

Unit 191 Board Meeting
May 14, 2018 – Triangle Bridge Club

Present: Nancy Crow, Ed Fuller, Suzie Goldberg, Hugon Karwowski, Deanna Larus, Chris Moll, John Schachte, Mariee Walton, Phylliss Woody, Joyce Jenzano, and Jane Kiernan **Absent:** Carol Crotty

President Ed Fuller called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

Secretary's report: Minutes of the April 2018 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Old Business:

- M. Walton contacted Henry Meguid about shifting his NLM sectional to a new date and offered to help him get the ACBL sanctions set up. He agreed but as of 5/14/18 the date is not finalized.
- Discussions continued regarding the timing of sectionals with regards to STAC weeks. H. Karwowski had proposed a new policy that the Unit Board should prohibit sectionals from being held during STAC weeks at last meeting. After discussion, the Board decided to strongly discourage the scheduling of sectionals during STAC weeks but declined to establish a strict policy. As such, the Unit will not hold any sectionals during STAC weeks and club owners are discouraged from doing the same.
- The Board discussed changes to the prizes given at our sectional tournaments. This discussion was tabled at the April 2018 meeting.
 - Prior to November 2017, the Unit awarded free plays up to \$11 for 1st place and a discount coupon worth \$5 for 2nd place for each strata of every event.
 - In November 2017 and February 2018, the Unit awarded a free play worth \$11 for 1st place and a discount coupon worth \$5 for 2nd place for each event (not each strata).
 - Going forward after much discussion and a unanimous vote, the Board has decided that we want to continue to give 1st place prizes for our sectional tournaments.
 - Starting July 2018, we will give awards for 1st place winners in each strata for both Open and 499 events in Unit 191 sectional tournaments.
 - Awards will be a Unit 191 free play coupon for their win. – For each pairs event, there may be up to 6 winners (three at the Open Level and three at the 499 level.)
 - If a pair/team wins 1st place in a higher strata, they will be awarded only one free play coupon (That is, prizes will not be combined if someone wins both A and B strats).
 - If a tie occurs, both pairs will receive the awards.
 - These free play coupons may be used for a game entry to any Unit 191 club game or any Unit 191 sectional event, including subsequent sectional tournaments. At this time, they will be worth up to \$11 at a sectional game and \$10 at a club game. If entry fees increase, adjustments will be made to coupon value. All coupons will be valid for one year from the date of the win.
 - The free play coupon itself will be modified prior to the July 2018 tournament and will include the name of the tournament where the award was issued and expiration information. The winner's name will be printed on the coupon itself.
 - All award coupons are to be submitted to the Unit 191 Treasurer upon use. The Treasurer will subsequently reimburse club directors or subsequent tournament chairs.

- Tournament chairs will be responsible for handing out awards at each sectional tournament and tournament and Unit 191 club directors will be responsible for submitting them to the Unit 191 Treasurer for reimbursement.
- A list of tournament winners should be provided to the Unit 191 Treasurer at the end of each tournament.

New Business:

- Summer Sectional Tournament Update:
 - Ed Fuller stated that information flyers are being printed by Henry Meguid and will be ready for distribution by May 17. He and Chris Moll will coordinate distribution. Ed also requested that the tournament committee meet soon to begin to plan the event.
- Brainstorming committee to promote and improve Unit engagement.
 - The committee formed in April 2018 brought forward recommendations to promote and engage our ACBL Unit. Suggestions included ways to increase our membership through teaching adults and children this wonderful game, advertising, expanding the mentoring program and special games and discounts for new and novice members. Also suggested subsidizing more of the Gala and offering free educational seminars or workshops to active members. Discussion also included developing a coaching program for intermediate players. Now the committee will meet with Club owners and interested Board members to further explore how to promote our game and reward active members. The development of a survey for Unit members to seek input in what our Unit can offer its members was again suggested by M. Walton.
- Longest Day Plans
 - The week of June 18th-24th is designated as the 2018 Longest Day fundraiser for Alzheimer's Research. In years past, the event has taken place on one specific day in June. This year, the ACBL is designating a full week for this event. Any club can run special sanctioned games – in addition to its regular games as Longest Day games. Triangle Bridge will be holding four games on June 19th as sanctioned games for this event. Other clubs are invited/encouraged to participate in The Longest Day Event by selecting ONE particular day during that week to run special sanctioned games for the benefit of Alzheimer's Research. All clubs simply need to contact M. Walton to add these specially sanctioned games which have been pre-approved by the Unit 191 Board.

Membership Report: No report

Next Meeting: June 18th – at The Bridge Academy

Adjournment: Motion moved by Ed Fuller, seconded and approved at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Larus, Vice-President