

**Annual Meeting
December 8, 2002
Sheraton Hotel
Chapel Hill**

President Connie McManus called the meeting to order with a record crowd present of 170 bridge players, including 15 guests who are non-Unit 191 members.

Treasurer's report presented by Anne Hennessey demonstrated an increase in revenue from \$7821.93 December 2001, to \$11,344.70 (full report on file). The various means through which funds were raised were cited along with how the Unit was financing several projects to improve communications and to increase the bridge playing capabilities among its members.

Paul Schwenke who noted there had been a net increase in membership of 5 with a current membership of 398 presented the report (full report on file). He also stated that our Unit was excellent in recruiting new members in comparison to other units but we continue not to do well in retaining new members after the first year. He introduced the new booklet "The Exciting New World of Bridge" and stated they along with the listing of Unit games and contacts were being placed in prominent areas in the community. The upcoming Land Cruise was promoted.

Bob Crawford presented the election results: The three incumbents, Philip Erlendbach, Bob Boggs, Carol McCaskill were reelected along with Diane Bastian. He also described the current educational program, which the Unit is sponsoring at the Chapel Hill High School noting that it would be ideal to offer similar programs at other schools in the area.

Connie McManus as outgoing president thanked various members who had contributed to the success of the Unit. Harrison Brooke thanked Connie for her dedication and leadership.

Meeting adjourned.

Board met for the sole purpose of electing officers: Jim Hansell, President; Phil Erlendbach, Vice-President; Pat Bodoh, Secretary; and, Anne Hennessey, Treasurer.

12-8-02
Report to Annual Meeting

Balance as of 12-8-02 - \$11344.70

Balance as of 12-2-01 7821.93

This is an increase in our checking and savings account of \$3522.77

Highlights for the last year are:

Summer Sectional 2002 \$1583.33

NLM Tournament 2002 582.00 (est.)

Land Cruise - 2002 (broke even) - 0 -

GNT 77.50

NAOP 22.00

Pro-Am 76.60

Zatane Memorial 22.50

Unit Championships 190.15

ACBL membership Reimbursement 1305.99

This money was used to finance our new web site, print directory, sponsor the mentoring program, print the monthly newsletter and purchase 40 tables - Other expenses include medals, trophies and general operating expense -

Final expenses have not been paid for the NLM tournament and this event -

Respectfully submitted,
Anne M. Kennessy
Treasurer

Treasurer's Report
Unit 191 Activity
12-2-01 To 12-8-02

Balance as of 12-8-02:

Checking Account	\$4112.02
Savings Account	<u>7232.68</u>
	\$11344.70

Income and Expense for Period 10-28-02 to 12-8-02

Income:

Interest to Checking	\$.47
Pro Am	76.60
Christmas Party / Annual Meeting	2330.00
Unit Championship	16.50
Latané Memorial	<u>22.50</u>

\$ 2446.07

Expenses:

Brochures - "Exciting World of Bridge"	\$ 38.45
Christmas Party / Annual Meeting Dinner	37.40
Mini Calculators - Favors	130.15
Christmas Party - Refund	22.00
Web Site	19.95
Land Cruise deposit (March 2003)	<u>1000.00</u>

1247.95

Profit or (Loss) for Period

\$1198.12

Net Worth for Period

Balance Brought Forward 10-28-02	\$ 10146.58
Profit or (Loss) from 10-28-02 to 12-8-02	<u>1198.12</u>
Total	\$11344.70

Prepaid Expense

Christmas Party / Annual Meeting 2002	\$500.00
Land Cruise (March 2003)	\$1000.00

Year To Date
12-02-01 to 12-8-02
Profit and Loss

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Profit (Loss)</u>
Annual Meeting (2001) \$1332.00	\$764.90	\$567.10
Annual Meeting (2002) 2330.00	559.40	1770.60
Unit Championships 190.15		190.15
G-NT 140.00	62.50	77.50
Yard Cruise 2002 7175.00	7177.65	(2.65)
Sectional - 2002 2864.00	753.67	2110.33 *
NLM Tournament ²⁰⁰² 2727.00	1600.00	1127.00 **
NAOP 22.00		22.00
Pro-Am 76.60		76.60
Katane Memorial 22.50		22.50
Yard Cruise - 2003	1000.00	(1000.00) **

General Operating:

A C B L Membership		
Reimbursement 1305.99		1305.99
Directory	559.19	(559.19)
Easy Bridge Instruction	45.00	(45.00)
Flowers	31.95	(31.95)
Interest 44.72		44.72
Medals	37.28	(37.28)
membership (local)	6.48	(6.48)
mentoring Program	142.47	(142.47)
Publishing Alert	93.60	(93.60)
Service Charge	1.50	(1.50)
Tables	1149.77	(1149.77)
Trophies	117.10	(117.10)
Supplies / Postage	42.52	(42.52)
Web Site	264.40	(264.40)
<u>\$18229.96</u>	<u>\$14409.38</u>	<u>\$3820.58</u>

* Sectional - July 2002 - Deposit paid out of last years balance \$527.00
 Income \$2864.00
 Expense 1280.67
\$1583.33

** NLM Tournament - Estimate of unpaid bills: Food \$535, Printing \$10.
 \$1127.00
 - 545.00
 \$582.00 est. profit

Annual Meeting Membership Report
Paul Schwenke
12/8/2002

Once again and from Barbara Martin and myself we wish to welcome you to the Unit 191 annual Holiday Party

In spite of the weather e should have another record crowd of 170 Bridge players

Special welcome to the 15 non-Unit 191 members that joined us this year.

Thanks to Marilyn Kelley for the nametags and Barbara Martin who worked with me this year to put this event together.

Another good year for Unit 191 membership

As of December 1st we had 398 members, that in spite of a larger than usual number of folks that moved out of the area or passed away was a net increase of 5 from 12/1/2001.

We continue to do an excellent job and are one of the top units in the country for recruiting new members.

42 new members so far in 2002.

However we continue to not do well in retaining new members after the first year.

So far in 2002 we have also had 10 members make Life master and 85 members increase in rank (e.g. Rookie to Junior, Sectional LM to Regional, etc.)

So 2002 as been another good year for Unit 191 membership and we see no reason it will not continue in 2003.

One new project to help increase membership this next year is we have purchased from ACBL, 500 new booklet titled "The Exciting World Of Bridge." In each one we have added an insert listing all the Unit 191 games and contacts. Samples of these are on the Directors and Refreshment tables.

We have already placed a number of these in places like the Chapel Hill and Carboro Libraries and recreation Centers Carolina Meadows, Carol Woods, and UNC Student Union. We need you help. In identifying other public places that would be a good location to place these advertisements for duplicate bridge.. If you know of a location please see Bob Boggs or me after the game today or give us a call.

A couple other reminders:

Unit 191 has made a number of changes over the past two years including this Holiday party plus adding other events such as the Mentoring Program and the Land Cruise. On the back of today's Program we have a short questionnaire addressing these changes. Please take a few minuets to fill it out. We need your feedback and also any suggestions as to what we should be working on in 2003.

Last I want to remind you that at the registration table there was a flyer on our 2003 Land Cruise. We are limiting this to 40 pairs and gave the folks that attended the 2002 an advanced opportunity to sign up. More than $\frac{1}{2}$ the slots are already reserved and we expect that this will again sell out. If you think you want to attend i highly recommend you do not procrastinate too long.

After we conclude this meeting and before the game starts about 2:30 John Markey will be playing a selection of Holiday music on the 3rd. Floor. In addition to being an excellent Bridge player (recently made Silver Life Master), he is an accomplished pianist. Won the Van Cliburn championship this past summer.

Couple housekeeping reminders.

1. On each table is a slip listing players. Correct for any changes and add ACBL #.
2. Fold up but leave the bid boxes on the tables at the end of the gam.

Thanks again, play well, stay warm and have a Happy Holidays.

WE HAD

FOR BRIDGE 0.

OPEN GAME 29 TABLES

99 FGM 12 1/2 TABLES

110
50

FOR LUNCH

170

160

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 28, 2002

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present

Connie McManus
Anne Hennessey
Bob Boggs
Bob Crawford
Paul Schwenke
Erlinda Wehrman

Absent

Pat Bodoh
James Migliore
Philip Erlenbach
Barbara Martin
Jim Hansell

Guests

Mary Jo Doherty
Harrison Brooke
Sarah Chambers
Larry Honeywell

Meeting called to order by President McManus.

Minutes of both the September 23rd & special meetings approved.

Treasurer's reported (full report on file) a net worth of \$10,146.58.

Old Business

Senior Center: President McManus has received a telephone call from Jerry Passmore (Director for the Orange County Department of Aging) who informed her that he had received our letter requesting suitable space in their proposed senior center. At this time, the site(s) has/have not been selected; he is aware of our group and will contact us at a later date.

Program for honoring LMs & other honorees: Anne Hennessey proposed that the 4th Thursday of every month, beginning in January, be established as the day for a reception. Determined that it should be left to the discretion of Anne as to whether the event is scheduled for the afternoon or evening game. Board member assistance will be needed for clean-up duties. Unit will contribute the necessary funds for the purchase of soft drinks & a cake. The first event will include all honorees from the previous six months. Motion made by Pat Bodoh to accept proposal; second by Jim Migliore. Approved.

Election: Three of the four retiring board members have consented to serve on the board for another term: Phil Erlenbach, Bob Boggs, and Carol McCaskill. Diane Bastian has consented to have her name included on the ballot. Board recommended that a minimum of five names be presented: list to be presented to the membership thirty days prior to election.

New Business

None

Report of Standing Committees/Coordinators

NLM: Mary Jo Doherty presented (full report on file) results: Tournament was successful in that 1) more than the projected number of players attended and 2) the event was profitable. Participants were enthusiastic & LM assistance was stimulating to the newer players. Mary Jo has volunteered to serve as tournament chairperson for 2003; she will select an assistant.

Player profile (full report on file) presented by Harrison Brooke showed attendance of 144.5 tables: 64% were members of our Unit and the percentage of Unit NLM players (43.5%) was greater than the July Sectional (34.6%). Concern noted that if support from areas other than Raleigh increased, the facilities would not be sufficient.

Treasurer's Report
Unit 191 Activity
12-02-01 to 10-26-02

Balance As of 10-28-02:

Checking Account	\$2,913.90
Savings Account	<u>7,232.68</u>
Total	\$10,146.58

Income and Expense for Period 08-12-02 to 10-28-02:

Income:	
ACBL Membership Reimbursement	\$ 284.36
Interest to Checking Account	.82
Interest to Savings Account	24.91
NAOP	22.00
NLM Tournament	2,727.00
Unit Championship	<u>26.80</u>

Total Income for Period

\$3,085.89

Expenses:

NLM Tournament	\$1,600.00
Sectional - July 2002	11.10
Web Site	<u>39.90</u>

Total Expense for Period

1,651.00

Profit or (Loss) for Period

\$1,434.89

Net Worth for Period

Balance Brought Forward 8-12-02	\$8,711.69
Profit or (Loss) from 08-12-02 to 10-28-02	<u>1,434.89</u>
Total	\$10,146.58

Prepaid Expense - Annual Meeting 2002

\$500.00

**Minutes – Special Board Meeting
October 17, 2002**

Present		Absent
Boggs	Crawford	Bodoh
Erlenbach	Hennessey	Hansell
Martin	McCaskill	
McManus	Migliore	
Schwenke	Wehrman	

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss complaints that Sue Torrey was holding her regular Friday afternoon game in conflict with the NLM tournament. Information was obtained from ACBL that the Board had no jurisdiction over the director's game. It was further reported that she planned to hold the game for A & B level players only that were ineligible to participate in the NLM tournament.

The meeting was adjourned with no action taken.

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 23, 2002

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present

Connie McManus
Anne Hennessey
Bob Boggs
Bob Crawford
Paul Schwenke

Pat Bodoh
James Migliore
Philip Erlenbach
Barbara Martin
Carol McCaskill

Absent

Erlinda Wehrman
Jim Hansell

Guests

Ruth Ann Schwenke

Meeting called to order by President McManus.

Minutes of August 12th meeting approved.

Old Business

Insurance Evaluation: Barbara Martin studied the proposal from ACBL; she, also, requested information from Bruce Reeves & C A Dillon. Bruce did not respond; C A does not believe any unit has insurance. Barbara suggested that the Board might wish to reconsider the option of bonding directors in the future. At this time, she recommended that no type of insurance is necessary.

Senior Center: There has been no response from the Orange Country Board to Connie's letter. Noted that there had been a County Board personnel change shortly after her letter was sent. Connie will call the Board office to confirm the letter was received; otherwise, the letter will be reissued. She will also request a meeting with our representatives.

New Business

Elections: Bob Crawford will organize all aspects of the elections which will be held at the annual meeting. Notice regarding vacancies will be published in the *Alert*.

Honoring of new LMs & Others: Following a discussion, it was determined that the Unit should honor all members achieving specific levels. Anne Hennessey volunteered to organize the functions; a proposal will be presented at the next meeting.

ACBL Brochure: Bob Boggs presented the brochure recently received from ACBL; Board approved the purchase of 500 copies. Bob will produce an insert, which will list information regarding all games in the Unit. Paul Schwenke will organize the distribution process.

ACBL Bulletin: New policy relating to the announcements of death notices which states that only a family member can report deaths to ACBL. Following correspondence with the editor, Bob Boggs reported that a copy of a published obituary could be submitted. Secretary will submit the notices.

Report of Standing Committees/Coordinators

NLM: Suggestion for prizes for future NLM tournament was made which is to be referred to the chairpersons for their evaluation.

Survey from NLM players from Sectional tournament (full report on file): results to be referred to future tournament chairpersons for their evaluation prior to program development.

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Good Morning! Attached are the results of our survey of non-lif played on Friday or Saturday of the Unit Sectional in Chapel Hill play in the Swiss Teams on Sunday. Harrison very kindly shared w list of people who played at the tournament. Of the 100+ people criteria of the survey, I was able to get responses from 48 people majority of the respondents are members of Unit #191. Because I good response from our unit players, I elected to save the postage (from) to poll the #119 members and the "way out of town" players. nothing like changing the design of a study in midstream!!)

Our object was to find out why the turnout for the 299er Swiss Teams four teams. We did some brainstorming to come up with a list of reasons. These were included on the questionnaire along with the to write in "other" reasons. I think we did a good job with our were very few write-ins.

I have marked with a * those responses for which action is possible most pressing needs are education about Swiss Teams and help with together teams. As you can see there is also opportunity for paid the afternoon on Sundays.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to call or email will be at the Board Meeting next Monday to talk about the Mentor so we can discuss this topic then if you like.

2002 Survey of Non-Life Masters Who Played on Friday/Saturday but not on Sunday at the Chapel Hill July Sectional

1. Why did you decide not to play in the 299er Swiss Teams at the Unit 191 Sectional in July in Chapel Hill? (Please check as many reasons as you think apply to you.)

TOTAL RESPONDING NON- LIFE MASTERS

	#	%	
	48	100.0%	
I don't really understand how Swiss teams work, so I just skip them at a tournament	17	35.4%	A
I have/had other commitments/plans on Sunday	15	31.3%	
One or two days of bridge are enough for me, so I just skip Sunday.	14	29.2%	
I have difficulty getting a team together	16	33.3%	A
I wish tournaments would have a game that started after noon on Sunday	11	22.9%	A
Swiss Teams take too long/There are too many rounds to play.	9	18.8%	A
I need more experience before I try a team game	8	16.7%	
I don't like playing in team games. I would rather there were just pairs games on Sunday	4	8.3%	A
I don't like to play on Sunday	5	10.4%	
I need to start home early on Sunday, so I can't play Swiss teams	1	2.1%	
Other reasons	2	4.2%	
TOTAL REASONS	102		
AVERAGE REASONS PER RESPONDENT	2.1		

2. What one or two changes could we make to the Sunday Sectional Tournament format to attract you to playing on Sunday?

Have a shorter session/later start time	8	16.7%
Have lessons on Swiss Teams	2	4.2%
Have pairs games/other games	3	6.3%
Help me find a team	2	4.2%
other answers	4	8.3%
TOTAL SUGGESTIONS	19	39.6%
No answer	33	68.8%

A= Actionable results

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 24, 2002

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present

Connie McManus
Paul Schwenke
Bob Boggs
Bob Crawford
Jim Hansell
Erlinda Wehrman

Pat Bodoh
James Migliore
Philip Erlenbach
Barbara Martin
Carol McCaskill

Absent

Anne Hennessey

Meeting called to order by President McManus.

Minutes of May 20 approved, as submitted by Barbara Martin.

Old Business

New directory has been published and distributed. Corrections will be published in the *Alert*; Anne will make corrections as they are reported to the file; Bob will publish in the *Alert*.

Paul Schwenke will order forty card tables 15 days prior to the date of the sectional tournament. They will be delivered directly to the playing site at which time they are to be labeled as property of Unit 191. Following the tournament, they will be stored in their cardboard containers at members' homes.

New Business None

Report of Standing Committees/Coordinators

Tournaments: (full report on file) Noted that one potential problem might be with the use of the kitchen as it is not operated by the school since it is an out source. Important that the Unit adhere to their regulations. Board members will assist with the procuring of door prizes.

NLM tournament plans are progressing on schedule as reported by co-chairpersons Betsy Schooff & Mary Jo Doherty.

Website: Jim Migliore has met with Shuba regarding the details for maintaining the site. He learned that it is necessary to have *Excel* installed on his PC; if possible, Erlinda Wehrman will assist.

NAOP: Bob Crawford will advertise the September 7th game within the Unit.

Other Business

Board informed of the decision by ACBL to no longer support or promote *EasyBridge*. Carol McCaskill noted that the author owns the copy rights and that the 60% rebate from ACBL became too expensive. Statistics, compiled by Paul Schwenke, demonstrated that the approximate gain of forty-five new members each year remained stable with or without the program. Ruth Ann Schwenke sent an e-mail to Pricilla Smith (the message along with the response on file).

Announced that *EasyBridge* material was going to be used in the high school fall semester program as mini-lessons. Carol noted that her students at McDougal rarely read the book provided by ACBL; instruction was done via blackboard presentations.

patricia bodoh

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ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 20, 2002
 The Bridge Center, Durham

PRESENT: Connie McManus, Anne Hennessey, Bob Boggs, Bob Crawford, James Migliore, Carol McCaskill, Philip Erlenbach, Paul Schwenke, and Barbara Martin

ABSENT: Erlinda Wehrman, Jim Hansell, and Pat Bodoh

Meeting called to order by President McManus.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The Land Cruise planned for this fall has been cancelled. Chairman Paul Schwenke reported that the preferred facility was unavailable and the cost of using another location was too costly. There was also some concern about the scheduled time being too close to the Raleigh and Unit 191 NLM tournaments. The Land Cruise will be held in the Spring of 2003 at the beach and the tentative date is March 14-16.

The tax number issue has been dropped.

Bob Crawford reported that high school mentoring will begin this fall. Bob will take the Easy Bridge class offered on Saturday of the Raleigh tournament. Paul and Ruth Ann Schwenke will also take the course.

The directory is nearly completed and should be ready for the printer this week.

The board approved the purchase of 40 card tables. The tables are Cosco brand and will be bought at Office Depot at a cost of \$29.99 each with a discount of \$3.00 for the large number purchased. This quote was from two months ago, so the price could change. Paul Schwenke will handle the purchase and logistics of pick-up and storage. The recommendation was made that the tables be stored in their original containers and be used only for games sponsored by Unit 191.

Connie McManus has made several attempts to contact the representative from the senior center. She will write a letter in the near future expressing our interest in the new facility. Connie also commented that some bridge players at the senior center do not have a good impression about duplicate players. All agreed that we need to what is necessary to create a good image of our game.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Crawford announced that September 7, 2002, has been set for the unit final of the NAOP. Qualifying rounds will be held throughout the unit during July and August. The event will be explained and publicized in the ALERT.

Paul Schwenke reported that the last mentoring game was held on May 18. The program will resume in the fall, although pairs should continue to play bridge when possible. More life masters are needed in the program. The board appreciates the efforts of Ruth Ann Schwenke in heading up this project.

5/21/2002

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 29, 2002

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present

Connie McManus
Anne Hennessey
Bob Boggs
Bob Crawford
Jim Hansell

Pat Bodoh
James Migliore
Philip Erlenbach
Barbara Martin
Carol McCaskill

Absent

Paul Schwenke
Erlinda Wehrman

Meeting called to order by President McManus.

Minutes of March 18th approved following the correction in announcements that instead of the unit in Orlando, it should have read the unit in 'Vero Beach'.

Treasurer's Report: (full report on file) showing a balance of \$7924.07; income of \$627.61 with expenses of \$6,539.25 which includes prepaid expenses for both locations of the summer sectional and the annual meeting. Report approved.

Old Business

The Land Cruise as reported by Bob Crawford: Event to be held the 2nd weekend in November; three sites will be investigated by Bob, after which one will be selected. Price for the excursion will be increased to \$250/couple. Directors fees will be paid by the Unit. Bob's expenses will be submitted for reimbursement.

Information regarding tax number tabled until next meeting.

High school mentoring as reported by Bob Crawford is progressing. Bud Stewart recommends the program begin late summer/early fall: Both Easybridge lessons and mentors will be provided by the Unit.

Revised directory publication is progressing: May 17th deadline for revisions/corrections (notification in the Alert). Format presented: Two column entry of membership; Approved. Procedures for future additions and corrections to be developed at a later date. Emphasized that the directory committee is not a sub-committee of membership.

Information regarding the purchase of playing tables presented. The subject was tabled since both Schwenke & Wehrman, who are doing the research, were absent.

Website new coordinator will be Jim Migliori; he has met with Shuba and will do changes/corrections next month under the supervision of Shuba. Club managers will continue posting game results.

The construction of two senior center buildings in Orange County has been approved by the voting population. Connie has been conferring with a city representative: Determined it would be advantageous for someone from the Unit to be a member of the committee developing the architectural design.

The President had been requested by the Board to register a complaint concerning increased GNT fees. The Board had cited the increased fees as a reason for the poor attendance. On investigation, it was learned that there had been a minimal increase in fees. The poor participation was due to insufficient advertisement along with our entrance fee of \$60/team. No complaint was registered.

New Business None

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 18, 2002

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present: Everyone!

Connie McManus

Pat Bodoh

Paul Schwenke

Anne Hennessey

James Migliore

Jim Hansell

Bob Boggs

Philip Erlenbach

Erlinda Wehrman

Bob Crawford

Barbara Martin

Carol McCaskill

Meeting called to order by President McManus.

Minutes of February 18th meeting approved.

Old Business

Land Cruise: (full report on file) Attendance was a total of 33 pairs, of which 15 were non Unit members. Ratings of the event were very favorable along with a directive to organize future encounters. Noted that both new and transferring memberships were received. Proved to a financial break even operation. Paul & Bob Crawford are investigating future locations: One for the fall in the mountains and another repeat in the spring at the coast. Also noted that the attendees of the last "cruise" will receive priority for pre-registration through the spring 2003 event. Another positive feature of the weekend was that it proved to be a 'friendly event' - a social experience where the players had an opportunity to become better acquainted.

Tax Number: Reported that the Unit does not qualify for state exemption as it is neither a church nor a charity; Unit only qualifies for federal tax exemption. Information was questioned: Paul will inquire further.

High School Mentoring: Suggestion made by Erlinda that besides presenting mini-lessons at the existing program of Bud Stewart, we have mentors available to play with the students. Overwhelming approved as an excellent idea to stimulate the interest of bridge among younger people. Bob Crawford will organize the program, initiating fall semester, 2002: Information regarding the program to be published in the *Alert*.

Revised Directory: Noted that it would be beneficial to have a mid-year directory published to provide both additions and corrections. A committee of Barbara, Anne & Pat will assist with the publication: Article in the *Alert* will request corrections and/or additions to be made in writing to committee.

New Business

NLM Tournament: Jim Hansell reported that committee has met several times. ACBL has approved date of October 18-20; problem is that the scheduled date is one week after the Raleigh Sectional. Initial contact with Raleigh was through Bruce Reeves who believes the scheduling is not good. At this particular time, the Unit continues to search for a proper location: Decision to be made at a later date once location can be determined and an official response from the Raleigh Unit officers has been received. Suggestion made: Unit sponsor a 'split sectional' - locations at the Bridge Center and the Cary Community Center.

Purchase of Tables: Noted that the Unit must rent or borrow bridge tables on a regular basis. Rental of tables for the annual meeting estimated at \$250. Suggested: Unit purchase some tables. Problem of

1st. Unit 191 Land Cruise
March 1, 2 & 3 2002
Final Report

1. Attendance 33 Pairs
Unit 191 Members 18 Pairs
Other 15 Pairs

2. Ratings - Total Returns 40

Overall
Excellent 28
Very Good 12
Good/Fair/Poor 0

Would you attend another Land Cruise about same time next year.

Definitely 21
Probably 18
Might or might not 0
Probably/definitely would not 1

Would attend one this fall in the mountains which will likely cost more..

Definitely 13
Probably 19
Might or might not 7
Probably/definitely would not 1

3. New Members

ACBL (2), Unit 191 (1), Unit 119 (1).
2 folks are transferring from Unit 119 to Unit 191.

4. Financials

Cost /pair for 2 nights lodging, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast, bridge, hospitality & prizes.
Unit 191 Members \$200. Non Unit 191 Members \$210

Income \$6,660

Expenses

Ramada Inn Room & Meal Packages \$4,885
Fixed Costs (Director & sanction fees, room rental, supplies, copies, etc.) 546
Hospitality 515
Awards 712

Total \$6,658
Surplus \$ 2

5. MP Results

88.48 MP's Awarded

All participants except the two folk that were ill won at least 0.12 MP

Overall winner was Liz Wachs with 4.7 MP.

Top novice (<100MP's) was Peter Kandis with 3.06 MP's

6. Plans for the next events

- ❖ November 1,2,3 at a resort in mountains within 3 ½ hr driving time. Estimated cost should be about the same.
- ❖ March 14, 15& 16 (tentative) returning to the Ramada Inn, Atlantic Beach, NC
- ❖ Continue to limit attendance to 35 pairs.
- ❖ For next two events only, those who attended the First Land Cruise will be given priority early sign up privileges as recognition for them supporting and making the first one a success. After the spring 2003 event return to a "first come sign-up basis" with only volunteer helpers given priority sign up.
- ❖ Recruit additional volunteers for next events.

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 18, 2002

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present

Connie McManus
Anne Hennessey
Bob Boggs
Bob Crawford

Pat Bodoh
James Migliore
Philip Erlenbach
Barbara Martin

Absent

Paul Schwenke
Jim Hansell
Erlinda Wehrman
Carol McCaskill

Meeting called to order by President McManus.

Minutes of January 17th meeting & Special Meeting (February 11th) approved.

Treasurer's Report: (full report on file) income of \$8,521.42 with expenses of \$6,013.78. Net worth of unit is \$13,835.71.

The Unit has a tax exempt number but it has not been used; therefore, the Unit has paid unnecessary taxes. Anne is investigating filing for refund. In the future, the exempt number should be presented prior to making purchases and/or reservations for events.

The auditor's review of the financial statement was completed by Joanna Pagano, pro bono recommendations for improvement were made. The treasurer responded to the comments, making specific changes (full report on file, including responses). The statement was approved.

New Business

Discussion regarding hosting a NLM tournament was tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business

The request for a charity game by the Durham Bridge Club has been withdrawn: They will not be offering Unit Championship games in the future.

The Land Cruise has several double positions open: Noted that there are individuals wishing to attend but are without partners; the Unit is not providing partners. Cost to the Unit will be \$200 plus expenses for directors Bob Lenkeite & Joyce Bell for their services which will include lectures: Weekend fees should cover all expenses.

Bob Crawford spoke with Bob Stewart regarding his noon time bridge program at the high school: Questioned him as to how our Unit might help; he requested teachers. Several board members will attend the Easy Bridge instructional program for certification. They will be available for future programs at the school; specifics will be determined by the students. Suggested that the Easy Bridge students solicit ideas from the instructors for presenting a program on the high school level. Article to be placed in the Alert for more volunteers to assist with the instruction.

Suggested that a mid year edition of directory be published.

Report of Standing Committees/Coordinators

Annual Meeting (full report on file): Approved that the recommendation by Barbara Martin & Paul Schwenke be accepted: The Christmas Party/Annual Meeting will be held at the Sheraton on December 8th. A deposit of \$500 is required; the menu will be selected at a later date.

patricia bodoh

From: "Paul & Ruth Ann Schwenke" <fritz@nc.rr.com>
To: "Martin Barbara S" <BarbaraSMartin@aol.com>
Cc: "Bodoh Patricia" <pabodoh@mindspring.com>; "McManus Connie" <connie.mcmanus@juno.com>;
 "Hennessey, Anne" <amhennesse@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2002 5:12 AM
Subject: holiday Party
 Barbara

To recap for the Board why we recommend moving the Holiday Party/Annual meeting to the Sheraton this year is:

Carolina Inn costs continue to escalate. Including director and other fees of about \$2.00/person it would cost about \$33/person, less Unit subsidy of ?, to run this event at the Carolina Inn this year.

Switching to the Sheraton we will save us about \$4-5/person this year. Assume the Sheraton is to some extent "buying their way in", and cost will go up in a year or two, but in the interim we save a little \$\$\$.

Carolina Inn can only accommodate up to the 170 we had last year.

For all practical purposes the Sheraton Capacity is unlimited 400+. Won't have to limit attendance for years.

Better area for registration. Better area for Bridge. We could hold the 199'r section in the separate anti-room off the main room for the open game on the third floor.

Free parking vrs. \$5/car at the Carolina Inn.

Carolina Inn has become a pain in the butt to work with. For example I first asked for their proposal for 2002 before last Christmas. Had to follow up with them 3 times and only received it on Monday.

Only negative is that the Sheraton doesn't have any card tables so we either will have to scrounge a lot more or rent some. Given that we may be putting on three events a year if we do a NLM tournament maybe we should rethink the Unit buying some e.g. 20 this year. One problem in the past was where to store them. Would think that 4 of us could store 5 each.

Assuming the Board goes along with our recommendation, and can't see why they would not, please call Stephanie after the meeting and confirm. Tell her to make the contract out to ACBL Unit 191 and mail it to my attention. You can give her my credit card Visa 4339 0990 5203 9506, Expiration 01/04, Paul L Schwenke for the \$500 deposit or if she prefers a check have Ann make one out to the Sheraton and send it to me.

Also I checked the calendar and Thanksgiving is on 11/28 this year so if we keep this event on the first Sunday of December it will be on Thanksgiving weekend and a bunch of folks will be away. Suggest we move it to Sunday 12/8 this year.

Thanks for the help. See ya in a week.

Paul

2/14/2002

**SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2002**

Everyone present!

The meeting called to order by President McManus for the sole purpose of discussing the upcoming sectional tournament schedule.

Jim Hansell apologized to the Schwenkes, responsible for the novice group, for not consulting them prior to developing the schedule.

Noted by Paul Schwenke that 80% of Unit is below life master status; therefore, Unit needs to offer 299er games.

Jim suggested a compromise: He proposed that the 99er game be changed to a 299er with the divisions being 50/100/300 for the Friday & Saturday games; the Swiss team event on Sunday will have a 100/200/300 division.

Paul informed the Board of the ACBL membership report which showed our Unit to be 1st in the District in recruiting new members but the Unit continues to do poorly in retention; noted that the decline is greater than other units.

Approved that the changes to the schedule be made: New flyers to be made & circulated; Bob Boggs will submit new changes to the *Bulletin* immediately; perhaps the changes can meet deadlines.

The awards at the tournament need to be presented in a more expedient manner. Phil Erlenbach will organize the presentation; Barbara Martin will make arrangements for the awards.

The idea of sponsoring a NLM tournament in the future was introduced. Noted that it was important to have one since a large majority of our Unit are NLMs. Bob Boggs & Paul Schwenke will seek volunteers to develop a plan for the event; Jim Hansell volunteered to assist the committee in developing such plan & in selecting a site.

Announced that Paul & Ruth Ann Schwenke are qualified ACBL Directors.

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 17, 2002

The Bridge Center, Durham

Present

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Bob Boggs
Bob Crawford
Erlinda Wehrman
Carol McCaskill

Pat Bodoh
James Migliore
Paul Schwenke
Jim Hansell
Philip Erlenbach
Barbara Martin

Guest

Harrison Brooke

Meeting called to order by President McManus. Barbara Martin introduced as new board member.

Harrison Brooke, our historian, was introduced to present pertinent information & procedures regarding request by club director, Peggy Barbee, to host a unit championship game as a charity event. According to ACBL, the first charity game must benefit the ACBL Charity Foundation; a second may benefit a local charity. If the club wishes to have another charity game, it must be preceded by one for ACBL. Bob Boggs explained the point system that can be offered from each club. Motion made & seconded: Approved that letter to Peggy explaining the above details be sent in response of her request; letter will be drafted by Bob Boggs for Harrison's approval prior to Connie's signature. Suggestion from the Unit was that Peggy could use a regular club championship as a charity event; the extra dollar from each player would benefit the designated charity & not violate ACBL regulations.

Minutes of November 12th meeting & Annual Meeting approved. Members stated their preference for continued email communication without attachments.

Old Business

Annual Meeting/Christmas Party: (full report on file) Event reported as a success with capacity crowd. Paul will continue to seek a larger facility, otherwise attendance will need to be restricted. A novice (99'r) game held for the first time had 13 tables. Noted that fee paid to Director John Tory was insufficient; board approved a supplement of \$25. Barbara Martin will assist Paul with the next party and will be chairperson in 2003.

Land Cruise: Reported that the event was almost fully reserved; final arrangements with management to be completed within a few days. An additional benefit is that the Unit most likely will be increasing their membership, both new and through transfer.

Tournament: Jim Hansell presented the details (full report on file) along with drafts of the 'flyer' & the 'map' locating the site, both for distribution. Noted that parking will be free & that chairs may be available; use of kitchen facilities will be reconfirmed. The Sheraton Chapel Hill has given a 'special bridge rate' for players wishing overnight accommodations.

New Business

Appointments of Standing Committee Coordinators: Persons assigned; listing distributed to the various levels of ACBL.

New position has been proposed by ACBL: Unit Bridge Game Coordinator. Phil Erlenbach will assume the responsibility which will include supervising sanction form requests. Clubs will be notified of this liaison assistance. Anne Hennessey reported regarding charity game monies deposited into Unit 191's