

Minutes of Unit 241 Board Meeting March 7, 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, January 4, 2024, were approved as written.

Jonathan reported on planning for our April Sectional. Scott will be arranging volunteers for treats, Teresa for coffee. Our tournament director will be Donna Lombardini. Jonathan will be seeking volunteers about 3 weeks prior for setup and teardown. Donna will be bringing all her equipment. Costs for that will be assessed.

Justin provided updates on our August Regional. Jonathan is working to arrange food trucks, one per day. Our full page ad is in the March Bridge Bulletin, page 85. We are guaranteeing 500 rooms at the Marriott, but hope to need more.

Scott discussed our annual Player Appreciation Game (annual awards, bridge, pizza), which was held last year on May 7. We need to be cognizant of conflicting bridge dates, such as the Council Bluffs NLM tournament May 9-11, and our Sectional April 24-26. We could consider scheduling it for June, or, alternatively, present awards and serve pizza on one of the days of our Sectional. If scheduled separately, we could hold it at the JCC, the Omaha Bridge Studio, or kwElite. The Board is leaning toward June at one of the locations discussed.

Andrew reported our Unit's cash balance totals approximately \$22,900. No financial problems are foreseen through our upcoming tournaments.

Bill reported on upcoming NLM tournaments planned at Council Bluffs Country Club. Planning is going well. These tournaments are for players with fewer than 750 master points. Future NLM events are planned for May 9-11 and September of 2023, plus May & Sept of 2025.

Donna Compton is generously donating tables and other tournament supplies to our Unit. She is donating many Bridge books too, for which we could consider awarding as prizes at our tournaments.

Dawnette discussed our Unit's I/O (membership) report. Starting April 1, the ACBL's new 5/5/5 program goes into effect and she will monitor it also. She has been following up on membership boosting opportunities and passing on info to Trudy and Pierre for followup. Trudy has provided Dawnette thoughts on a mentor program we could undertake. Some Monday beginner game participants would be interested in going over hands with advanced players who play simultaneously at the Studio. Dawnette and Trudy will pursue this opportunity.

Our next meeting will be May 2, 2024 at 5 pm at Justin's home. Details to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Slezak, Secretary