

Minutes of Unit 231 Board Meeting
(May 3, 2019)

Attendees: Irene Jacobs, Chuck Bricken, Susan Bricken, Tom Newland, Margaret Johnson, Paul Sensmeier, Sue Rosser, Richard Huber, Betty Wise, Henry Wise and Rich Rio.

Treasurer's Report-

Total Cash Receipts = \$763.79
Total Disbursements - \$1,313.96
Total Cash on Hand - \$7,789.67

Summary of the Roanoke Spring Game:

The Spring Game was held in Roanoke on Saturday, April 13, 2019. The purpose was to promote the game in Roanoke, to host a social activity for the Unit's players and to assess whether there was enough interested payers in the surrounding Roanoke area to have a tournament there. With only 17 tables, the attendance did not warrant future consideration of Roanoke as a tournament site. The cost (\$943.85) and difficulty for the director to travel to Roanoke were also major factors in this decision.

Unit 231 Sectional:

- Room Rental and table setup—The room rental for this year will be the same as last year. Rio was informed that the rate for next year will go up to \$800, a \$500 increase. Richard Huber volunteered to talk to the Park and Rec Director.
- DIC Communications—Rio has been trying to increase our profit for the Sectional by supplying paper and Bridgemates. The cost of these items last year was \$168. However, the Unit doesn't own these supplies and will have to rely on the DIC.
- Ace of Clubs/Mini-McKenney—We will again pass out these awards during Friday's lunch at the Sectional. We have all the awards. Chuck Bricken will assist Rio in distributing the awards.
- Pianola Mass Email—Two weeks before the Sectional, Rio will send out a notice to ACBL players within a 200 mile radius of Blacksburg.
- Hospitality: Clubs will not be assigned days to bring food. Teresa Hall and Tom Newland will provide the food like last year and partially offset the cost with donations. Tom requests help with setup and clean up.
- Food Budget—Teresa will provide a food budget. She expects the costs to be similar to last year.
- Two-dollar bills—Do we have enough and who will distribute the bills? We have 101, two-dollar bills. Betty and Henry Wise have some additional \$2 bills which we can use, if needed.

- Flower Raffle—The Board agrees that the flower raffle should continue; but, it requests Bob Schulman to speed up the process. Perhaps one raffle pull could be made; or, we could hide the winning ticket under a table guide.
- Board pursued ideas to encourage the holding of Swiss Teams. Rio can add the information to the Pianola mass email. The Board thought that there wasn't anything that we could do this year to increase the participation for our Swiss Team event on Sunday of the Sectional. However, Richard Huber suggested that we hold several one-day Swiss Team games perhaps in April to expose more players to the fun of playing Swiss Teams. One suggestion was to also hold a Swiss Team game in Martinsville and draw from Danville, Lynchburg and Greensboro.

If we want to hold separate Swiss Team events in Blacksburg and Martinsville, Board members will need to volunteer to organize these events.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rich Rio