

ACBL UNIT 239 ANNUAL MEETING

JAMESON'S – SUN CITY, HUNTLEY

APRIL 11, 2026

Marilyn Croft opened the meeting at 10:30am. She thanked many members including all the helpers for this day including Lela Lowe who organized, Karl and his team for setting up on Friday night, and mailers. She introduced board members: Janet Kruger, our treasurer; Lela Lowe, secretary; Karen Miller; Gary Brigel; Karl Anderson, the Vice President; Kyle Larson, the flower lady; Greg MacCoubrey; and Steve Lowe. She shared the passing of Randy Miles who will be missed. Marilyn reminded members to check our Unit news and tournament information at www.Unit239.org.

Tournaments were the next topic. Kyle Larson and Amy Goldberg organized the Rockford regional and sectional with the help of their hospitality team who did a terrific job with snacks, treats, coffee, etc. The 2026 Rockford tournament will be an open sectional on September 14th and 15th. The very successful Turkey Bowl was organized by Steve Lowe, Greg MacCoubrey, and Lela Lowe. The 2026 Turkey Bowl Sectional is again scheduled for the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 20th and 21st at the Kane County Cougars baseball stadium. Our Regional will be June 15th to the 19th at the Holiday Inn in Crystal Lake. We still intend to have morning donuts thanks to BJ who orders, picks up and cuts them and takes care of us every day. We will continue with free coffee and afternoon snacks. Remember to bring your green card that was mailed along with your invitation to this meeting. This will give you \$10 off one session. We need caddies for the regional. If you have grandkids or anyone you know that might be interested in making \$60 for the day. Please let Marilyn know. Mike and Martina Kelley are continuing as Partnership chairs for the Regional. Karen Miller coordinates the hospitality desk.

Our director for the annual meeting was Will Engel, and Marilyn thanked him for his willingness to do this. Jameson's was thanked for all the good food for our buffet and their willingness to work with us. The minutes of the last annual meeting were summarized by Steve Lowe. He also said a fond farewell to Randy. There were no corrections.

Janet Kruger placed copies of the treasurer's report on each table. She read that report and noted that the success of our investments help us to pay for necessary costs. We need people to attend our tournaments!

Steve Lowe, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate for board members to serve a two year term. As all five incumbents wished to remain and there were no challengers, Marilyn Croft, Janet Kruger, Karen Miller, Karl Anderson, and Greg MacCoubrey will be on from July 1, 2026 until June, 2028.

Member Awards were next on our schedule. The Virtual Ace of Club, Ace of Clubs and Mini McKinney awards for 2026 were announced and congratulated with recipients receiving their awards. Marilyn announced the 2025 Good Will Member of the Year, Mike Kelley. She spoke of his background and told us about his excellent participation in U239. He took over the Crystal Lake game when Ray Parnell passed; Mike became a director and learned all of the skills to run a club. He gives optional lessons every Friday before the game. He and his wife work the hospitality desk at the regional. While accepting his award, Mike credited Martina, saying she deserved this award for her work and for making him a better person.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10am, and was followed by a luncheon and bridge game. We had 6 1/2 tables in the 0- 749 and 11 tables in the open section.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lela Lowe, Unit 239 Secretary