

Minutes-ACBL Cornhusker Unit 241  
January, 21st 2017  
11:00 am Bridge Studio

Attending: Scott McIntyre, Ray Pape, Carol Miller, Tim McCollough, Kathy Lippold, Rick Ackermann, Larry Kronick

Minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Election of officers. the following slate of officers was approved.

Scott McIntyre	President
Larry Kronick	Vice President
Rick Ackermann	Treasurer
Carol Miller	Secretary
Cookie Hoberman	Regional Chair
Thom Pigaga	Membership chair

Scott reported that Unit 241 has 517 members. It is decreasing, but our numbers are strong when compared to other clubs. The Studio is ranked about #32 nationwide – only clubs in the big cities, or in Florida or Arizona are busier.

#### Spring Sectional

Will be held at JCC auditorium. Dates are February 16th-19th.

All is moving forward. Starr catering will be providing box lunches at cost of \$11.00. Players will be charged \$10.00, as usual.

Rick reported that John Schreck (Asst Mgr at JCC) said that volunteers may bring baked goods and treats if they so desire.

There was discussion to raise the 299 section to go to 499 and it was decided not to at this time. Rick said that he asked local Directors about it and was told that the OPEN flight “C” – already low in numbers – would suffer. Also, the 299er section averages 8-12 tables which is fine.

The Sectional for Fall of 2017, was set for Oct 19th thru 22th. It’s a BYE weekend for Nebraska football.

It was proposed by Rick having one of the usual 5 pairs games in the Fall Sectional as an IMP PAIRS. Rick says he asked Donna Lombardini & Jade Barrett and they said IMP PAIRS is popular event and all Directors have the scoring software for it. Will discuss later.

Rick presented idea that Oct 2017 Sectional is good time to finally raise card fee to \$10 (from \$9).

Jeff Buckwalter will continue as equipment manager, with Scott and Larry helping for tournaments.

NLM (499'er) tournament will be held in September

Rick volunteered to Chair and will ask Ruth Scott if Bridge Studio could host it this year (alternating with House of Cards).

TLD (The Longest Day) tournament.

It was moved that we hold The TLD tournament Tuesday June, 20th 2017. We have since learned that ACBL has set Wednesday, June 21, 2017 for The Longest Day games.

All ayes, with Tim McCollough opposed.

The motion was carried.

Justin Graver and Chris Hatton have volunteered to chair this event.

It will be coordinated With Megan Meyers head of the Alzheimer's Association of Nebraska.

Rick's report.

We had a loss for 2016, of \$2,388.00.

We purchased duplimate for 4,400.00, causing the loss.

Without duplimate we would have had a profit of about \$2100.

We had a loss on fall tournament because of last minute change of venue to Bel Aire of \$1180.00.

Regional had profit \$3700.00 (after UNIT 184 Lincoln received their agreed upon share of 40% of net profits).

Regional for 2017 August 7-13th. Cookie is our masterful Regional Chair again this year. Many thank-you's all around.

Rick stated that a large source of annual income is the 11% of all Membership dues collected by the ACBL from Unit members are remitted back to the Unit.

Mentoring Program

It was decided to begin another mentoring program. Carol Miller, Larry Kronick and Ray Pape will find the mentors and mentees. The program is scheduled to begin in April.

The Friday morning group and the Wednesday night group would be notified.

Awards Banquet will be chaired by Scott McIntyre.

Next board meeting Saturday, March 25th, 11:00am Bridge Studio.