

Unit 191 Board
Minutes of Meeting on December 1, 2020 *rev2*
(Including Annual Meeting Summary)

Members Present: Ian Cloudsdale, Ann Fisher, Suzie Goldberg, Eric Hamilton, Deanna Larus, Hugon Karwowski, Ray McEntee, Marian Meyer, Chris Moll, Paul Morrissette, Donna Walther and Phylliss Woody

Guest: Jane Kiernan, outgoing board member and liaison to Deanna Larus. Jane helped coordinate the virtual annual meeting.

Deanna Larus called the video conference meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and began by acknowledging members in attendance for the Unit 191.

Annual Meeting. She then gave a brief review of 2020 highlights:

- Plans for an exciting year were sidelined on March 11, 2020 due to Covid-19.
- By the end of March Chris Moll and Henry Meguid began virtual club games; simultaneously, the Unit initiated a successful fund drive which raised about \$25,000 distributed equally to TBC and TBA to cover fixed costs, mainly rent.
- Members were (and still are) strongly encouraged to play online to support both clubs.
- September saw the start of a very successful monthly Mentor-Mentee program which attracts about *14 tables and has contributed \$480* to The Food Bank of Eastern and Central North Carolina. *rev1*
- Membership stands at 641, highest in years.
- Financials are peculiar due to Covid-19: Almost no income, but about \$8,800 in expenses; a) \$4,000 toward the club's fund raiser, b) \$2,000 for the December 2019 Gala, and c) \$2,800 resulting from a hacking scam.

Loss for the year: \$7,943. Currently, Unit assets are \$20,122.

- Remember departed members: Linda Baugh, Virginia Butchko, Pat Livers, Josef Blass, Evelyn Tuck, Beverly Stone, Jack Heslip, Ann Zappa, Cindy Ahlbom, Mamadou Niang and *Lillian Levine rev2*
- Recognize outgoing board members: Jane Kiernan, John Schachte, Mariee Walton
- Welcome new board members: Ian Cloudsdale, Ann Fisher, Eric Hamilton

- Special thanks to:
 - Marc Goldberg, Webmaster
 - Ed Fuller, webmaster assistant, Mentor/Mentee program chair, and director of the annual digital voting system
 - Barbara Martin, Alert editor
 - Henry Meguid and Chris Moll, club owners

Deanna closed the Annual Meeting at 4:20. Non-board members were dismissed. rev1

Marian Meyer, chair of the Nominations /Elections Committee called the **Regular Meeting** to order at 4:20 p.m. and requested nominations for President. Deanna Larus was elected by acclamation and ran the meeting thereafter.

OFFICERS

Deanna requested and received approval *by acclamation* of the following slate: *rev1*

Vice President: Paul Morrissette

Secretary: Ray McEntee

Treasurer: Suzie Goldberg

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Deanna then led a group discussion resulting in these committee assignments:

Alert Editor – Barbara Martin

District Representative – Chris Moll

Education Liaison – Ann Fisher

Membership – Phylliss Woody

Electronic Contact – Phylliss Woody

Goodwill Ambassador Committee – Chris Moll, Chair

Hugon Karwowski

Donna Walther

Hall of Fame Committee – Paul Morrisette, Chair
Eric Hamilton
Phylliss Woody

Historian – Barbara Martin

Assistant Treasurer – Ray McEntee

Inventory Manager – Ian Cloudsdale

Holiday Gala and Annual Meeting Committee – Later

IN Coordinator – Hugon Karwowski

Mentoring Program Committee – Ed Fuller, Chair

Barbara Phillips-Bute

(June 2020 - June 2021)

Bev Craig

Donna Walther, *Board Liaison rev2*

Nominations Committee – Chris Moll, Chair

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Donna Walther

Phylliss Woody

(and two members at large to be decided later)

Publicity – Later

Tournament Coordinator & Unit Game Coordinator – Chris Moll, Interim
Chair; when face to face play resumes a permanent chair will be appointed.

Webmaster – Marc Goldberg

OTHER BUSINESS

Ian asked, ‘Why don’t we make a greater effort to assist the club owners by promoting virtual local club games?’ Deanna noted that the website does indeed encourage virtual bridge at Unit clubs and Raleigh/Cary clubs via BBO – while acknowledging many members do not use the website. Ian agreed to write an article this week for the Alert in support of his question.

Meeting adjourned 5:10 p.m.

Next meeting Monday, Jan 11, 2021, 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

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