

Unit 191 Board Meeting
July 16, 2018 – Triangle Bridge Club

Present: Nancy Crow, Ed Fuller, Suzie Goldberg, Deanna Larus, Chris Moll, Phylliss Woody, and Joyce Jenzano

Absent: Carole Crotty, Hugon Karwowski, Mariée Walton, Jane Kiernan, John Schachte

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

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

Treasurer's report: Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. No activity was recorded for June 2018 except for interest income. Balance is \$16429.73.

Old Business:

- Continued the discussion of the value of prizes at our sectionals. Prizes are a significant expense for the tournament. No consensus on this topic. Is there a better way to give back to the members. It doesn't appear to affect attendance but players do like to collect their prizes. We will revisit again for next sectional after collecting additional data.
- Tournament recap: The attendance at this tournament was down. 18% for Open sessions and 27% for 499 sessions. Chris is going to explore and report on Raleigh's experiment with offering a mid-flight session in addition to the open and 499 games. We also discussed a Novice game but consensus was that experience suggests that we do get enough players to have such a separate section. We also questioned the makeup up of attendees: Do our own Unit members show up for sectional? What percentage is guests versus Unit members. Deanna will present that information at next meeting. 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. While exact number were not available yet, we anticipate a loss of \$1200-1400 on this summer's tournament. More details at next meeting. Henry Meguid attended this portion of the meeting.

New Business:

- Fall Sectional Tournament Update: We were reminded that Jane Kiernan, Deanna Larus, Phylliss Woody and Carole Crotty were the Board members serving on the Fall Sectional Tournament Committee. Dates: November 9-12, 2018.
- Brainstorming committee to promote and improve Unit engagement was meeting after today's meeting.

Membership Report: We currently have 618 members in our unit. Second quarter Ace of Club and Mini-McKinney updates will be in the August Alert.

Next Meeting: August 13th – at Triangle Bridge Club

Adjournment: Motion moved by Nancy Crow, and seconded by Joyce Jenzano. Approved at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Larus, Vice-President