Unit 239 Board Meeting (via Zoom)
Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Marilyn Croft called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
Present: Marilyn Croft, Karl Anderson, Steve Lowe, Gary Brigel, Janet Krueger, Karen Miller, Greg MacCoubrey, Randy Miles, Kyle Larson and Lela Lowe.

Minutes from the board meeting held on August 26, 2025 were approved after a motion made by Randy with a second by Steve. No corrections needed to be made.

The Financial Report was presented by Janet. A copy had been previously emailed to everyone. As of now, we have a total of $7,277.17 in our checking account. In our Fidelity Account, we have $167,540.90. We are now having any dividends going into the Fidelity money market fund instead of being reinvested; therefore, we current have $9,945.77 liquid. The only bill that did not get paid in September was the rent for the Rockford Regional. If we subtract the $2,000.00, we had a slight loss. Janet will be sending out a comparative of the Rockford Tournament. The loss was $430.38. Gary made a motion to accept the financials and was seconded by Karen. The motion passed.

Recap and Review of the Rockford Tournament

- Kyle was thanked for how great her team was for the hospitality and the running the tournament.
- There were19 total tables for the Regional and the Sectional had 17 and 15 tables. We were down 6 tables total on Sunday.
- Randy brought up the dissatisfaction that he has heard from people that Non Life Masters are playing for “Gold Dust” and not Gold points. The awarding of masterpoints is up to ACBL and is based on the number of tables. There is nothing we can do as a Unit. Randy will generate a proposal for our unit and then it will be sent to District 8 about the awarding of the points.
- The Non Life Master Regional is not bringing in the people that we thought that it would. It also means we need to have two directors as we are running a regional and a sectional.
- A motion to discontinue the Non Life Master Regional was made by Kyle with a second by Karl. The motion passed.
- There was a discussion about dropping the Sunday game and going to just Monday and Tuesday. Marilyn will contact Mark at Tebala to see what the rent would be if we play only on Monday and Tuesday especially since a contract has not been signed yet. Tebala has only been told the dates we wanted. Marilyn will also talk to Peter talk to see if we will need 2 directors by dropping the Non Life Master Regional. A further discussion about going to just 2 days will be discussed at a future board meeting.

TURKEY BOWL SECTIONAL is November 21 and 22. (The weekend before Thanksgiving instead of the weekend of Thanksgiving as has been done in the past.)

- Peter Wilke is our assigned Director. Steve will contact him concerning his hotel

reservations and other concerns he may have.

- Steve has made arrangement with Daniel and the Kane County Cougar's staff for our tables and other equipment to be dropped off on Sunday afternoon, November 16th. The actual set up is 1:30 Thursday afternoon, November 20th. The set up team is Gary, Karl, Steve, Lela and Randy. It should only take about 1 hour.
- Hospitality is a work in progress. We will get donuts from Jewel. She is accepting leftover Halloween candy but will buy more. The Restaurant Handout is being checked for those restaurants who might have closed in the last year. A discussion was made about contacting Rookies to see if they would have a special or possibly having us being able to order a pizza to be delivered. We would place a flyer for them to fill out ahead of time.
- The bridgepads will be given to Steve for delivery. Karl will generate the free plays and also give them to Steve.
- We will again have the light show for the players to enjoy when they leave the tournament.
- We have talked with the Cougars' staff about the lights in the room and the heat. Nothing can be done about the lights when it gets dark. However, the heat will be taken care of.

Annual Meeting date is April 11, 2026 as Easter is April 5. The charge will be $20 as had been approved by our board meeting in June. Lela will get a "mailing" team for February 21 or 28.

District 8 Board Meeting Report. Karl and Steve attended the zoom meeting but did not have much information to give us even though it was a very long meeting. There was a second reading of the by-laws. Karl made our reports about our tournaments. Next year, he may send in a written report.

District 8 NAP on line November 9th by Martha Leary. Championship flight was 5 tables, A flight was 2 tables, B flight was 5 ½ tables and the C flight was 3 tables as of board meeting.

Next Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 24th at 3 pm via zoom.

Steve motioned and Karen seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 4:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Lela Lowe