

## Unit 241 Board Meeting August Minutes 2016 (revised)

Attending: Scott McIntyre, Cookie Hoberman, Tim McCollough, Kathy Lippold, Rick Ackermann, Thom Pigaga, Trudy Woksa

Absent: Gil Kreul, Greg Ruhe

Guests: Jim Nash, Carol Miller

Motion to approve June minutes by Rick Ackermann, 2nd by Cookie Hoberman, all approved.

Jim Nash addressed the board: to sum up, Jim expressed unhappiness with the GNT as to his hiring and then let go 9 days before his assistant director position for the GNT was to begin. The board agreed it was horrendous and assured Jim it would not happen again. There was also discussion of having a written understanding with Jim regarding his role as director/aide in future sectionals, to which he declined any formal agreement. It was also suggested the board look into what authority they have to implement changes made or not made by the directors in charge of events like the GNT. The board expressed appreciation to Jim for his past service to the sectionals and special events that he directs or assists. After Jim left, Cookie made a motion the board award Jim a gift of Omaha Steaks to reflect regret for not being advised in a timely manor for the GNT changes and for appreciation for future services. Rick Ackermann second the motion, all agree. Tim McCollough will be in charge of the Omaha Steaks purchase.

### Regional:

Overall a success; the regional was up 65 tables, mostly due to the morning games. The Sunday Swiss and evening games were down slightly. Final numbers are not in yet as the Mid America Center has not billed us but according to last year's numbers we should be in the green.

Cookie noted that all regionals in the country are down and ours is up and some of this she attributes to the success of the "fast results". For \$100 donation to the ACBL kids in school program Jay Wipple adds a touch of personal notations to the "fast results" program.

It was suggested that a speaker be found to encourage newcomers (499er's) to the regional.

Also discussed were glitches in the scoring system.

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### Rising Star Sectional:

Trudy Woksa reported the Parrish's had cancelled due to a forgotten commitment and Jim Nash was hired. Everything is moving along fine except we are still seeking a speaker for the Swiss Strategy talk.

### Fall Sectional:

Kathy Lippold reported that the contract still needed signed with Westside. Rick Ackermann will organize the table set up.

### Spring Sectional:

Rick Ackermann will do flier, the ACBL will need to approve it before it is put on their website. It must have the sanction # on it. That's all that was discussed about it at this time.

### Treasurer's Report:

Rick Ackermann noted that \$380 from the regional raffle tickets had been awarded to the American Cancer Society. He would like to submit financials after the billing from Mid America Center. He did discuss a couple of discrepancies in the numbers due to a petty cash drawer not being returned and some extra meals that were purchased on Sunday not being turned in. Rick is looking into this matter.

Also discussed was the IRS Form 990 not addressed for the year of 2013. Rick wrote a very nice letter

about how it must've been mistakenly overlooked and it was suggested to him the late penalties would most likely be forgiven. Progress will be reported at a later date and it was noted current IRS Form 990 had been taken care of.

**Mentoring Program:**

Carol Miller addressed the board about what the mentoree's would feel comfortable with. Many idea's were hashed around but basically it was decided a special committee would be formed to address this issue. Tim McCollough will represent the board and suggestions were made to Carol who could aid in this committee.

**Discussion of 2017 Board Members:**

A few names were suggested for board members for 2017. The Secretary will look into rules of election.

Next meeting October 8th, 10 a.m. @ Cookie's

Meeting adjourned