

Minutes of Unit 241 Board Meeting
June 26, 2025

Board members present included Scott McIntyre, Justin Graver, Jane Slezak, and Bill Treadway, Andrew Clements, and Dawnette Kahn. Jonathan Cohn could not attend.

Minutes from the last board meeting, April 25, 2025 were approved.

Tournament Updates: Justin reported that room reservations are 27% down from last year at this time. Our guarantee was 400 room, but has now been reduced to 300. We currently have 250 reservations. We have forgone the room where gold rush games were to be held. We will now seat all games in one room (other than team games). The Marriott may charge for parking this year, but no final decision has been reached. Candy donations are currently being accepted at the Omaha Bridge Studio and House of Cards for the Regional.

Online events: We can run a 2-session event on BBO along with our Regional. With all the complications and expected low attendance, we decided against offering it this year.

2026 Tournament Dates: Council Bluffs tournaments are not yet listed for 2026 at the ACBL website. Council Bluffs would also like to add another Sectional in March.

Longest Day: Deana and Jane visited 4 local bridge games (two at the Studio, and one each at House of Cards and Council Bluffs). More than \$3200 was generously donated by our players and clubs, which was matched by a donor, to total approximately \$6500.

Unit Games: Scott reported that we are allowed to sponsor 24 unit games each year, awarding higher points than normal. We have been offering only one, the Player Appreciation game, which has been well received (28 tables last June). A second Unit game to be held at the Studio on Dec. 12 was proposed. This would be a Friday afternoon game directed by Jim Nash, with details to be decided later.

So going forward, we plan to run one Unit game in late spring or early summer as Player Appreciation and Annual Meeting, then a second game as a holiday party in Nov/Dec. We could allocate the remaining 22 Unit games to the clubs based on their actual table counts, which would be roughly 1 game to Bellevue, 2 to Council Bluffs, 5 to House of Cards, and 14 to Omaha Bridge Studio.

Membership Activity: Dawnette reported we at 100% of our goal set by ACBL. We've collected more than \$1300 from the ACBL so far in 2025.

Treasurer's Report: Andrew reported cash balances at the end of May, \$28,415 in checking and \$3,622 in money market for a total of \$32,037. Our Spring Sectional resulted in a small profit, \$118, but may have some outstanding expenses.

Other Business: We need to update "About" on OmahaBridge.org. We solicited ideas to spend ACBL Educational Fund and noted that Tim McCullough now chairs this effort.

Our next meeting will be August 21, 2025 at exp Realty (formerly KW Elite), 17838 Burke St, Ste 102.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Slezak, Secretary