

Minutes of Unit 241 Board Meeting
October 10, 2024

Board members present included Scott McIntyre, Justin Graver, Andrew Clements, Jane Slezak, Jonathan Cohn, Dawnette Kahnk. Bill Treadway was absent but provided his report.

Minutes from the last board meeting, August 22, 2024, were approved.

Sectionals: Jonathan has committee chairs set up for snacks and coffee. Emails announcements recently went out.

Council Bluffs I/N Tournament: Jane distributed a financial recap from Bill

2025 Omaha Regional: Justin and Jonathan reported that a contract was signed with Marriott committing to 400 rooms, and a deposit was placed. Marriott will allow players to purchase lunch on site, and we will provide a lunch to players on Saturday and Sunday. Snacks and coffee will be left out until they are gone, rather than taken away early. We discussed various options for a welcome reception, section winner prizes, and/or gift bags. We will need to finalize plans in time to submit the flyer to ACBL for publication.

Tournaments in 2025 and Beyond: Scott proposed we host one sectional in Omaha, one in Council Bluffs, plus one Regional. In addition, I/N tournaments could be hosted in either location. We will arrange a tour of the new Council Bluffs facility with Ted Hoff and Bill Treadway, to consider that for future tournaments.

Jump Start Program: Scott explained that Patty Tucker (Bridge teacher based in Atlanta) would like to set up a booth at a Nebraska teachers' conference in February 2025 to promote the Jump Start Bridge program. Scott will try to find an interested volunteer.

Unit Owned Supplies: Jonathan informed the clubs in writing that the Board would cease supplying and maintaining equipment and has received no feedback.

Treasurer's Report: Andrew reported we have roughly \$29k in our checking account, \$4k in a Monday Market account, for a total of \$33k. We just received \$2350 from ACBL for our annual membership recruitment and retention efforts.

Membership: Dawnette reported that House of Cards is running an "Eight is Enough" event on Nov. 6. Mentoring is finishing up for the year. We discussed bringing in a pro to provide a day or two class, and decided to table it for now.

Election for 2025-26 Term: Outgoing board members need to self-nominate by November 20 for new 2-year terms. Jane will send nominating procedures to the local clubs on Nov. 1.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, Nov 23, 2024, kwElite, 17838 Burke St, Ste 102 at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Slezak, Secretary