

Minutes of ACBL Unit 241 Board Meeting
August 24, 2026

Board members present included Scott McIntyre, Jonathan Cohn, Linda Hitt, Jane Slezak, Dawnette Kahnk, Bill Treadway, Jeff Buckwalter, and Andrew Clements.

Minutes from the last board meeting, June 17, 2026 were approved.

Volunteer Drivers:

Jane asked if we could increase club game attendance by coordinating volunteer drivers. We decided this should not be a Board-sponsored program, but Jane will discuss with club directors to see if they would be interested in such a program.

Storage Unit:

Jonathan said all of our equipment is now stored in a 12x10 unit which we rent for \$84/mo. We are not sure how many tables we have in storage, but Council Bluffs has 42 black tables (not in our storage unit). Jonathan will arrange to get a new lock for our unit which Scott and another member can keep for easy access if he is away.

Membership Report:

Linda reports we have 51 guest members, and should work to convert them to full members.

August Regional Report:

Regional income was \$46,000, and net profit was \$546 (excluding sponsorships). \$8250 in sponsorships will go to cover next year's Regional. We reduced expenses for directors and printing this year. Attendance was down around 15% from last year, a trend consistent with previous years.

2027 Sectional:

Scott will run the April sectional at the Marriott in 2027. We may be able to purchase paper supplies and pencils to avoid the Directors' charges. We discussed purchasing our own boards and cards to be used only at our local tournaments. Jonathan will research this and make a proposal.

2026 October Sectional and NLM Regional:

Bill reports that Donna will direct, and it will be held at Council Bluffs Country Club. We decided not to provide speakers (Bill will print a new flyer). Jonathan will arrange a caddy for Friday.

Tournament Schedule:

Jeff has obtained all of our tournament sanctions for 2027-2029.

Web Site:

Jeff reports we are paying monthly for website hosting, and is investigating a shift to a new host which would require less technical expertise to administer.

2026 Unit Holiday Party:

Scott reported the second Friday in November was well attended last year, so this year we chose Nov. 13, and will arrange pot luck and pizza/pasta/sandwiches. We discussed holding it a different location, but chose the House of Cards for this year, due to ease and low cost.

Treasurer's Report:

Andrew reported our cash balance at the end of July was \$30,251 in checking, \$3,639 in a Money Market, \$15,261 in a CD, for a total of \$49,151. He will consider shifting more funds into the CD. Andrew will also look into our bylaws to see if a periodic audit of our financials is required.

Election of Board Officers for 2027:

In late October, Jane will send an email to club directors to solicit volunteers. In addition, we should personally ask around for volunteers.

Other Business:

Jonathan will evaluate purchasing plastic convention card holders for members to be distributed at our holiday party, along with his potential equipment purchase.

Our next meeting will be Oct 21 at 6 pm location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Slezak
Secretary