

Minutes of the board meeting of Unit 241

The meeting was held June 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order by president, Claire Flatowicz.

Board members present were Claire Flatowicz, Jill McDermott, Rod Anderson, Cookie Hoberman, Barb O'Daniel and Stephanie Holcomb.

The minutes of the prior meeting were approved as written

Stephanie Holcomb accepted the secretary position

Rod Anderson accepted the treasurer position

He reported that he was going to meet with Lori Brockman next week to go over all banking and financial procedures.

There was no treasurers report.

Old Business:

Since there is a need for another board member, Rod agreed to approach Greg and or Mary Ruhr.

Ted Hoff was also suggested as a potential board member.

New Business:

Jill McDermott, chairman of the Sectional, reported as follows

1. Need a co-chairman
2. Dates available at the JCC when there is no Husker game are November 12-14
3. The cost is approximately \$1150 to rent the JCC
4. Ideas for the Sunday lunches for the players were Jason's Deli and Panera
5. Jill read aloud the many current mandated provisions of ACBL for holding a Sectional
It was discussed if we would go ahead with our Sectional if the mandates were not lifted in time for us to get our deposit from the J back. The ACBL will reevaluate at 100, 60 and 30 days out.

Ideas on how to grow the participation at the clubs and to encourage new players

1. Jill suggested we approach the Educational Grant Foundation (EGF) for funding mini lessons during or before the tournament
2. Claire said there would be a 0-10 point section for newer players
3. Claire suggested we investigate Bridge Whiz, the ACBL Educational Association on line lessons.
Rod agreed to approach Kim and Karen Hawkins in an effort to partner with The Boys and Girls Club
We would need someone to run the program
We also should provide an incentive for the kids to join and complete the program
4. The Mentoring program. Cookie will ask Carol Miller to run the program again
Barb O'Daniel agreed to work with her or someone else
Ideas include a 1-time mentoring date on a Friday PM, 8 Partnerships, 8 Mentors and 8 Mentees
There should be a teachable reason for each hand which can be discussed after the game
5. BBO will stop giving master points at the end of the year which will be an incentive for people to return to the clubs.

Claire will check with Jan Loftin regarding the Regional in 2022.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Holcomb, Secretary