

Unit 239 Board Meeting (via Zoom)  
Thursday, June 29, 2023

Marilyn Croft called the meeting to order at 2:05. Present: Marilyn Croft, Van Stone, Karl Anderson, John Pree, Amy Goldberg, Steve Lowe, Linda Jacobson, Janet Kruger, Kyle Larson, David Jenkins and Lela Lowe

Minutes from the last board meeting were shared and approved as corrected. Amy moved and Van seconded.

Janet Kruger presented our financials. Our current balance is \$6,971.24 and does not include the regional held in June which appears to be profitable. There was a long discussion on “Storage Fees” and which line they should appear on our reports. Karl and Janet will discuss and come up with a formula for allocating the “Storage Fees” and will present at our next meeting.

There was also a discussion on having a separate breakout concerning our Annual Meeting on our financial reports.

The June Regional made about \$4,600 and had a larger attendance than expected. For 2022, district 8 did not take any fees for running a regional, as all three unit regionals lost money. There will be a district 8 board meeting in September 2023, and Marilyn believes a decision will be made about regional fees for 2023. It could be that the unit will owe district 8 a minimum of \$1500 or more.

Van moved and Amy seconded to accept the Financial Statements presented by Janet. It was approved.

Marilyn gave a recap for the June 2023 Regional. The main feedback concerned the times and the lateness of leaving. The first day had some problems as Peter was the only one taking money and assigning tables. It was decided to change the starting times to 10 and 2:30 and to go to a

max of 24 boards rather than 27. All of the volunteers that Karen Miller recruited did so without any remuneration such as free plays.

Marilyn talked to the Holiday Inn about either the first or third week in June for the regional in 2024.

We have a storage unit in Elgin to store tables, bidding boxes, coffee pots and other supplies for tournaments. Currently the unit is costing \$174 per month. Janet called and negotiated a change to a smaller unit as well as a rent of \$96 for the unit plus \$11 per month for insurance. The Storage unit has the same lock and key.

Dave and Kyle have the plans for the Rockford Sectional well underway. Karl encouraged us to make personal invites to others especially I/N to attend Rockford. The director for the Rockford tournament is Peter.

Marilyn welcomed Steve Lowe as the newest board member and Lela Lowe as Secretary. Linda Jacobson was thanked for all her hard work.

Before we voted on the President and Vice President for Unit 239 board, Marilyn says she will continue as President for at least another year. However, she needs board members to be an actual working boards with all of us stepping up to do jobs and not just letting Marilyn do the majority of the work.

There was a discussion on “Partnership Desks” and responsibility of board members being available at least one day during a tournament to partner with others. Linda will call Mike and Martina Kelley to see if they would be willing to be in charge of the Partnership Desk for our June Regional since it is in Crystal Lake.

Marilyn was nominated by Kyle with a second by Amy. Everyone voted yes for her to continue her excellent work.

Karl was nominated by Amy and second by Van for the position of Vice President. Everyone voted yes for him to continue.

In other business:

Steve will contact Marilyn concerning our website and work involved.

After a discussion on our money investments.

1. Van and Janet will work together to find our non-profit status documentation. Having that will help to save expenses on room rates, etc.
2. Van, Karl and Janet will contact Fidelity Investments to discuss what options they have that might make better sense for us.

Next Board meeting will be Thursday, August 24 at 2 pm on zoom.

Dave moved and Kyle seconded to adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lela Lowe, secretary