

Minutes- ACBL Cornhusker Unit 241
8 October 2016 Meeting 10:30

Attending: Scott McIntyre, Cookie Hoberman, Tim McCullough, Carol Miller, Kathy Lippold, Rick Ackerman, Thom Pigaga

Minutes from the 20 August 2016 meeting were Approved.

Needs of the upcoming Sectional for Duplicated and/or shuffle&play boards were discussed and it was determined that needs would be met provided that the different table movements held to schedule and that someone would be available to run the board duplicating machine. Requesting donations from the membership for snacks as well as donating playing room snacks was discussed. Remarks indicated that raising cash was easier than raising cookies.

Spring Sectional: Rick has a completed flyer in hand. He will make 50-100 available for the fall sectional visitors. Both Partnership Chair and Tournament Chair posts will need to be firmed up for publication. Cost savings of sending emails vs postal mail were also stressed.

Treasurer's Report: There's Good News Tonight

The Unit federal tax bill late fee from 2013/2014 has been forgiven, saving us approximately \$4300.

Also, the Regional Petty Cash had been indeed returned to the Unit. Blame the Byzantine Director's Financial Report for the misperception.

Profit from the August 2016 Regional was \$6173 split 60%/40% between Omaha and Lincoln. The Rising Stars sectional, usually run more to draw players than revenue, had a profit of \$122.

As of this date (8 October) the Unit has a net profit of -\$700, primarily because of the approximate \$4500 cost of the new Deal4 duplicating system.

Mentoring Program (Carol Miller):

The program has been set up for the Fall (Oct-Dec) with 13 pairs of mentors/mentees "official" on the roster.

As planned, the pairs will play 3 games together, and (if we are lucky) the Unit can get enough comments and suggestions to judge the program's success.

Replacement Bidding Box Cards:

Reacting to tournament comments about the state of Unit bidding box cards, we should replace-at minimum-Pass and 1 Club cards that that are too "tired" to use. Several complete sets of box cards should also be purchased. Since the House of Cards owns their own bidding boxes, while the Studio uses Unit boxes, the HOC will purchase what they need and pass the

bill back for reimbursement. Because a couple Board members are new, the discussion quickly turned to an explanation of how much the Unit subsidizes the Studio with bidding materials and technology.

Needed: Candidates for the 2017 Unit Board

Cookie's term is up but wants to stand for reelection. Trudy, Gil, and Greg are all stepping down. The Unit has some leeway in accepting volunteers/candidates by acclaim, but if we have more candidates, a balloted election will be put to the Studio and to the House of Cards. Voting will continue through December 2016.

2017 Regional Notes (Cookie)

Omaha Steaks has committed to continued support for our Regional.

Cookie is making good inroads with Jay Whipple at the ACBL in terms of sponsors and publicity.

The shift will continue from mail publicity to email publicity, primarily for the cost savings. Individual members are easy to email, but the ACBL doesn't make collection club or club manager emails easy at all.

There will soon be a Tournament Timeline Update.

Next Board meeting to be scheduled for 19 November 1030 at Cookie's address.

12:00—Meeting adjourned