

Minutes of Unit 241 Board Meeting May 2, 2024

All Board members were present: Scott McIntyre, Justin Graver, Andrew Clements, Jane Slezak, Jonathan Cohn, Dawnette Kahnk, and Bill Treadway

Minutes from the last board meeting, March 4, 2024, were approved as written.

Report on our April Sectional by Jonathan:

For our next Sectional, will add additional helpers for each task, like water and coffee. October Sectional is confirmed for the Jewish Community Center. We should have a limited and an open Swiss event on Friday, rather than stratified into 3 sections. At the April Sectional, we paid for afternoon session that got cancelled due to severe weather, and we are still working on points to award. We may ask for double of morning points. Parking at JCC was insufficient, the JCC facilities people will offer up suggestions. Attendance was comparable to last year with one day fewer, but lower ranked players seemed underrepresented. Silver guarantee was popular. Set up and take down was \$400 by JCC staff, but we did it ourselves.

Report on upcoming August Regional by Justin:

As of this date in 2023, we had 248 Marriott hotel reservations, and only 185 so far this year. We guarantee 500 rooms. We don't have a director lined up yet. Peter Wilke is listed as head for now, but we don't have confirmation.

Tim McNary will be head caddy. Marilyn Hoskins (from Lincoln) grandkids will help with Sunday Swiss. As for room setup, we need to find out what the Marriott vs the director would charge us.

Financial report by Andrew:

March \$19339 checking balance plus \$3605 in Money Market. Total \$22944.
The Sectional was roughly a break even event.

Update on Council Bluff NLM tourney by Bill:

Council Bluffs Country Club will furnish rolls, coffee, juice for \$500. No charge for space. They will prepare a special lunch menu for attendees. Bill is attempting to add an Open game for the fall tournament. Jonathan will send flyer to our unit. Bill will retrieve tables from Scott.

Membership and mentorship report by Dawnette:

June 12, at noon, there will be an "8 is Enough Swiss event" held at the studio. The goal is to unite experienced players with newer players. Jim Nash will direct. Mark Henderson will give a short lesson a half hour before the start of the event. Pierre is also looking into the possibility of doing this at the House of Cards.

Another option we are gauging interest on is Mondays, where there are 2 games. One experienced team will stay after to review boards with newer players. Claire Flatowicz

has reached out to offer Educational funds, if needed. Another suggestion was to have a well known speaker come to Omaha. This may bring in local party bridge players, like from country clubs. Jonathan is looking into speaker options.

Player Appreciation Game report by Scott. Jim Nash will direct. We discussed location options, and decided to hold it at The Bridge Studio. We chose Sunday, June 30 for awards and pizza, for a nominal (\$5?) charge. Maybe move it to February for 2024 rewards.

Next meeting will be July 11, at kwElite, 17838 Burke St, Ste 102, at 5 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Slezak, Secretary