

ACBL Cornhusker Unit 241
Board Meeting Minutes
June 29th, 2019
9:30 Swanson Towers

Attending: Scott McMcIntyre, Thom Pigaga, Jill McDermott, Rick Ackermann, Cookie Hobermann, Carol Miller.

Treasurer's Report

Rick reported that the Unit has purchased 40 bridge mates, a server, and two suitcases for a total of \$5750.00. These will be used at the Omaha Bridge Studio. The Studio plans to be using them by the first of August.

Scott suggested using our bridge mates at sectionals rather than renting them from the Sectional Director.

The Unit's current balance is 19,500.00 as we head into the regional. We have paid out \$2600.00 in tournament expenses and \$2900.00 in tournament deposits.

Education Workshop

Cookie reported that the workshop was very successful; she received lots of positive feedback.

Cookie suggested a way to get people interacting at the clubs would be to have an over/under game or an 8-is-enough team game. This would require a director to change the format of their game or the Unit would sponsor a special game that might conflict with an existing game. In any case, it would be extra work for whoever organizes the game. Scott suggested finding an interested director willing to submit a proposal to the Education Foundation.

Jill and Carol will follow up with Mary Ann Ryan (director) to see if there is any interest.

Non-Life Master (Under 750) Tournament

Jill reported that we made a profit of \$36.00. There was a good response – a couple more tables than last year.

Longest Day Event

Scott reported that the Longest Day event raised close to \$4,500.00, which was well over the goal of \$2,000. Justin Graver and Chris Hatton served as chairs. The 6 A.M. game had few tables but the other two games were very well attended.

Fall Sectional

Jill reported that the tournament will be held at the Omaha Bridge Studio on October 17th-20th. She will get a cleaning crew to come in between games. We are paying \$200.00 a day rent for studio.

Cornhusker Regional

Cookie reported that room reservations are down from previous years although it is still early. This is used as a guide for ordering food for regional. Numbers have been down at tournaments throughout the country. This will be telling year for regional. If our numbers are down again we may have to move to a smaller venue.

Other Business

The 0-to-750 Tournament will be held at the Omaha Bridge Studio next year, assuming they agree and there are no conflicts. Thereafter it will alternate between the Studio and the House of Cards.

Moving the Valentine sectional to spring was discussed. Attendance was significantly down this year; the weather was a factor. It was decided to stay in February for one more year. We need to decide a year in advance if we plan to change the date.

Thom mentioned a venue available at The Center Mall that is quite large with restrooms that is available on weekends if we wanted to think about in the future.

Cookie presented an idea to engage college kids with a class Bridge-in-a-Day. The plan would be to get them to play at local clubs with a promise to meet Warren Buffet.

Scott proposed reducing the board from nine to seven since our membership is much smaller than it was ten years ago.

Next meeting will be Saturday, August 24th, 9:30 at Swanson towers.