

ACBL Unit 191
Board of Directors' Meeting
The Bridge Center, Carrboro, NC
Thursday, December 10, 1998

Present: Bob Boggs, Philip Erlenbach, Debbie Leichner, Bill Louv,
Anna Mary Maddy, Carol McCaskill, Connie McManus,
Glenn Marek, Gisela Migliore, Sue Torrey, Ruth Wainwright,
Erlinda Wehrman

Absent: Doris Altmeyer, Joyce Bair, Jim Migliore, Evelyn Tuck

Minutes of the Meeting

Unit President, Phil Erlenbach, called the meeting to order at 11:08 am. The Minutes of the December 6th, 1998 meeting were accepted as written. The newly elected board members were welcomed. The Board of Directors as of January 1, 1999 consists of the following twelve (12) persons:

Joyce Bair, Bob Boggs, Philip Erlenbach, Bill Louv, Anna Mary Maddy,
Carol McCaskill, Connie McManus, Glenn Marek, Jim Migliore, Gisela Migliore,
Ruth Wainwright, Erlinda Wehrman

Elections of officers for Unit 191 - Bright Leaf - resulted in the following of which Jim Migliore will inform ACBL still this month:

President:	Connie McManus
Secretary:	James J. Migliore
Membership Chairman:	Glen W. Marek
Recorder:	Mary Sue W. Roach
Tournament Coordinator:	Ruth Wainwright
Hospitality Chairman:	Erlinda Wehrman
Charity Chairman:	Carol McCaskill
Vice President:	Philip Erlenbach
Treasurer:	William J. Louv
Disciplinary Chairman:	Harrison Brooke
Business Manager:	none elected
Publicity Chairman:	Robert N. Boggs
Novice Chairman:	Gwendolyn C. Boggs
Unit Education Liaison:	Robert N. Boggs
NAOP Coordinator:	Glenn W. Marek
GNT Coordinator:	Anna Mary Maddy

Connie offered to explain everything about the duties of the Grand National Team Coordinator and to assist newly elected board member, Anna Mary Maddy.

Phil explained to all present the purpose of a Disciplinary Chairman.

Sue Torrey suggested that Carol contact Sue Reeves (Raleigh), tel. 848-3100 who knows all there is to know about the position as Charity Chairman.

Connie brought up the possibility of conflict of interest for Bob Boggs between The Bridge Center and the Bridgth Leaf ACBL Unit 191 in holding the position of Publicity Chairman, however, Bob assured everyone that he has no problem separating the two.

Sue Torrey handed Phil Erlenbach the most recent list from ACBL indicating dates and slots reserved and/or available to Units for Sectional Tournaments. Sue explained that the "National" tournaments are being given priority to set their desired dates. Next in line are the "Regional" tournaments of which Gatlinburg is one which effects our region. After special games, such as the Grand National Teams have been decided upon the individual units can make their plans. After much discussion and avoiding to be in conflict with dates already chosen and reserved by ACBL units geographically near by, the board decided to apply for the following dates for our Sectional Tournament:

Year 2000	-	June 16, 17, 18 (Father's Day weekend) - already locked in
Year 2001	-	June 8, 9, 10 - must apply !!! (we previously asked to reserve April 27, 28, 29, however, wish to change)
Year 2002	-	June 7, 8, 9 - must apply !!! (Easter in 2002 will be March 31)

Bob Boggs handed Ruth Wainwright, our Tournament Coordinator, several Sectional/Regional Application Forms so that she may proceed with the necessary.

Connie brought up the necessity of locking in a date for the Grand National Team play. The GNT District Finals are on May 2nd and 3rd, 1999. Taking the many sectional tournaments and special games already reserved by neighbouring units into consideration, Connie requested and the Board decided to have the GNT Qualifier game for our unit on March 14, 1999.

Details will have to be discussed at the next board meeting.

Sue Torrey, who has been asked by Debbie Leichner to run our 1999 Sectional Tournament and who graciously agreed, came to this board meeting to discuss details so that the necessary advertisement can be released to ACBL for printing in the ACBL bulletin. Debbie presented and handed a Rental Agreement from the Mebane Arts & Community Center to Connie for signature. Sue, the Tournament Chair, informed the board that Mary DeLaney accepted the job of Partnership Person, and Erlinda Wehrman will be in charge of Hospitality.

The board voted on the following items:

Tournament dates and times: Friday, May 7, 1999 - 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
two single sessions
Saturday, May 8, 1999 - 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
two session event with single session players welcome
Sunday, May 9, 1999 - 11:00 am and TBA

Stratification: 0-300, 300-1000, 1000+

Sue Torrey brought up the matter of how one could attract beginner players. Bob Boggs promised to go after the 99'ers and proposed to send out postcard to the beginner players urging/inviting them to come out and to play in our Sectional Tournament - assuring them

that a special section for players with less than 100 points will be available. The advertisement is to hi-lite/emphasize that a 99'ers game will be available.

Cost: \$ 7.00/per player - per session
 \$ 3.50/per player under age 26 - per session
 \$68.00/per team on Sunday - includes meal for 4

Hotel: Phil Erlenbach was not able to negotiate a special rate. The manager of the Hampton Inn insisted on a rate of \$65.00 per night for either single or double rooms. The Hampton Inn is about 1 1/2 miles away from the playing site. The Holiday Inn (in Hillsborough) which is about 10 miles away from the playing site would probably give us a price of \$ 58.00 or even \$ 55.00 per night for single/double rooms. The playing site, i.e. Mebane Arts & Community Center, in Mebane, is about 18 miles measured from The Bridge Center in Carrboro.

Restaurants: Phil Erlenbach checked out a great number of restaurant in the vicinity of the Mebane Arts & Community Center.

Glenn Marek brought up the matter of New Member Policy or Mentors for Newcomers as brought up earlier by Bill Louv - pls. note the following copied from a handwritten document:

New Members Policy

I. Purpose

The overriding purpose of this policy is to attract, gain, and keep new members (new to # 191).

II. Implementation

A. All new players will be assigned to an experienced member of #191 for a period of one month. This assignment will be made before the new players complete their first session at the bridge center.

B. The assigned experienced member will:

1. Secure phone number and address.
2. Talk with the new player after each game.
3. Provide a pre-chosen partner (if not themselves) where desired.
4. Write an exit report after one month including new players future status, problems, complaints, recommendations, etc.)

III. Responsibility

This policy and its implementation is the responsibility of the Membership Chairman including:

- A. Establishing and maintaining a volunteer list of members who are willing to welcome and work with new members.
- B. Make assignments of experienced to new members.
- C. Follow-up for exit reports and their maintenance.
- D. Amending this policy as needed to benefit #191 and its goals.

Glenn, keeping the membership lists, sees a problem with retention - for instance: 38 new members and losing 26 members. How do we watch over ACBL members that pay

\$14.00 for the first year, but then become delinquent in paying the \$28.00 for the following year and finally drop out all together. There also seems to be a possible interest for novices having gone through the Audrey Grant or Easy Bridge lessons to play in a game that offers only playing a total of 10 or 12 boards. A subject that needs to be discussed in more detail at another board meeting.

Connie proposed to have board meetings rather once a month than every other month. She was overruled, however, she did set the next meeting for

Thursday, January 21, 1999 at 11:00 am at The Bridge Center

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

**ACBL UNIT 191
ANNUAL MEETING
CAROLINA INN, CHAPEL HILL
December 6th 1998**

PRESENT:

Bob Boggs, Philip Erlenbach, Debbie Leichner, Bill Louv, Carol McCaskill, Connie McManus, Gisela Migliore, Jim Migliore, Evelyn Tuck, Ruth Wainwright

ABSENT:

Doris Altmeyer, Glen Marek

MINUTES

Unit President Phil Erlenbach called the meeting to order.

Bill Louv gave the financial report. (see attached)

Phil Erlenbach read Glen Marek's member report. (see attached)

Phil spoke about new membership policy.

A motion was made to accept the candidates as listed on the ballot without voting. Motion approved.

Phil thanked the outgoing board members, Doris Altmeyer, Evelyn Tuck, Debbie Leichner and Jim Migliore. He also thanked Marilyn Kelley, Jeanette Collier, Mary Sue Roach, Harrison Brooke and the nominating committee, Connie McManus, Gisela Migliore and Evelyn Tuck.

**ACBL UNIT 191
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
CAROLINA INN, CHAPEL HILL
December 6th 1998**

PRESENT: Joyce Bair, Bob Boggs, Philip Erlenbach, Debbie Leichner, Bill Louv,
Carol McCaskill, Connie McManus, Anna Mary Maddy, Gisela Migliore,
Jim Migliore, Evelyn Tuck, Ruth Wainwright, Erlinda Wehrman

ABSENT: Doris Altmeyer, Glen Marek

MINUTES

Unit President Phil Erlenbach called the meeting to order.

The following officers were elected:

President - Connie McManus
Vice President - Phil Erlenbach
Secretary - Jim Migliore
Treasurer - Bill Louv

Our next board meeting will be on Thursday morning December 10th 1998 at The Bridge Center

**ACBL UNIT 191
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
THE BRIDGE CENTER, CARRBORO, NC
October 29th 1998 (special meeting)**

PRESENT: Doris Altmeyer, Bob Boggs, Philip Erlenbach, Debbie Leichner, Glenn Marek, Gisela Migliore, Jim Migliore, Evelyn Tuck, Ruth Wainwright

ABSENT: Bill Louv, Carol McCaskill, Connie McManus

MINUTES

Unit President Phil Erlenbach called the meeting to order.

Phil stated that this special meeting was to determine the site for next years sectional.

Debbie gave a report on the various sites she investigated. The Sheraton Hotel (formally the Omni) wanted thousands of dollars to rent their space. The Legion Hall wanted \$1,500.00 for the weekend and The Armory in Durham was almost as expensive. The Arts & Community Center in Mebane was only \$500.00 for the weekend and it is only 3 years old. It has plenty of rest rooms, parking and a full kitchen with refrigerator, microwave and ice machine. The room is so huge we would need to rent only one half of it. The trouble is the only dates available was for May 7th, 8th and 9th (Mother's Day). It was voted to hold our 1999 sectional in Mebane on May 7th, 8th and 9th. The vote was 5 for, 2 against and one abstention. It was also voted to hold the year 2000 sectional in Mabane on the dates of June 9th, 10th and 11th. Jim Migliore with submit the amended sanction applications to ACBL.

Phil agreed to check out where the restaurants are and to discuss with The Hampton Inn the availability of rooms and if we can get a special rate.

Debbie said that Sue Torrey would agree to chair the 1999 sectional. There was no objections and Debbie said she would confirm with Sue.

Our next board meeting will be on Sunday, December 6th 1998 at The Carolina Inn.

**ACBL UNIT 191
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
THE BRIDGE CENTER, CARRBORO, NC
October 1st 1998**

PRESENT: Bob Boggs, Philip Erlenbach, Debbie Leichner,
Bill Louv, Connie McManus, Jim Migliore, Evelyn Tuck, Ruth
Wainwright

ABSENT: Doris Altmeyer, Carol McCaskill, Glenn Marek, Gisela Migliore

MINUTES

Unit President Phil Erlenbach called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the August 20th 1998 meeting were accepted as written.

Bill Louv gave the financial report. Bill suggested that we have the books audited periodically. It was decided that the books should be reviewed rather than a full scale audit and that Phil would ask Joanna Pagano, who is an accountant, to do the review.

Phil gave a membership report in the absence of Glenn Marek.

Phil read Glenn's report on the NAOP. The turnout was only 10 tables as opposed to 16 in 1997, 15 in 1996 and 14.5 in 1995. The unit made a profit of \$70.00.

There was a discussion on Bill Louv's New Player Policy which Bill introduced at the last board meeting. It was determined that Glenn Marek will undertake the task of over seeing the Policy for New Players. He will compile a list of volunteers who are willing to play with new members regardless of the new players playing ability. The volunteer is expected to cancel playing dates with their regular partners as long as it isn't at the last minute. The Club Manager will take the statistics of the new player and give it to Glenn. Glenn will then assign a member from his list of volunteers to play with the new member for a period of time. This is if the new member is looking for a partner. This policy will only apply to new members who will be here permanently. Not visitors or people passing through. At the end of a month the volunteer will advise Glenn of the new players thoughts on our unit, his playing ability and any other pertinent information.

Phil contacted the ABA and after several calls got the name of Mary Young, who lives in Durham and runs a game at 6:30 pm on Thursdays at the Forest Hills Recreation Center. He contacted her and asked if any of her members would be interested in playing at our various games and he sent her a letter giving her all the Club Managers names and phone numbers and inviting her members to play at our games. She said it was a good idea and we will have to wait and see if they come.

He also pursued about competition between units. He called Sue Cooper, who is Unit President of the Greensboro/Winston Salem area. She was enthusiastic at the idea and would bring it up at their next board meeting. Phil called a month later and she said no one was interested in playing against our unit.

Phil said he would check with Senior Times and the Chamber of Commerce to see if we can get our bridge games published so new people can locate where to play duplicate bridge.

Connie McManus presented information on the nominations for new board members. Debbie Leichner changed her mind and will not run. The Nominating Committee selected Jim Migliore, Erlinda Wehrman, Joyce Bair and Bob Burwell. Connie said she would advise Marilyn Kelley so she could put it into the Alert News Letter. Jim Migliore said he would give Connie a ballot from last year to use as a guide for the make up of the new ballots. It was decided that there would be no absentee ballot and only the people who attend the annual meeting will get ballots.

Bob Boggs presented the education update. He reported he will be starting Easy Bridge at McDougal next week. He will have a 8 or 9 week session and he is trying to figure out a way to get the kids to The Bridge Center when the term is over. Thursday evening is his Easy Bridge and they would fit right in. He will be starting a new Easy Bridge in January. The 4 Friday night games in September were all North American pair games. One pair had a 66% game and then joined the ACBL and Bob sent in their score to the ACBL. Last week 2 kids who have been coming to the Easy Bridge came to the 49er game. They wound up with a 76% game. They instantly joined ACBL and Bob sent their score in to ACBL also.

Under Old Business, Bob Boggs reported that we were set up for a STAC at the Annual Meeting and silver points will be awarded. There are two other games that stack up against it. There is a 20 table game in Charlotte and a game in So. Pines, which he doesn't know how big it will be. We should have a total of least 50 tables. On the Friday STAC game, there will be an afternoon and an evening game. You are permitted to play in only one of the Friday games.

We decided to let the 3 undecided special games laps without assigning any a special game.

Phil read a report from Glenn Marek regarding the Big Barn. The owner will not let us return in the future. It was agreed that we would send Big Barn the \$100.00 we withheld with a carefully worded letter.

It was voted that we charge members \$22.00 for the annual luncheon and \$30.00 for non-members.

Phil asked Connie to ask Mary Sue Roach to write the post cards and that they should be mailed no later than November 1st. Glenn & Bob are working on the labels for the mailings. Bob Boggs volunteered to produce the post card if Mary Sue would write it.

Debbie, Jim and Sue agreed to look at a possible site in Mebane for next year's sectional. The date for the 1999 sectional was voted to change to April 23rd, 24th and 25th and Jim Migliore will submit a revised sectional application.

Our next board meeting will be on Sunday, December 6th 1998 at The Carolina Inn.

**ACBL UNIT 191
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
THE BRIDGE CENTER, CARRBORO, NC
August 20th 1998**

PRESENT: Doris Altmeyer, Bob Boggs, Philip Erlenbach, Debbie Leichner,
Bill Louv, Glenn Marek, Connie McManus, Gisela Migliore,
Jim Migliore, Evelyn Tuck
ABSENT: Carol McCaskill, Ruth Wainwright

MINUTES

Unit President Phil Erlenbach called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the June 4th 1998 meeting were accepted after a correction was made stating that Phil Erlenbach would contact the ABA and not Bob Boggs.

Phil asked Mary Sue Roach to update us on the Annual Meeting. She first spoke about a Judiciary Committee. The Recorder and the Judiciary Committee Chairman can not be the same person and the Recorder can not be involved in the Judiciary Committee's activities. The Judiciary Committee Chairman must be discreet as there has been lawsuits because of indiscretions. Mary Sue will get the guide lines for setting up the Judiciary Committee and give them to the board. Any person who files a grievance must be a witness by telephone or in person. A person can be sanctioned for filing a grievance and not be willing to be a witness.

Mary Sue investigated the Carolina Inn as a site for our Annual Meeting. They have a large banquet room which we can use. The lighting is excellent and they can set up a cash bar. The price for supper is \$31.00 per person. If we have lunch instead, we can get a plate lunch for \$19.00 each but that would mean only one entree. If we select the buffet, it is \$23.00 a head. The date available is December 6th. Mary Sue approached Meta Smith and she is available to direct for a fee of \$50.00. Bob Boggs mentioned that we may be able to have a STAC on that date, he will pursue. The board approved the Annual Meeting to be at The Caroline Inn with the buffet lunch for \$23.00 on December 6th 1998 with Meta Smith as director.

Phil asked Bob Boggs to report on our Sectional as Carol McCaskill was absent. Bob read a letter from Carol. She thanked Harrison for all the work he did in compiling figures. When Carol returned the key to the Big Barn on Sunday evening, Carol left a note mentioning the problems with the AC, phone, lights and the hooks on the doors in the bathrooms. Monday morning Donna Freeman, manager of the Big Barn called and apologized for the deficiencies. She tried to correct the phone and AC problems but wasn't able to do it. She did not know about the lights and she had forgot about the bathrooms. She offered us a \$100.00 deduction. Carol also mentioned she was upset with Sue Torry. That she was allowed to have a copy of the results of the Friday and Saturday games to determine the winner of the Herald Sun Trophy and that she called Jeanette and told her she had won before anyone else knew. It was voted that we withhold \$200.00 payment and when the work in the bathrooms were completed, we would give back another \$100.00. Glenn Marek will bring the check for \$840.00 on Tuesday August 25th 1998. It was voted that we would have a two session play through on Saturday of our next sectional. It was voted that we request Marie Killoran as director at our next sectional. It was voted that we request the director to preassign the team match ups for the first three rounds of Sunday's Swiss Teams at our next sectional. The net profit from our Summer Sectional was \$164.26. Our unit membership is 338 members. Only 32.54% of our members participate in our August Sectional.

After much discussion it was voted to cancel the winter sectional and have one sectional a year in November starting November 5th, 6th and 7th 1999.

It was voted to start the Board Meetings a half hour earlier at 10:30 am.

It was also voted that the winner of the Herald Sun Trophy in the future would be announced on Sunday at the tournament by the President of the Unit or his designee.

Jim Migliore is to notify ACBL that we will not have the Sectional in February 1999.

A nominating committee was formed, consisting of Connie McManus, Gisela Migliore and Evelyn Tuck. The following four member's terms are up the year. Doris Altmeyer, Debbie Lechner (replaced Irene Adams), Jim Migliore and Evelyn Tuck. Doris and Evelyn will not run again, Debbie and Jim will. It was voted to return to the the previous method of having only four names on the Ballot with nominations open from the floor.

The date for the Pro/Am was set for Saturday October 31st 1998.

The NAOP Unit Final will be on Saturday September 12th 1998 at 9:30 am. It is a two session event. Cost will be \$5.00 per session per player at the Bridge Center. Gwen Boggs will be the director.

Connie McManus gave out a letter which she will put into the Alert news letter concerning things you should not do when you are sitting north and when you have the opening lead.

Phil Erlenbach spoke about goals. Doris Altmeyer said we must get younger people involved in the unit. Phil said he attended District 7 meeting and they have the same problem. Phil had mentioned at that meeting that Bob Boggs had an active Easy Bridge Program going and they asked if Bob would send them some information and pictures. Bob said he had 9 tables in his Easy Bridge Class. Since the original Easy Bridge which started in September 1997, we have had 19 players who joined the ACBL.

Phil announced that Bill Louv has written a Policy for new members, which he handed out copies for discussion at our next board meeting.

Phil said he was unable to contact the ABA. The phone number ACBL gave him was disconnected. He will call Tom Hunt to see who he should contact.

Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, October 1st 1998 at 10:30 am at The Bridge Center.

**ACBL UNIT 191
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
THE BRIDGE CENTER, CARRBORO, NC
June 4th 1998**

PRESENT: Bob Boggs, Philip Erlenbach, Bill Louv,
Connie McManus, Gisela Migliore,
Jim Migliore, Evelyn Tuck, Ruth Wainwright
ABSENT: Doris Altmeyer, Carol McCaskill, Glenn Marek

MINUTES

Unit President Phil Erlenbach called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the April 9th 1998 meeting were accepted as written.

Bill Louv gave the financial report. The financial report was approved.

Bob Boggs read Carol McCaskill's report on the August 1998 Sectional. Flyers are printed and will be distributed the first of July. Doris Altmeyer has consented to be the chairman of the refreshment committee. Caddies are in place and she is working on the clean uppers. Letters are going out for contributions. We are charged \$.10 each for the bidding boxes by ACBL and the hangers are supplied for Regionals only. Phil Erlenbach said he priced them at \$.25 each. It was voted and passed that overall winners in A, B & C would get their entry fee refunded. On Sunday overall winners would get back only their game fee (\$7.00), not the meal cost.

Phil Erlenbach asked if anyone had any goals to submit. Gisela Migliore suggested we try to get the ABA players to come to our games. After some discussion Bob Boggs volunteered to contact the ABA to achieve this. Phil suggested we challenge nearby units to a team event. Our best players against their best players. Phil will work out details and sound out other units if they are interested.

Bob Boggs presented the Education Update. The new Easy Bridge starts the 25th of June.

A motion was carried to move the \$391.50 from the Education Fund to the General Fund.

Jim Migliore submitted a sanction request to the ACBL for a club championship at the Durham Bridge Club for Wednesday afternoon September 9th 1998. Jim Migliore also received from the ACBL the sanctions for the NAOP unit final for Saturday 9/12/98 at 9:30 AM.

It was decided to keep open the 3 unassigned Unit Championship events for further discussion at the next meeting.

Phil requested that we amend the paragraph in our By Laws (Article V, paragraph B) to insert the phrase "with 4 directors terms expiring each year" Jim Migliore was requested to notify the ACBL of the change. A suggestion to amend Article VIII regarding impeachment, to change the word may in the sentence "absent from two (2) consecutive meetings may be cause for removal of a Director" to "will" was voted down.

Debbie Leichner was approved by the board to replace Irene Adams, who had resigned, for the duration of 1998.

Jim Migliore reported he had given each Club Manager a letter advising them that they could run a Unit Championship game. Only Peggy Barbee responded.

Connie McManus was requested to ask Mary Sue Roach as to her progress on the Annual Meeting.

Phil Erlenbach received a letter from the ACBL asking if we had anyone we would like to nominate as "1999 Good Will Member of the Year". It was decided we had no one to nominate.

Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, August 20th 1998 at 11:00 am at The Bridge Center.

**ACBL UNIT 191
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
THE BRIDGE CENTER, CARRBORO, NC
April 9th 1998**

PRESENT: Doris Altmeyer, Bob Boggs, Philip Erlenbach, Bill Louv,
Glenn Marek, Carol McCaskill, Connie McManus, Gisela Migliore,
Jim Migliore, Ruth Wainwright
ABSENT: Irene Adams, Evelyn Tuck,

MINUTES

Unit President Phil Erlenbach called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the February 5th 1998 meeting were accepted as written.

Bill Louv gave the financial report. He spoke to Jeanette Collier regarding the \$33.00 she spent for 100 computer disks. He was told that it was a very good price and she would have spent the same for only 50 disks. She uses one a month for a permanent record of points won by unit members and she gave one to Glenn Marek for his records and one to Jim Migliore when he filled in for her when she was away. The disks are available for anyone else who might need them. The financial report was approved.

Glenn Marek gave the membership profile. He ordered a computer run from ACBL of all master points for our members as of January 1st 1998. We will be billed \$12.00 for this by ACBL. This run will be loaned to each club manager and to Jeanette to update their records. Since our last meeting there was one new member and one member who died, leaving the number of members at the same level.

Carol McCaskill reported on our upcoming August Sectional. She signed the contract with the Big Barn Convention Center and gave them a \$100.00 deposit. The Big Barn CC would not agree to signing up for future dates and will deal with each event as it comes up. Carol notified the Holiday Inn of the upcoming event and showed the board a copy of the advertisement which will appear in the bulletin. The tables have been ordered. It was voted that the unit would buy a 100 cup coffee maker for \$99.99 and store it at The Bridge Center between events. The Big Barn CC has agreed to repair the locks in the ladies room. Carol will check with Marie Killoran of Wilmington, who will be our director for our August 1998 sectional, to see if she will bring iron bidding box holders to our tournament. Gwen Boggs will be our assistant director.

Connie McManus reported that we had 9 teams for the GNT and that we had a profit of \$59.00. Bob Boggs informed us that George Bloomer, who is the GNT Coordinator for District 7, has asked him if they could hold the GNT semi finals and finals at The Bridge Center.

Bob Boggs reported on the unit championship games. Each unit is allowed 16 unit championship games a year. The unit gains \$1.00 per head from these games. The Bridge Center has 6 clubs, The Senior Center 2, Durham Bridge Club 1, Fearrington 1, Pro Am 1, annual meeting 1 and possibly New Years Eve 1. Jim Migliore said he would write to each Club, offering them an opportunity to hold a unit championship. There are 3 unit championships unassigned. There was discussions on having a different type of game such as a board a match or an individual game where everyone plays with everyone else. A decision was put off until later.

Bob Boggs reported on the Education Program. He has completed his 5 cluster programs at McDougle Middle School. Bill Louv mentioned that there was an account called The Education Fund that had \$391.04 in it. Bob said that it had been established years ago by Bob Burwell for the Junior Program. The unit donated some money to the Junior Program and sent a boy to Belgium to the

international Bridge Camp. This money is left over from that program. It was suggested we question Harrison Brooke on whether to move this money into our regular account or to continue some Junior Program functions. Bob said next week will be the final lesson in Easy Bridge and there also will be a membership game. He hopes to pick up some new members. Four of his McDougle students played in the Friday night Easy Bridge along with their teacher.

Ruth Wainwright discussed a letter from Bob Heller, District 7 Tournament Coordinator, dated 3/10/98, suggesting that units change some of their sectional tournament dates so that they are more evenly spaced throughout the year. It was decided that we would leave our two yearly sectional dates as is and that Jim Migliore would respond to Bob Heller's letter stating so but to keep our options open by stating that we may reconsider at a later date.

Phil Erlenbach informed us that in December of 1997, Connie received a memo from Harrison Brooke regarding items that he thought the board should look into. We have taken care of everything except one and that is regarding our annual meeting. Members should be notified by mail at least 30 days in advance of the meeting. It was stated that we comply with this and we endeavor not to be late in the mailing.

Phil suggested that each board member should have staggered expiration of term dates. We were not sure of the expiration of term dates of all board members. Jim Migliore had the information and would bring it to our next meeting.

Phil also brought up the subject of Tournament Assistant. After some discussion it was felt by the board that we did not need to pursue this.

Phil spoke about Zero Tolerance. It was moved that the board would request each club to abide by Zero Tolerance. Phil will write a letter to each Club Manager requesting this.

Jim Migliore was asked to report on the District 7 meeting at Hilton Head. He stated it was mostly about Easy Bridge and nothing that may effect us.

Glenn Marek was asked to report on District 7 meeting in Gatlinburg. He said that District 7 received funding for Easy Bridge. He burther reported that units should plan their sectionals up to year 2002. Subsequently, Jim Migliore was asked to submit a sanction request for our two sectionals for the year 2002.

Phil said sometime this summer between August 15th and September 30th, the board will be required to vote for ACBL Board Directors, 2nd Alternate Director and representatives to the Board of Directors from the district. We should get our vote to them soon after 10/1 and no later than 10/8 or it won't count. Candidates should submit their name to ACBL before June 1st. Phil will ask Marilyn Kelley to put the details in the next Alert Newsletter.

Doris suggested that we move up Unit Goals on the agenda as we have not had the time to devote to it, the last couple of meetings.

Phil brought up that in our by-laws there was no mention, that if a member consistently misses meetings that he/she should be removed from the board. Further discussion on this was postponed until next meeting.

Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, June 4th 1998 at 11:00 am at The Bridge Center.

**ACBL UNIT 191
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
THE BRIDGE CENTER, CARRBORO, NC
February 5th 1998**

PRESENT: Doris Altmeyer, Bob Boggs, Philip Erlenbach, Bill Louv,
Glenn Marek, Carol McCaskill, Connie McManus, Gisela Migliore,
Jim Migliore, Evelyn Tuck, Ruth Wainwright
ABSENT: Irene Adams

MINUTES

Unit President Phil Erlenbach called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the December 11th 1997 meeting were accepted as written.

It was discussed that the Minutes of the Meeting should not be published in The Alert Newsletter before their approval at the next board meeting. A brief summary however, of the topics discussed, could be included in the Alert Newsletter.

Bill Louv gave the financial report. The amount of money taken in from our Winter Sectional - after payments to the Directors, Caddies and ACBL, was \$3,429.00

Expenses for table rental	\$228.00
Cash Prizes	\$224.00
Rental Fee for Big Barn Convention Center, Hillsborough	\$1,140.00
Sunday, cost of meal	\$1,271.00
prize-cups from inventory worth	\$189.00
badges for tournament committee	\$12.00
misc.expenses for directors	\$38.00

\$3,101.00

leaving a profit of

\$328.00

The date of the most recent financial statement was 12/9/97. Since then we cleared \$20.00 from Unit Championships, \$328.00 from the Winter Sectional, and earned \$9.00 bank interest. \$54.00 was paid out for miscellaneous supplies and \$34.00 was given to Jeanette Collier for 100 computer disks. After a discussion about these computer disks, Bill Louv said that he would question Jeanette for further details. Furthermore we had the following expenses: \$18.00 for the Newsletter, \$30.00 for McKenney Medals and \$60.00 secretarial expenses for the year. The net amount after all the income and outgoes thus is \$162.00. Our net worth, as of 12/9/97, was \$3,451.00 and with the additional \$162.00 is now \$3,613.00. The financial report was approved.

Glenn Marek gave the membership profile. As of 1/10/98 we have 9 new members and 7 reinstated members (I couldn't understand what was said about transferred out members, the sound was too low) for a present total of 334 members. We should get a report from ACBL as of the end of March with a list of all members and their rating points which we will supply to Jeanette.

Glenn Marek agreed to be the NAOP Coordinator.

Ruth Wainwright agreed to be Tournament Coordinator.

Carol McCaskill reported on our 1998 Winter Sectional. We had 198 tables opposed to 1992 when we had 192 tables. According to a very detailed report from Harrison Brooke which was given to Carol the number of players from the West and North increased but the number of players coming from the East and Raleigh decreased. With the new location, namely in Hillsborough's Big Barn Convention Center, we hoped to have gained more players coming from Burlington, Mebane and the Triad but this was not the case. It was also noted that we are not getting the expected support from

our unit. Only about 1/3 of our members played in our end of January/beginning of February 1998 Sectional.

With regard to our forthcoming summer Sectional it was decided to change the game starting times as follows:

Friday, August 14, 1998	1:00 pm & 7:00 pm (two single sessions)
Saturday, August 15, 1998	10:30 am & 3:00 pm (also two single sessions)
Sunday, August 16, 1998	10:30 am & TBA

and to change the stratification to 0-300, 300-1000 & 1000+, The stratification for the players with 0-199 points will be as follows: 0-20, 20-50, 50-100, 100-199. It was decided that there would be only overall cash awards, no section top cash awards. It was suggested that we ask the ACBL Director for our summer sectional to supply metal brackets to hold the bidding boxes away from the table's surface. Carol McCaskill agreed to be the Tournament Chairman for our 1998 summer sectional and Gisela Migliore will handle Partnerships.

Bob Boggs report on unit games was postponed until our next board meeting.

Bob Boggs reported that on his new Cluster Program he has 16 students from McDougale Middle School, 3 of which are repeats from last year. The school has cut down the time allotted for teaching bridge from 1 1/2 hours to 1 1/4 hours.

Bob directs a Wednesday night game at Corolina Meadows. They have voted unanimously to hold two Junior Fund games this month. The first one was last night and we had 9 tables. Bob now has \$36.00 that will go to the Junior Fund.

The topic of unit goals was postponed until our next board meeting due to shortage of time.

Mary Sue Roach has volunteered to be our Annual Meeting Coordinator.

Jim Migliore was requested to represent our unit at the upcoming District 7 meeting in Hilton Head.

Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, April 9th, 1998 at 11:00 am at The Bridge Center.