

CORNHUSKER UNIT 241 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SATURDAY DECEMBER 12, 2015
OMAHA BRIDGE STUDIO, OMAHA, NEBRASKA

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

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

The minutes from the October 17, 2015 board meeting were approved with all in favor. Jonathan indicated that the minutes had been sent to all members via email for any changes or corrections and that this process had seemed to go well. Mitzi reported that she had received no requests for any changes or corrections during the five day review period.

Financial Reports

Jonathan inquired as to the completion of the yearly financial audit. Ken indicated that he would meet with Jim Kuhn prior to the end of the year for completion. Jonathan indicated that ideally he would like to see the annual financial audit be completed in the spring.

Jonathan again indicated the need for additional signatories on the Unit's Great Western Bank accounts. Jonathan agreed to add his name to the accounts and plans to go with Ken to complete this process. Ken indicated that there is currently a \$4.95 per month bank charge for the account.

Ken reported that he had not yet received a Regional account status report from Elise. Cookie indicated that she believed there to be an approximate \$3,000.00 profit from the Regional.

Ken also indicated that the 299er Tournament had an approximate \$713.00 profit minus the cost of the tournament flyers.

Ken reported an approximate \$400.00 profit from the Fall Sectional.

Ken plans to update all financial reports and send to board members via email. The update reports can then be posted on the Unit website.

Fall Sectional

Jonathan indicated his concerns that one of the pair games did not have duplicated boards. He feels that the players attending Sectional tournaments expect to have duplicated boards. Mel indicated that there had been a miscommunication with Larry about the duplicated boards. Mel related that all of the pair games other than the Thursday night game had used the duplicated boards. Trudy reported that the photos of session winners had been added to the Unit website. The process for having photos displayed at the tournament and the best locations for this display were discussed. Mitzi recommended providing trophies for the session winners in the Newcomer events. She felt that there had been a positive response when done in the past at the Sectionals. Mitzi also indicated that flyers for the 2016 Valentine's Sectional were made available at the Fall Sectional. The positive feedback from players on email notifications of game results was discussed.

Jonathan discussed the information he had obtained on the use of one director for Sectional Tournaments. ACBL requires two directors for 23 or more tables. Larry had indicated that if he were to

be the only director he would want a change in the starting times of the sessions. Changes to the Unit's Sectional Tournaments will be further discussed along with the change in venue for the 2016 Fall Sectional at a later time.

299 Rising Stars Sectional Tournament

Trudy provided an update for the Rising Stars Tournament. She indicated that it is now a 499er NLM Sectional Tournament. Trudy stated that Mel had assisted her with submitting the sanction application. She related that this tournament would be September 10-11, 2016 at the House of Cards with a two session event on Sat. and a Swiss Team event on Sunday.

She also indicated that she planned to notify all local directors and take bids for a director for this tournament to include the three sessions and provision of a Swiss Team talk.

With the expectation of increased numbers for this tournament, the number of Unit owned bridge mates was discussed. Jonathan indicated that he had looked into the cost savings of purchasing tablets and the required software. He believes this to be a better option at a lower cost when the Unit needs to replace or purchase additional electronic scoring devices.

Board Elections

Mitzi reported that there had been a total of seven nominations and all found to be eligible nominees for the five vacancies on the Board. She also indicated that voting ballots, envelopes, and a voting box had been placed at the House of Cards on Nov. 29th and at the Omaha Bridge Studio on Nov. 30th. Mitzi requested assistance from all members to help her keep an available supply of ballots and envelopes at each location since she could not be at both locations. Mitzi stated that the elections would close Dec. 30th in accordance with the Unit By-Laws. She indicated that both Sharon and Greg had agreed to assist her with the vote counting. Sharon offered her home to meet and count the votes. Mitzi plans to coordinate with them as to the best time and date to meet. Board members will then be notified of the results.

Mitzi indicated that she had noticed a few ballots not placed in envelopes when she recently emptied the boxes.

Jonathan stated that he had just sent out emails to the Unit membership encouraging them to vote. He also stated that he had solicited candidate information from all nominees and had included this information from the two nominees who had responded in the email to the Unit membership. Jonathan plans to send out another email to the Unit membership requesting that they resubmit their ballot if no name or ACBL number had been written on the envelope or ballot because ballots with no names would be invalid.

Unit Transition Plan

Jonathan requests that out-going board members meet with their replacements individually at the next board meeting to provide a smooth transition. He plans to have a shortened 30 min. membership meeting and then for out-going members to meet individually with the new members to review their job descriptions and their work in progress. Jonathan then announced the next meeting date as Jan. 16th at 9:30 a.m. with the location to be announced at a later time.

Volunteer Meeting

Jonathan and Cookie have scheduled a Unit volunteer meeting for Monday Dec. 14th. They hope to have a group of twelve to fifteen people to come and share what they would be willing to volunteer to do for the Unit based on their interests and talents. Jonathan and Cookie then plan to develop these volunteer committees based on the information from this meeting.

GNT/NAP

Jonathan indicated that he would like to have several of our local team qualifiers playing in the District's GNT in May since our Unit is hosting the event.

Jonathan asked members to encourage players to attend the qualifying games and begin getting their teams together.

Miscellaneous

Rick Ackerman has been working through Facebook to provide local bridge club information and Unit events. He believes the Unit's Facebook page now has 54 members.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitzi Jahn
Unit 241 Secretary