

Unit 239 Board Meeting (via Zoom)
Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Marilyn Croft called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

All Board Members were present: Marilyn Croft, Karl Anderson, Steve Lowe, Janet Krueger, Karen Miller, Greg MacCoubrey, Randy Miles, Lela Lowe, Kyle Larson and Gary Brigel.

Gary Brigel was welcomed as our newest board member replacing Van Stone.

Randy moved and Steve seconded that the June 2, 2025 board minutes be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIALS

Janet had sent out the financial reports earlier to each board member. Our checking account as of July has a total of \$5,516.64. Steve moved and Karen seconded that the financial reports be approved. Motion carried.

ROCKFORD TOURNAMENT

Kyle is now the chairperson for the Rockford Non Life Master (NLM) Regional and Sectional as Dave Jenkins who was the chairperson for many years just recently died. Dave used to pay personally for the coffee and tea from Tebala. Kyle is going to also do that but will ask for reimbursement for the donuts.

Jon and Lynn Clemons will bring up the “wheelbarrow” full of bidding boxes that are stored at the Rockford Club. Last year, Tebala set everything up for us. Kyle has a call into them to make sure that is still applicable.

Marilyn will bring the bridge pads or give them to either Karl or Steve to bring.

Karl will print up the Free Plays for the board members, the past president of the unit and for Kyle to hand out for the partnership fill-ins. Amy is handling the partnership desk.

Peter Wilke and Bill Harris are our tournament directors. Peter has already made his own room reservations at the Comfort Inn. Kyle will contact Bill to find out if he has made his reservation.

Marilyn will pick up the money on Tuesday and pay any bills for the tournament.

Two emails blasts with the tournament flyers attached have been sent out using ACBL information,

REGIONAL FINANCIALS - Janet and Marilyn

We pay a sanction fee to ACBL plus a percentage to District 8. Janet has a formula to use based on the number of tables.

The \$6,000.00 director fee includes all expenses for duplicating boards, supplies furnished, transportation, hospitality cost and the fee they get paid, in essence anything related to what the directors do.

Hospitality fee included the cost of \$15 per sandwich, coffee, donuts, hospitality supplies, candy, etc. The largest cost was the sandwiches for the Swiss Team event on Friday. Marilyn had to give a number to the kitchen for sandwiches a week ahead. She gave them the table count from last year but we did not have as many tables.

Karl mentioned that we actually made money because we added an extra \$1 in the fees even though we were down 64 tables from the previous year for the week.

The Crystal Lake Regional is the only tournament that is making any money. This is in part to the negotiations that Marilyn makes with the Holiday Inn concerning rent and cost of coffee. Marilyn already has a contract in hand for the Holiday Inn for next year which is at the same room rate.

Rockford seems to be our most expensive which is surprising considering that Tebala is sitting in the middle of nowhere.

REGIONAL RECAP FOR CRYSTAL LAKE

We had massive positive feedback concerning the Midflight pairs which will continue through 2026. We had 3 flights – Gold Rush, Midflight and the upper level. You can play in any flight as long as you do not have more points than the flight.

Marilyn misses the fact that we only have 1 team event on Friday. The consensus of the board was to keep it pairs event except for the Swiss Team event day on Friday. We will build time into the schedule for lunch as we will not be providing sandwiches any more. To spend \$2,500.00 or \$3,000.00 on sandwiches does not make much sense.

On the contract with the Holiday Inn, the notion of food being served Monday through Thursday has not been discussed. Marilyn thinks it may not have been financially viable for the restaurant to be open. The Restaurant has never

been opened for lunch except for our tournament. We will put on the flyer that the restaurant will not be opened.

The cost for each session every day will be \$16.

TURKEY BOWL SECTIONAL

Steve is waiting until the Cougars Season finish Labor Day weekend to have more discussion with the Cougars.

Steve emphasized that we have moved to the Friday and Steve prior to Thanksgiving, November 21 and 22.

Lela will add the phone numbers to the list of fast food places close to the stadium that we have as a handout. Gary mentioned the possibility of contacting Rookies for them to have a “special” for our tournament.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 28th at 3 pm via zoom.

Kyle motioned and Steve seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm.