

## Minutes of the January 14,2023 board meeting of Unit 241

Present were Scott McIntyre, Justin Graver, Dawnette Kahnk, Donna Compton, Andrew Clements, Jonathan Cohn, Stephanie Holcomb, Ted Hoff and Deana Liddy

Before the election of officers was held a discussion regarding the Unit Presidents responsibilities was discussed. The Unit President will preside over the Unit board meetings and is a member of the District 14 board. The D14 board also has an executive committee consisting of D14 board members elected by the District board.

Scott McIntyre was elected President. Justin Graver was elected Vice President, Andrew Clements was elected Treasurer and Stephanie Holcomb as Secretary.

The board will also include Jonathon Cohn, Donna Compton and Dawnette Kahnk.

Scott M, Justin G and Stephanie H will serve a 1year term.

Dawnette K, Donna C, Andrew C and Jonathon C will serve a 2year term.

A proposed Organization Chart was presented by Donna. Committee assignments were discussed and are as follows:

1. Unit Education Liaison – Donna Compton
2. Intermediate/Newcomer Coordinator- Donna Compton

This includes new player services and newcomer partnership committee

3. Mentor Coordinator – TBD
4. Partnership Coordinator – Dawnette Kahnk
5. Membership Coordinator – Stephanie Holcomb

This includes membership recruitment and membership retention

(Deana Liddy suggested we offer 6 month free ACBL memberships to new players)

The Special Events Organizational Chart's assignments were:

1. Tournament Coordinator – Justin G and Jonathan C
2. NAP Coordinator and GNT Coordinator – TBD
3. I/N Tournament Coordinator – Donna C

4. The Longest Day Coordinator – Deana Liddy and Claire Flatowicz

Committee Chair Assignments were as follows:

1. Electronic Contact – Donna Compton
2. Membership Chair – Stephanie Holcomb
3. Publicity Chair – Dawnette Kahnk
4. Webmaster – Justin Graver

A discussion was held regarding the timing of the transition of the old board members and the new. Per the by laws the nominations of new board members should be made by 11/20. Voting must take place within 30 days. Old board members continue their positions until the first meeting of the year when the newly elected board members will take office.

The board discussed the tax status of the Unit. Donna Compton will draft language regarding the revision of the tax status.

Ted Hoff, the manager of the Bluffs bridge club, proposed a 2 session Swiss Team game in Council Bluffs. He would like this to be a monthly event on a Sunday. He offered two possible venues. The Bluffs bridge club would be unable to run this without help. This event will be considered.

Andrew Clements gave the Treasurers report. As of 12/31/2022

\$ 4835 – checking

\$ 3587 -- Money Market

\$15,414 – CD

He is checking with Lori Brockman as the CD may have been cashed out.

The budget for 2023 will be presented at a later date.

Jonathan will check with Jill McDermott regarding obtaining new cards at the Studio.

The financials for the year 2022 show a loss of \$474. This includes -\$479 Spring I/N Regional and – \$749 Fall Sectional.

Andrew suggested we change the by laws to state there will be a quarterly financial report instead of a monthly report. Donna Compton will draft language to present to the Board.

Donna Compton explained the reports the Unit receives from ACBL

1. Unit 241 In and Out Report – we should keep our own unit data base re: new rankers
2. Unit 241 Quip report – sent quarterly and shows # of members. Jonathan agreed to be the club manager liaison
3. Reimbursement report – we make money when people renew
4. Membership spread sheet.

Justin Graver has updated the web page – omahabridge.org – with the new board members and the 2022 financials

He needs ideas for the Unit logo. We agreed we liked square, cards and solid border. We also agreed it was okay to post board members email addresses on the web site. Justin has made the unit directory correction sheets available at all clubs.

Jonathan reported that sanctions are secured for the 4/21-23/23 and 10/23-24/23 Sectionals and for 7/31-8/6/23 Regional. The Sectional will be co-chaired by Justin and Jonathan. It will be held at the Bridge Studio and will be directed by Jim Nash. There may be a change in color rewards.

Justin and Donna are co-chairs for the Regional. Events and potential events for the Regional are:

1. I/N Reception
2. 2 day teacher certification
3. Sunday and Monday lessons
4. Directors course for 1 day – ½ day refresher course
5. Game schedule change to 2 sessions a day – 10 and 3
6. Full page flyer in the March Bridge Bulletin
7. Invite ACBL President – JoAnn Glasson

8. Naming the game sponsors, securing individual and/or corporate sponsor  
Borsheims and Omaha Steaks were mentioned. Need \$5000
9. Consider adding an I/N Sectional

It is an encouraging sign that the # of attendees at other Regionals in the area are back to pre-covid numbers.

The Annual Meeting – the date is set for Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> pending the securing of a location. Jim Nash has agreed to direct it. It was suggested to ask Leif to provide music. Awards – will be given out.

Board Meetings will be held monthly this year. 6 face to face and 6 zoom. Next meeting will be 2/11 at 9AM via zoom.

Other Business – Jonathan has submitted a grant request to the EGF for \$1000.

This will be used to promote team games and the rewards would include red points. Scott moved to approve and Justin seconded.

Jonathan has an email account that cost \$8 a month for limited use. In order to email more often and more addresses for marketing and email blasting, it was moved by Stephanie and seconded by Justin that we budget \$35 a month for this marketing.

It was also suggested that we obtain a Unit debit card.

Jonathan moved we reimburse the Comptons \$2500 for the deposit they made to the Marriott in order to hold the dates for the Regional. The motion was seconded by Dawnette.

Unit 241 has submitted a grant to the EGF for mini lessons at the I/N games at 4 clubs about filling out the new convention card. Donna Compton will do this on Tuesday and Wednesday 1/31 and 2/1

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Stephanie Holcomb