



Unit 141 Board Minutes
Philadelphia Regional
August 7, 2026

Attending: Ellen Berkowitz, Mark Cohen, John Dickenson, Katharine Link, Ellen Luchette, Susan Packer, John Nothdurft, Jeff Rohrbeck, Pam Scalamandre, Cathy Strauss
Not present: Jay Apfelbaum

Cathy Strauss called the meeting to order at 1:25.

Approval of last month's minutes: Approved with no additional changes.

Notes from the Club Managers' Meeting: BBO is eliminating most free play soon; details are TBD. The "Learn Bridge in a Day" program is being discontinued in favor of Bridge Battle. There was a discussion of Bridge Battle and how it works.

Financial report — Ellen provided in advance of the meeting. No additional discussion:

In the bank, we have \$91,105 in savings, and \$9,526 in checking.

We profited over \$1,000 from the new game in town.

We got our quarterly deposit from ACBL. It's around \$3,000 but I don't recall exactly, and I don't have the bank statement yet

We ran an I/N sectional in July, and KOP kept the profit of about \$1,000

We will be spending money for the November 7th Mystery Game.

Bala contract: Jay provided a report ahead of the meeting:

Bala wants to increase the rent, but [not] right now. Barletta asked for us to pay for the setup. I agreed, but Bala pays for the teardown. We could save a little if Bala does not need to teardown before the second tournament. I believe Bala would readily agree to the second half of February. It probably will go along with the first week of March. The second week of March would be the last week it might agree to. That would be the weekend when the clocks move forward by one hour for daylight savings time.

The agreement specifies the president's room will have bridge tables. Not a food setup. Please make certain that everyone on the tournament committee knows this so there is no mistake.

Tournament dates: Many other area regionals are changing time slots, so we are considering finding a possible time for our fall regional. John N. will continue to investigate.

I/N: Mark — The replacement tournament at KOP went well. We had 16 tables in the 0-20 game at the Regional on Monday, many players at their first tournament.

Unit game: Saturday Nov. 7. We expect it to be similar to last year. John N. is spearheading. There may be some adjustments to the strata vs. last year. Jane H. handling the books, Anne-Marie doing prizes, April U. doing publicity.

Philly Bridge: Ellen B: So far going well. We will add evening games, be kicking off in September on the 1st and 4th Tuesdays, with a barometer game on the 3rd Tuesday. These will be held at the Society Hill Towers community room via Ellen for free. Some discussion of using RSVP bridge as the scorekeeping system. We will ask Cherry Hill if their old Bridgemates might be available.

September Sectional at CH: Flyers are out. Lessons will be added to the flyer.

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Idea for increasing limited games in Unit: John D: analysis of the local units' I/N members. Some units have little participation from their newer members. John will do additional analysis of what we are offering to see what we are offering and where we might improve.

Ellen suggested that we may be able to utilize Bala's location in some way.

The mentor game in KOP has been a great success.

Directors: There was a general discussion of the directors at the regional based on some comments from attendees that their manner was not friendly.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03. No date was set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Rohrbeck

Secretary