Unit 191 Board Minutes of Meeting on March 18, 2019

Members Present: Ed Fuller, Suzie Goldberg, Hugon Karwowski, Jane Kiernan, Ray McEntee,

Marian Meyer, Chris Moll, Craig Robinson, John Schachte and Mariée Walton

Absent: Phylliss Woody, Deanna Larus

Ed Fuller called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

Minutes of the February 18, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer, Suzie Goldberg reported a balance of \$16,133 plus a CD for \$12,500 as of March 17, 2019. The CD will be moved to an institution paying a higher rate of return.

The 2019 budget will be presented at the annual meeting on April 6 and will show a projected net loss of \$1550 (subject to possible modifications between now and then).

Unit 191 pays TBC \$1500 per year for a combination of storage and meeting space. Suzie agreed to help take inventory of the items in storage and make a recommendation at the April meeting.

<u>Spring Sectional</u>
This event netted a profit of \$434. Total table count - open section plus limited section - was slightly above that of the 2018 Spring Sectional, (+4%), but significantly behind 2016 and 2017 (minus 18% and minus 15% respectively).

There were reports that the Sunday Swiss players could not find ice or silverware or desert. The consensus is that hospitality needs improvement. Suzie offered to work on hospitality for the Summer Sectional with committee members Moll, Schachte, Fuller and McEntee. She suggested we reimburse those who spend money buying ingredients for homemade food. Jane thinks attendance is down because the competition is too severe for most people, so they've stopped coming. In response, Chris offered to research holding a two-section open pairs game on Saturday afternoon that would isolate the top-tier players.

Mariée suggests we do a better job with the partnership desk.

Coffee cups were awarded as prizes – 45 cups are available for future sectionals.

Goodwill Ambassador

Hugon and Chris, nominated Joyce Jenzano for the 2019 Unit 191 Goodwill Ambassador award. Joyce was unanimously elected! She will attend the District 7 awards meeting/dinner in Greenville, SC in June.

Unit 191 Spring Lecture Series

Following Henry's presentation on April 13 there will be a break for the summer and the Series will resume in September.

Meeting adjourned 5:40 p.m.

Next meeting April 8, 2019 – The Bridge Academy, 4:20 p.m.

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