The committees that are to be in place along with the committee chairs are as follows:

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| 1) Education | Claire Flatowicz |
| 2) Mentoring | Julie Dunn |
| 3) Outreach | Pierre Flatowicz |
| 4) Over/under and specialty games | Carol Miller |

Jill McDermott volunteered to be the tournament chair. She will be coordinating the sectionals. Cookie Hoberman will be coordinating the regional.

Each committee chair is to come with a plan and a budget for the next meeting (March 7th). It is hoped that each committee chair will have had a chance to meet with those that are on their committee. Please email the committee information to Julie Dunn at omahajulie@gmail.com with the plans and budget by February 21st. She will put the information together and email to all board members.

Please note that the Education Foundation is more than willing to help with funding IF they know well in advance and the proper documentation of the desired funding is done. Note that Jill McDermott and Carol Miller are a part of the foundation. Claire Flatowicz will be as well. If we need help with requests for funding we can go to them on the how and how far in advance that the request(s) need to be done.

Directory

Rick Ackerman is currently working on a new directory.

Sectional Tournaments – Jill McDermott

April 24th-26th: A sectional is being planned for April 24th-26th. The Jewish Community Center is not available. Jill has been trying to get a hold of Ruth Scott to see if it would be okay to have it at the Omaha Bridge Studio. If the Studio isn't available, Ted Hoff has suggested the Y in Council Bluffs. Pierre Flatowicz will be contacting him to get more information. The most important being is the Y available the 24th-26th of April?

Having a Stratified Pair/Board-a-Match was discussed. The director sets up the teams of A and C, B and B and some B and C players. Pierre Flatowicz will also look into this by calling ACBL. Potentially, it will be on Friday and Saturday of the April tournament. Everyone agreed that it sounds like a lot of fun.

June 6th-7th: 0-750 tournament is being planned at the Omaha Bridge Studio. Pierre stated that it was held at the House of Cards this past year.

Oct. 16th-18th: The Jewish Community Center will be available for this tournament. Claire is currently working with people at the JCC on the cost. She has asked them to call the JCC in Kansas City since the bridge tournaments are much cheaper to the bridge unit down there.

In addition to having the sectional, plans are under way to have a Gold Rush for the players that don't have their life masters as well as under so many points. This will be great!

Regional Tournaments – Cookie Hoberman

Pierre Flatowicz expressed his thanks to Cookie and Jan for the work that they have done throughout the years on the regional tournament.

Cookie Hoberman pointed out that the regional chairman should be a member of the board.

Cookie reported that 3000 flyers have been sent out about the upcoming regional. The flyers have been sent to the members of Units 14, 84 and 241. Flyers have also been sent to people that have attended the regional that aren't in these units in the last five to eight years.

Cookie stated that we need to pump up the evening games for the regional. She pointed out that the sectionals are for the local people while the regionals are for the out of towners.

Unfortunately we cannot have a best 2 out of 3 for the Gold Rush since ACBL states that this is illegal. Cookie wrote to people on ACBL's board but hasn't received a response to date.

It was stated that pair games are getting bigger while the knock out games are getting smaller.

Miscellaneous

Jill stated that email blasts from ACBL may be costing \$0.08 per email. She is going to do some further checking into that. Cookie stated that Adam might be able to set up email addresses. Given a file of email addresses, I could get this set up.

Next Board Meeting – March 7th at the House of Cards at 9 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Dunn