

## Central Illinois Bridge Association – Unit 208 of District 8

### Minutes of October 9, 2025 Board Meeting

President Lori Moore called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.

**Present:** Lisa Bievenue, Bill Bulfer (district 8 rep), Ann Caparros, Dan Drake, Jane Johnson, Martha Leary (district 8 rep), Brian Maloney (alternate), Lori Moore, Eunice Patton, Camilla Rabjohns, Anne Wildrick, Chuck Young (Club and Player liaison). Ryan Farrand, website developer, also present.

**Those absent:** Larry Ziegler

**Approval of New Officers:** Motion to approve Lisa Bievenue as Board Secretary and Anne Wildrick as Unit Tournament Chair, by Camilla Rabjohns, seconded by Ann Caparros. Approved, none opposed.

**Approval of minutes:** Camilla Rabjohns moved to approve the following meeting minutes, seconded by Anne Wildrick. Approved, none opposed.

- Board Meeting 2/27/2025
- Board Meeting 6/26/2025
- Annual Meeting 8/07/2025

**Approve addition of the following approved motions** made at Executive Committee Planning Meeting on July 22, 2025 to today's minutes. Moved by Ann Caparros and seconded by Camilla Rabjohns. Approved, none opposed.

- Ann C made a motion to eliminate the old [unit208.org](http://unit208.org) website and create a new one. Payment of \$40 an hour up to a maximum of \$3,000 for research and creation. Camilla seconded the motion. The motion passed. Lori will talk to Terry Goodykoontz to see if he would like to do this for us.
- Larry made a motion to keep the tournament fees the same for 2026. Camilla seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Email vote on August 23, 2025 to approve the \$129.55 expense for pens purchased for the Illinois Senior games.

**Financial Reports:** presented by Eunice Patton

- 2024/2025 Annual Financial report (previously presented and approved at the 6/26 Board Meeting and presented at the 8/07/2025 Annual Meeting)
- 2025/2026 Unit 208 Operating Budget (presented at the Annual Meeting, adjusted to include website update expenses)
  - Motion to approve: Dan Drake, seconded by Camilla Rabjohns. Approved, none opposed.
- Unit 208 Financial Report (July 1 to August 31, 2025)
  - Senior games (charity event) expenses included
  - Bloomington-Normal tournament - \$29.87 income
  - Membership dues, 1<sup>st</sup> installment

- Expenses include filing fees, club reimbursements
- Report on CDs
  - Purchased another \$5k CD, 2 renewed, not as much interest but still significant
- Lori Moore added that, as of January 2026, recruiting fees will start going to recruiters and clubs

**Website Update:** Ryan Farrand (working with Lori Moore and Camilla Rabjohns)

- working on improving stability and usability of website, especially on mobile phones
- <https://bridge-unit208.web.app/>
- possibly go live in 2 weeks
- Board members asked to supply photos for the website

**Tournament Committee Updates:** Lori Moore

- Bloomington-Normal I/N Gold Rush and Open Sectional
  - Financial report: + \$29.87 (compared to losing over \$100 last year, and over \$600 the year before). Director fees required due to Gold Rush
  - Will develop a flier to promote, to be approved through email vote
  - As suggested by Chuck Young, motion to change team game (not enough tables to run properly) to pairs event, moved by Ann Caparros, seconded by Dan Drake. Approved, none opposed.
- Senior Games financial report
  - Charity event, income (\$860) goes to senior games
  - Unit paid expenses (\$179.74); Ann Caparros suggested charity contribution should be net (minus expenses), Lori Moore likes the way it is since it's a charity event, no further discussion.
- Pens – Anne Wildrick has suggested the board approve pens to be purchased for all unit 208 tournaments.
  - Some positive comments, with preference for pens with stylus
  - Lisa Bievenue asked who pays for pens, the tournament or the unit – Lori Moore responded that it shows up on tournament report but the Unit pays. Bievenue objected to the Unit planning to pay for custom pens for each tournament as that defeats the idea of saving money by purchasing in bulk. What is being promoted by the pens? Does the Unit need to be promoted? Lori Moore believes the pens promote individual tournaments. Bievenue suggested that those decisions should be up to the tournament committees. Ann Caparros suggested that the Board could look in favor of pens being included in tournament budgets (provided they are printed with the name of the tournament). Lori and Anne suggested possibly pens only for the Champaign Regional and the Senior Games.
  - Dan Drake suggested stickers for convention card holders
    - Ann Caparros thinks they're out of favor (checked with newer players); Lori Moore said they are expensive, possibly more than pens
  - Process? Lisa Bievenue suggested it should be approved in a budget proposal (pens, or anything else).
- Peoria Financial Report

- Net income: \$225.
- Lost money on lunches (need to provide because there isn't enough time between sessions, charged \$5 per person but too many lunches were ordered).
- Discussion about lunches; Ann Caparros suggested to let the tournament chairs make decisions about lunches.
- Camilla Rabjohns reported that next year Peoria probably won't have the Swiss teams game, pairs instead.
- Tournament fliers will be sent by email for vote.
- Champaign Regional
  - Need to get the flier done. But some discussion on the layout of the tournament. Peter Wilke liked the schedule, but some people suggested changes (e.g., Barometer Pairs).
  - There is a tournament committee but the flier has to be done. Lori Moore: Leave the same or consider changes? Brian Maloney suggested the subcommittee meet to discuss it and report back to Board. Lori will convene meeting, to report back to board in November.
  - Camilla Rabjohns and Anne Wildrick have worked on sanctions and are ahead.
  - 2026 schedule and fliers need to be emailed out in January.
  - Other ways to encourage players to attend a tournament?
    - Anne Wildrick – Word of mouth, fliers at local tournaments
    - Dan Drake – take fliers to other tournaments

#### **District 8**

- Martha Leary 2 year term as District rep is ending, willing to serve another term. Camilla Rabjohns moved to appoint Martha to another term, seconded by Brian Maloney. Approved, none opposed.
- NAP Finals November 9. Fliers sent to club managers.

#### **Club Manager/Player Updates**

- Chuck Young reported the new regimen to reimburse STAC games is in place.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Next Board Meeting Date**

February 5<sup>th</sup> is consensus, 11am

#### **Meeting Adjourned**