

Unit 191 Board
Minutes of Meeting on February 18, 2019

Members Present: Ed Fuller, Suzie Goldberg, Hugon Karwowski, Deanna Larus, Ray McEntee, Marian Meyer, Chris Moll, Craig Robinson, John Schachte, Mariée Walton and Phylliss Woody

Absent: Jane Kiernan

Ed Fuller called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

Minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting were approved with minor clarifications.

Treasurer, Suzie Goldberg reported a balance of \$15,123.61, plus a CD for \$12,500 as of January 31, 2019.

Board Elections & Annual General Membership Meeting

Will take place Saturday morning, April 6, 2019, at Triangle Bridge beginning at 8:15 a.m.

8:15 Light breakfast

8:30 Elections and Annual Meeting

Triangle Bridge will have their regular Saturday morning games afterwards.

This schedule needs to be published and sent to the membership ASAP. The agenda will include the elections for four new directors, the treasurer's financial report, and the membership report. In addition, members will be asked to approve By-law changes or amendments, to separate the board elections from the annual meeting (to occur beforehand) and to allow unit members to put forth candidates other than those selected by the Nominating Committee. Ed and Ray will draft the By-Law changes.

2019 Spring Bright Leaf Sectional

Chris reported on past practice regarding prizes and free plays at Sectionals and suggested a reduction in free-play awards to reduce tournament expenditures. After considerable discussion the Board agreed to eliminate free-play awards in the Open games and to give small gifts, perhaps in the form of engraved glasses, to winners in all three strata in the 0-500 games. Furthermore, the bulk of the expenditures thus saved should be used to enhance tournament hospitality.

Goodwill Ambassador

Chris will provide within one week an email for distribution to the unit membership requesting that nominees for Unit 191's 2019 Goodwill Ambassador be submitted to the Goodwill Ambassador Committee. The committee will submit their selection to the Board nominee at the March 18, 2019 meeting.

Unit 191 Spring Lecture Series

Mariée reported that Lance Shull's lecture was a "resounding success." The attendance was large at 84; Lance was a terrific teacher; and a financial wash. A post-lecture survey of respondents favors weekday mornings as their preferred time for the lecture series.

Mariée requested a special email to unit members one week prior to the next two events.

2019 Budget

Suzie will present a detailed budget at the March meeting.

Role of Committee at Sectionals

Comparing the financials of the three Sectionals in 2017 versus those in 2018, Craig noted a large downward swing of \$8,400. Ed encouraged the committee members to "take over" duties at the 2019 Summer and Fall Sectionals – especially regarding hospitality.

New ISP

The contract with our current Internet Service Provider (ISP) expires in June 2019. Thus, a new host will be required. Ed is pursuing alternatives, but requested any suggestions from board members. Deanna offered to look into an alternative.

Gala and Annual Meeting

December 8 or December 15 are probable dates for the 2019 Unit Holiday Gala. Deanna will get her planning underway, and present a report at the March board meeting.

Membership – No report.

Meeting adjourned 5:30 p.m.

Next meeting March 18, 2019 – Triangle Bridge Club 4:20 p.m.

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