

ACBL UNIT 239 ANNUAL MEETING  
JAMESON'S – SUN CITY, HUNTLEY  
APRIL 13, 2024

Marilyn Croft opened the meeting at 10:30am. She asked Randy Miles to come up and led those present in singing "God Bless America." She remarked how we had a beautiful day with lots of sunshine to celebrate our members accomplishments, have some great food and play some bridge. As she always says "It takes a village to put on this which is like putting on a mini tournament for our unit. It takes a lot to run the unit. She thanked Lela for running the reservations and table assignments along with Karl Anderson.

She introduced all the Board members, Janet Kruger, our treasurer, Lela Lowe, our secretary, Amy Goldberg who was not present, Van Stone, Karl Anderson, Kyle Larson, Steve Lowe, Karen Miller and our newest board member, Greg Maccoubrey. She also thanked Linda Jacobsen for all the articles she writes for our District 8 Advocate. Marilyn reminded us once again that we need to make sure that our ACBL information is up to date and not marked confidential. She reminded us that we do have a website "unit239.org" that lists all the board members, flyers and minutes and other information that you may need concerning our unit.

Marilyn thanked Karen Miller who handles a lot of Marilyn's correspondence and has been doing this for a long time.

Marilyn introduced all the tournament chairs and thanked Dave Jenkins and Kyle Larson for the Rockford Tournament. Kyle has a great team that does a lot of hospitality for the Rockford Tournament. The Rockford Tournament will once again be a dual tournament – a 749 (non life master) Regional to get some gold points and an open sectional.

John Pree and Steve Lowe were the Turkey Bowl tournament chairs last year. Marilyn said she knew there were problems as she got 25 to 30 telephone calls. So the board decided to find a new venue for the Turkey Bowl. We are excited that we will be playing at the Kane County Cougar Baseball Stadium. The problems were not due to our people but to the venue which is why we made the decision to leave.

We are also looking for a place to once again host our March tournament. Huntley has become too expensive for us and we are in conversation with the Cougars about having a March tournament.

She provided dates and places for the tournaments scheduled for the year. The Crystal Lake Regional is June 17th to the 21<sup>st</sup> with a new start time to be a little bit earlier than last year. She also reminded everyone that they had received a \$10 off postcard for the regional and not to lose the postcard. Since Marilyn's grandchildren now live in Texas, we do not have them as caddies (which they have been doing for the last 5 to 7 years). So she is asking for our help to find caddies for the Friday Swiss Team events. The pay is \$60 for the day.

The Rockford tournament is September 8, 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>. The Turkey Bowl is November 29 & 30<sup>th</sup>.

Marilyn is pleased that as a unit we are able to give back to our members – the \$10 card for the Summer Regional, we pay for all the StaC fees, last year we payed the entry fees for the Grand National Teams and of course the Annual Meeting.

Marilyn thanked Will for once again directing our Annual meeting game. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Lela Lowe, Secretary. There were no corrections

Janet Kruger sent copies of the treasurer's report for each table. As Janet was not present, Karl explained the changes made to the report stated that any one with questions could talk with him. Marilyn said she is thankful for our investments which help to fund our activities as our tournaments are just breaking even. We need to have people to attend all our tournaments.

Steve Lowe, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate for board members to serve a two year term: Marilyn Croft, Karl Anderson, Janet Kruger and Karen Miller. As no others expressed interest in running, the slate was elected. It is a 2 year term that begins in July.

This year, ACBL added a new certificate for a Virtual Ace of Clubs. This is for club games run online.

The Virtual Ace of Club, Ace of Clubs and Mini McKinney awards for 2024

were announced and congratulated with recipients receiving their awards.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15am, and was followed by a luncheon and bridge game.

We had 8 tables in the 0- 749 and 16 tables in the open section.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lela Lowe, Unit 239 Secretary  
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