

Minutes of Unit 231 Board Meeting
(June 13, 2014)

Treasurer's Report: Betty and Henry Wise provided a Treasurer's Report. We are in good financial shape with almost \$6,000 on hand. An important comment was that our purpose is to promote the game and have fun. There is no need to be a money making organization.

Status of Two-door Storage Unit: When Richard can get use of a truck, we will bring in the storage unit and set it up in the room where we play bridge.

Status of the multi-club, Unit Championship. We set a tentative date for Monday, August 11th and asked the Roanoke players to promote the game suggesting that other Roanoke players come to Blacksburg or Bluefield. Rich and Richard will check with Shade White to make sure that date works for him.

2014 Sectional. The net loss was \$55.64, disappointing and proposed changes will be made to insure better results next year. Recommendations:

- Create a Budget as the first step for 2015
- Increase the fee to \$10
- Eliminate free play for college students
- Provide two-dollar bills as cash prize for every section top by stratification
- Promote Swiss Teams with cash prize for each stratification
- Make an effort to ask for donations the month before the Sectional, perhaps for specific items
- Try to get a tournament Director who lives closer to Blacksburg
- Targeted flyers for bridge clubs within a couple of hours of Blacksburg
- Get a hotel to provide a discounted rate, add it to the flyer

Other Items:

- Richard was contacted to have a NAP qualifier. No one knew the implications but generally thought that we might as well try one.
- We have been contacted by the Greenbrier to hold a bridge tournament there. Richard and Rich have a meeting with the Social Director to get information. We will not take on any financial risk and no commitments will be made without Board approval.
- Anne Seaver has stepped down as Secretary; but, will remain on the Board. We need a new Secretary.

Submitted by Rich Rio