CORNHUSKER UNIT 241 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015
OMAHA BRIDGE STUDIO, OMAHA, NEBRASKA

The following members were present: Sharon Emory, Trudy Woksa, Mel Patterson, Jonathan Cohn, Greg Ruhe, and Mitzi Jahn. Absent members: Gil Kreul, Cookie Hoberman, and Ken McNary. Guest Attendance: Dee Miller

The president called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The minutes from the August 27th Board meeting were approved. The minutes had previously been sent to all members via email. Mitzi received no notification of any required changes or corrections. Mitzi will send the approved minutes from the Aug. meeting to Justin to add to the Unit website.

Meeting Minutes

The process for getting the minutes posted on the Unit's website was discussed and reviewed. The minutes will now be sent via email to each Board member for a five day review. Any required corrections or questions will then be sent via email to the Unit secretary. Once the corrections or changes are completed the minutes will be considered approved and sent via email to the Unit website manager for posting. This process will allow a more timely posting rather than waiting until the next scheduled meeting.

Board Elections

Board election flyers and self- nomination forms have been posted at the HOC and OBS. Nominations close November 20th. Elections will then be held from Nov. 23, 2015 until Dec. 30, 2015. Ballots can be placed in the ballot box at each club or mailed to the Unit secretary. Sharon, Greg and Mitzi will be responsible for the counting of ballots. Election results will be posted at the local clubs. Board positions of the newly elected members will be determined at the January 2016 meeting. Mitzi requested that members make announcements about the upcoming Board elections at their games or ask the directors to announce. Jonathan plans to send out the election flyer and nomination forms to Unit members via email.

Financial Reports

No financial reports were available at the meeting. Jonathan indicated that Jim Kuhn had agreed to do the required annual audit with the treasurer. Jonathan voiced his concerns that this had not been completed at this time.

Jonathan related that the Unit 184 President had notified him about their participation in the recently established Regional account. The motion was made to keep the Nebraska Regional Unit 241 banking account separate from Unit 184. Motion passed with all in favor.

Discussion was held about the need for an additional Board member to serve as a second signatory on the Unit's bank account. Jonathnan agreed to add his name to the Unit's banking accounts.

Fall Sectional

Gil is the chair for the food committee for the Fall Sectional. Larry Brobst will be the Director in Charge and Jim Nash will assist him as needed. Duplicated boards will be used for all pair games. The team games will not have duplicated hands. The cost associated with using duplicated boards was unknown. Jonathan suggested having Jeff Bukwalter as a back-up to duplimate the boards in the event the costs are unreasonable. Flyers have been mailed to selected sites outside of the local area. Trudy agreed to take photos of the event winners. Trudy will email them to Sharon for photo coping and Justin for posting on the Unit website. The photo copies of event winners will be posted at the Sectional. Sectional flyers are currently available at the House of Cards.

299 Rising Stars Sectional Tournament

The House of Cards hosted the tournament with 44 tables and 67 players were awarded masterpoints. Mitzi indicated that she had read several emails sent to Ruth from players voicing positive comments about the tournament. Jonathan has also sent out emails to participants thanking them for attending. He plans to add them to the mailing list for future Sectionals and the GNTs.

Several members addressed their concerns about the lack of coordination and lack of assigned tasks for this tournament. The problems addressed included provision of food, identified guest lecturer, access to facility, scheduling, and director. Much gratitude was voiced for the HOC owners who assisted with many of the last minute details necessary to make this event successful. Trudy agreed to be the Tournament Chair for the 2016 event. A recommendation was also made to bid out the Director for next year's event. Trudy will begin looking into scheduling of next year's event since there were scheduling conflicts with this year's event. Mel will provide Trudy with the instructions and assistance for obtaining the event sanction.

No financial report was available for this event.

Mentoring and Intermediate/Newcomer Programs

Jonathan has received mostly positive feedback on the current Mentoring Program. The same format will be used for a spring mentoring program. Jonathan suggested the traditional format with one mentor playing with one mentee for a fall mentoring program next year. He also indicated the need for a Board Member to chair these programs for 2016. Mitzi volunteered to be the Tournament liaison and help the Chair with these future Programs. She will also provide a special welcome to these players at the upcoming Fall Sectional. Jonathan has sent emails to encourage the current mentees in the Program to attend the Fall Sectional.

Volunteers

The need for more volunteers from the Unit members was identified. Jonathan asked that Board members continue to think about and identify Unit members to help with publicity, Unit directory, emails, and mailers. He defined the Tournament Coordinator's role as the primary liaison with other Districts and the Tournament Chair's role as the person responsible for all tasks and coordination of the

specific event. Mel reported that Kathy Lippold has volunteered to be the Tournament Chair for the 2016 February Sectional and to Co-Chair the upcoming Fall Sectional. Clarification was made that both tournament chairs and co-chairs did not have to be Unit Board Members. Rik Ackerman has volunteered to update and maintain the Unit's Facebook page and that he has already started to work on this project. Jane Dunn and Thelma Cole continue to be in charge of the Caring Committee.

Membership

Mel reported that the updated in/out reports continue to be emailed to Board members. The House of Cards has requested that they receive the reports via email. Mel plans to add them to the list and will provide specific hand-off instructions to the new Membership Chair at the January Board meeting.

NAP/GNT

Three pairs from the Unit went to the District NAP. Congratulations to Rik Ackerman and Ken McNary for their second place finish and to Andrew Clements and Jonathan Cohn for their fourth place finish. They will receive a monetary stipend to go to the Spring NABC representing District 14. The District now requires that a Grass Roots Fund Game be implemented at the Unit Sectional Tournaments to help fund the stipends for players representing District 14 at the NABCs. An additional one dollar will be added to the entry fee for the Friday afternoon game at each Sectional Tournament to meet the District's requirement.

Jonathan distributed a flyer he had made advertising the District 14 GNT Sectional Weekend May 12th-15th, 2016 to be held in Omaha at the Westside Community Conference Center. He requests that Unit members be encouraged to attend the GNT Club qualifying games at our local clubs for qualifying opportunities. Jonathan related that he was working with Darlene Rischling to submit a grant to the Educational Foundation for extra money to have a guest lecturer present on Strategies for GNT/NAP.

The next meeting will be December 12th at 9:30 a.m. at the Omaha Bridge Studio unless otherwise noted.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitzi Jahn Unit 241 Secretary