

Unit 239 Board Meeting (via Zoom)  
Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Marilyn Croft called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Present: Marilyn Croft, Karl Anderson, Steve Lowe, Janet Krueger, Karen Miller, Kyle Larson, Greg MacCoubrey and Lela Lowe. Absent was Van Stone.

#### ROCKFORD NLM REGIONAL AND SECTIONAL

As Kyle had to depart the meeting early, we began with her report on the Rockford NLM and Sectional.

1. Setup will be early Sunday morning as Tebala will already have the tables and chairs in the room. Kyle has a team in place to help set up. Set up will be as we have always set up for the Regional and the Sectional as we did last year.
2. Partnership may be Kyle and Cathy Wright but Dave Jenkins may also work the desk.
2. Hospitality is well in hand.
3. There was a discussion about Bridgemates. The new Director (John Nichols) that we will be using, as Peter is not available because of the lateness of our submitting our flyers. The Director will only use Bridgemates and charge us for them. Kyle will talk to Will and find out how many working Bridgemates Rockford has. Karen will talk with Mike Kelley to see if we can use the Crystal Lake Bridgemates. This will save us some expenses if we can provide some of our own.
4. We will have only one Director. Kyle will let Will know if he is needed that we will use him. If nothing else, Will can help set up and put out boards. Marilyn sent an email to all board members on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> that she had discovered that we will have 2 Directors for the Rockford Tournament – John Nichols and Mike Strong)
5. Free Plays will be done by Karl and given to Marilyn to bring to Rockford.

#### FLYER TIMELINESS – Marilyn

We will have more discussion about submitting our flyers much sooner than we have. Because we did not submit everything, Peter looked and said yes to another regional in another Unit in District 8. Peter went to “bat” for us with ACBL for us to have our tournament in September. Regional flyers need to be a year in advance and sectional are 6 months.

Greg was warmly welcomed to his first board meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF THE May 21, 2024 BOARD MINUTES

There were two “typos” that had to be corrected. Steve motioned and Karen seconded that the minutes be approved with the corrections. Approved by all. The corrected minutes have been sent to Joe for our Website.

#### FINANCIALS – Janet Kruger

Janet had sent out statements for our year end of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Karl reviewed the documentation and no corrections were needed. We currently have \$7,851.37 in our

checking account and \$2,849.58 in our saving account. We have \$132,413.96 in our Fidelity Account. She also sent board members a copy of our "Profit and Loss" by class and our total loss for the year (July 2023-June 2024) s \$757.29. She will be contacting Marie (our Accountant) that we will be doing a short year for filing in order for us to have an year end of December 31<sup>st</sup>. Janet thinks she finally has gotten everything under control with the IRS. It was costing us \$350 every time she had to write a letter for us. We had a more successful Regional than last year. Janet will try to do a comparative for all the tournaments. Steve moved and Karen seconded that we accept the Financials as presented by Janet by accepted. Approved by all.

#### REGIONAL RECAP

Marilyn asked for any feedback or issues. There was a discussion about the lunch provided by the Holiday Inn. Steve suggested that may be a ½ sandwich be provided. This might be difficult for us to ask for. Marilyn has already signed the contract for 2025 keeping all of our expenses the same, room rental, what we pay for coffee. The only increase is in the cost of the sandwiches. It was decided to keep the sandwiches the same. There was a discussion about charging for coffee. Janet has attended tournaments where there is a charge of \$1 per cup. It was decided not to charge for coffee. The Holiday Inn only charges us \$16 per gallon for coffee. St. Louis gets charged \$80 per gallon for coffee. Holiday Inn lets us bring in our own donuts. Marilyn and other board members got tremendous feedback about our Regional. Especially our volunteers who were pheasant, cheerful and helpful. Lots of positive feedback even on the lunches.

We discussed about charging \$16 instead of \$15. A decision will be made later.

#### TURKEY BOWL SECTIONAL – Steve

Steve will talk to Cougars Management about setting up in the evening or perhaps Saturday as Dan works full time.

Lela is already thinking about hospitality. Greg is helping with the partnership desk. Concern is if we have "over sold" the Turkey Bowl and may not have the space for more than 30 tables.

Lela is developing a ½ page flyer listing food places relatively close to the stadium.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

This REALLY will be Marilyn's last year as Board President. She will not be leaving the board.

NEXT BOARD MEETING will be Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm via zoom

Karen moved and Janet seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lela Lowe