

*Minutes ACBL Unit 241
October 7th, 2017*

Meeting was held at Cookie's condo Saturday morning at 9:00.

Attending: Carol Miller, Scott McIntyre, Cookie Hoberman, Thom Pigaga, Kathy Lippold, Tim McCollough, Larry Kronick.

Absent were Rick Ackermann and Ray Pape.

Cookie reported on the Regional. The \$13,500 profit is 50% more than last year. The increase was attributed to keeping advertising costs and food costs down. Using email instead of snail mail and having a better handle on attendance for food orders were two reasons cited for increased profits.

Knock out numbers were down because of an event in France keeping some pro teams away. Regional for 2018 will be held October 22nd-28th.

It was noted that our fall sectional is falling the same weekend as the one in Kansas.

Scott reported that there has been no feed back from Unit 103 on how the vote went to move their tournament. Our unit voted no.

Scott passed out Rick's treasurer's report. We have approximately 47,000.00 in the bank. We discussed ways in which to use this money.

- 1. Having an appreciation dinner. Food and drink supplied by unit. April 22nd was proposed as the tentative date.*
- 2. Sponsoring education to bring in more players.*
- 3. Hosting a bridge speaker, a pro at a special event to play.*

Cookie is meeting on Tuesday with an executive from Omaha Steaks to thank them for their sponsorship at the Regional. She asked if someone could accompany her and Tim volunteered. They will meet at Hy- Vee. I know I couldn't resist.

Elections will soon be held. Ballots and boxes will go out to the clubs by November 1st and be collected by December 1st. Once again a slate of officers will be presented.

Rick has volunteered to do directory once again. He will work with advertisers.

Carol Miller and Larry Kronick will work to get Mentors from the TUESDAY AND THURSDAY games to volunteer to be mentors and go to Wednesday night first to get mentees. It was suggested that we have a final meeting with this group to discuss the effectiveness of this program.

Sponsoring an over under event was also discussed to bring in less experienced players.

Duplimates are working. There is one at the House of Cards in need of repair.

Next meeting Saturday December 9th, 2017.