ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Monday, Dec. 3, 2007 The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 4:30 pm.

Present: Barbara Martin, Bob Boggs, Anne Hennessey, Liz McGuffey, , MJ Weeks, Sigrid Olin, Kay

Gruninger, Paul Kobrin, Patsy Whitehurst, Ron Adams

Absent: Jeff Puckett, Stirling Haig, Mary Jo Doherty, Ken Dye

The following officers were elected:

President:

Sigrid Olin

V. President:

Patsy Whitehurst

Secretary:

Liz McGuffey

Treasurer:

Paul Kobrin

The following positions will be appointed if not already filled:

Partnership - Edy, Maggie, Kay R.

Newsletter Editor:

Bob Boggs

Annual Meeting Coordinator

JOAnne Kocpke

Disciplinary Chairperson:

Phil Erlenbach Jim Hansell ,

District Representative: Education Liaison

Stirling Haig

Electronic Contact:

Mary Jo Doherty

GNT and NAOP Coordinator

Ken Dye

Membership Chair:

Mary Jo Doherty

Novice/Newcomer Coordinator: Darleen Boone

Publicity Coordinator

Sectional Tournament Chairs

Jeff + Ron Adams

NLM Tournament Chairs:

Kay Gruninger, Jim Bean

Tournament Coordinator Unit Bridge Game Coordinator

Ken Dyc

Unit Recorder:

Harrison Brooke

Webmaster:

Jeff Puckett

Holiday Gala.

JOAnne Koepke

The Unit is indebted to Erlinda Wehrman for storing 60 tournament tables for many years. She now needs that space, necessitating our finding a new storage space. It was suggested that 3 people keep 20 tables. Transportable pods were also suggested with Barbara Martin agreeing to investigate. Sigrid offered to check the price of fixed storage space.

It was agreed that we should sign a contract with the Sheraton for the 2008 Holiday Party to be held on Dec. 7. MJ Weeks will follow up.

Deadline for the January 2008 Alert is Dec. 28.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 7, 2008 at 4:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffey

ACBL UNIT 191 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES Sunday, December 2, 2007 Sheraton Chapel Hill

The meeting was called to order by President Martin.

- A warm welcome was extended to 200 Unit members and guests, the highest number in the history of the Unit's Holiday Gala.
- MJ Weeks was recognized and thanked for organizing for the Holiday Gala.
- Members who passed away during 2007 were honored by a moment of silence.
- Board members were recognized.
- Mary Jo Doherty, Membership Chair, announced that Unit 191 has 503 members, a record high. Teachers and
 congenial players were acknowledged for their contribution to the membership increase. Proofs of the
 Membership Directory will be available during January. After final corrections have been made, copies will
 be distributed in early February.
- Anne Hennessey presented the Treasurer's Report. The balance for 2007 is essentially equal to last year's balance. The biggest sources of income were the Summer Sectional and membership reimbursement received from ACBL. The generosity of members who contributed money or food for the tournaments increased profits. Funds were used to maintain the unit website, print a Membership Directory, sponsor the mentoring program, print the monthly newsletter, pay for awards and celebrations honoring those who have achieved life master or higher award, and cover general operation expenses. A detailed account of income and expenses is on file with the Secretary and is available by contacting Anne Hennessey.
- Congratulations were extended to newly elected Board members, Ron Adams, Ken Dye, Stirling Haig, and Patsy Whitehurst.
- Jim Hansell thanked outgoing President Barbara Martin for her six years of service on the Board, for chairing the Holiday Gala twice, and for representing the Unit as President for the past two years.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffey, Unit 191 Secretary

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Monday, Nov. 26, 2007 – 4:30pm The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report Oct. 22, 2007

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

Member Directory

NLM Tournament Final Report Financial Report

Holiday Party

New Business

IRS Form 990

Reports of Standing Committees

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty

Education: Sigrid Olin

Announcements

Next Meeting

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Monday, Nov. 26, 2007 The Bridge Center

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the Oct.22, 2007 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for 2007 was approved.

Old Business:

Member Directory: Mary Jo recommends listing only name, phone, and email to simplify preparation of future directories. Proofs will be ready in early January and the final printing will be done in February.

NLM Tournament Report: A copy of the 2007 NLM Tournament Report is on file with the Secretary. Table count, evaluation, and Convention Card Holders were discussed at the Oct. 22 Board Meeting. The majority of 84 door prizes consisted of "free plays" given by local club directors. The following recommendations for the 2008 tournament are based on feedback from volunteers and players: schedule tournament so that it does not conflict with other local tournaments, try to pre-arrange partners with 0-5 master points, ensure that Partnership Chair has email and cell phone access, avoid using a paid Tournament Assistant (caddies can assist the Director), provide handouts for minilessons, restrict or eliminate free plays for 0-5 master point players, increase the lunch price from \$4 to \$6 for those with free plays, use greeter throughout the tournament, have greeter encourage players to register for games before attending mini-lessons, schedule mini-lessons 30 instead of 20 minutes before start of play, provide hand sanitizer in food area, place a bridge sign on Airport Road, use set-up committee to direct traffic to overflow lot if necessary, provide more diet drinks containing caffeine, contact players from the NC Triad area in advance, request a copy of the tournament transaction report from the Director on Sunday.

The Holiday Party will be held Dec. 2, 2007 at the Sheraton in Chapel Hill. 173 people have registered as compared with 162 last year. Registration ends on Thurs, Nov. 29. Emails have effectively increased registration. John Torrey's grandson will serve as caddy. Ballots have been prepared by Bob Boggs and will be picked up by Barbara Martin on Friday. A "Thanks Volunteers" poster is being prepared by Liz McGuffey.

New Business:

IRS Form 990 that must be filed to maintain 501(c)3 tax-exempt status will be filed by Paul Kobrin..

Reports of Standing Committees:

Membership: Unit 191 has 508 current members. Mary Jo Doherty suggested that we encourage Roxboro bridge players to renew their memberships.

Education: Sigrid Olin reported ongoing lessons are going well. Kay Joyce will three new morning + afternoon classes on Wednesdays starting in January.

Announcements: Bob Boggs reported that Youth North American Bridge Championships for players 19 years old or younger will be held in Atlanta July 3-6. 2008.

Next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 3 at 4:30pm to elect 2008 officers

Meeting was adjourned at 5:48pm.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffev

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Monday, Oct. 22, 2007 – 4:30pm The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report Sept. 24, 2007

Old Business

Member Directory

NLM Tournament

Holiday Party

New Business

Eight Is Enough Swiss Team

Nominating Committee

Reports of Standing Committees

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty

Education: Sigrid Olin

Announcements

Next Meeting

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Monday, Oct. 22, 2007 The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 4:47 pm.

Present: Barbara Martin, Bob Boggs, Anne Hennessey, Liz McGuffey, Patsy Whitehurst, MJ Weeks, Sigrid Olin, Kay

Gruninger, Stirling Haig

Absent: Jeff Puckett, Paul Kobrin, Mary Jo Doherty

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the Sept. 24, 2007 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

The NLM Tournament was held Oct. 19-21 at the Seymour Senior Center in Chapel Hill. Attendance was down with 137 tables this year compared with 149 tables in 2006. Free play provided for players with 0-5 master points numbered 57. Martin suggested that free plays be restricted to one session for the NLM Tournament, pending further discussion. Convention Card Holders that were used as prizes for winners cost \$3.52 each and 100 were ordered. That should be sufficient to use for next year's prizes also. Evaluations by players were good and will be described in the tournament report. Unit volunteers rose to the occasion and produced a successful tournament, none of which would have been possible without them.

Invitations are being circulated for the Holiday Party scheduled for Dec. 2, 2007. MJ Weeks will contact John Torrey about securing a caddy, Jeff Puckett about taking photos at the party, a volunteer to transport and set up card tables, and Jay Bates about preparing pairings and name tags. B. Martin and L. McGuffey will make a "thank you" poster.

New Business:

Jay Bates will write an *Alert* article about the Eight is Enough Swiss Team event that will premiere in January 2008. McGuffey commented that the Raleigh group is enthusiastic about this new concept. Advance reservations may be required if more than 16 teams attend.

The Nominating Committee has prepared a slate of officers including Patsy Whitehurst, Stirling Haig, Ron Adams, Ken Dye, and Grada Arble. Four candidates will be elected. Absentee ballots will be available soon for those who do not attend the Holiday Party.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Membership: 499, per the report forwarded by MJDoherty.

Education: Sigrid Olin reported that lessons by Kay Joyce will continue until Dec. Easybridge! lessons by Darleen Bates are going well.

Announcements: A. Hennessey reported that a new CD, rolled over at a better interest rate, will mature Sep. 15, 2008. P. Kobrin, who is in training as Treasurer, will prepare the NLM Financial Statement.

Next meeting will be Thurs. Nov. 29 at 4:30pm [changed to Mon. Nov 26 by B. Martin via email] Meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffev

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Monday, Sept. 24, 2007 – 4:30pm The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report August 20, 2007

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

Member Directory

NLM Tournament

Holiday Party

New Business

Eight Is Enough Swiss Team

Including Roxboro Game on Unit's website

Nominating Committee

Reports of Standing Committees

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty

Education: Sigrid Olin

Announcements

Next Meeting

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Monday, Sept. 24, 2007 The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 4:350 pm.

Present: Barbara Martin, Jeff Puckett, Mary Jo Doherty, Bob Boggs, Anne Hennessey, Liz McGuffey, Patsy

Whitehurst, MJ Weeks, Sigrid Olin, Kay Gruninger

Absent: Stirling Haig, Paul Kobrin

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the August 20, 2007 meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Old Business:

Member Directory Format: Based on Bob Boggs' observation, the directory will be revised to show one calendar month rather than two per directory page.

Barbara Martin presented templates of Expense Budgets for the two tournaments and the holiday party. The templates were approved by the Board and should be completed by the event chair and submitted to the Board for approval one to two months prior to the event.

Plans for The NLM Tournament continue. The Board approved expenses to prepare Convention Card Holders as prizes for winners. They will be made by volunteers and efforts will be made to hold the cost to a minimum (probably \$5 per booklet). 60-100 booklets will be made and they will again be available for sale for \$10 as a fund raiser to offset the cost. Requests for food or monetary donations for the tournament have begun.

MJ Weeks will write an Alert article about the Holiday Party scheduled for Dec. 2, 2007. Invitations should be ready for mailing in early November. A caddy is still needed. Although a young person is often used, a non-playing member could caddy.

New Business:

The Mentor-Mentee Game is scheduled for 1:30pm on Sept. 29. Lunch will be served.

Roxboro Game: Bob Boggs requested that the Unit website contain information about the Roxboro games. He will contact Keith Starr to obtain an email address.

The Nominating Committee is compiling a roster of candidates. Patsy Whitehurst's and Sterling Haig's positions are up for re-election. Patsy has agreed to run, but Sterling has not reached a decision. Ron Adams and Grada Arble have agreed to run. Jim Bean was also mentioned as a potential candidate. Bob Boggs will prepare the ballots.

Bob Boggs pointed out that Unit officers and officials have not been updated on the ACBL website. B. Martin will contact Jay to ask about tourney scheduling. L. McGuffey will contact ACBL about updating officers.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty reported 502 members.

Education: Sigrid Olin reported that lessons by Kay Joyce will continue until Dec. Easybridge! lessons by Darleen Bates is underway with 4.5 tables. Larry Honeywell will not be able to offer a series of classes until 2008.

Announcements: B. Martin received ACBL correspondence about incorporation of the Unit. Bruce Reeve complimented the Unit for activities.

Next meeting will be Mon., Oct. 22. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm. Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffey

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Monday, Aug. 20, 2007 – 4:30pm The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report July 23, 2007

Old Business

Member Directory

NLM Tournament

Sectional Tournament Wrap-Up

New Business

Mentoring Program

Expense Approval

Reports of Standing Committees

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty

Education: Sigrid Olin

Announcements

Next Meeting

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Monday, August 20, 2007 The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 4:50 pm.

Present: Barbara Martin, Jeff Puckett, Mary Jo Doherty, Bob Boggs, Anne Hennessey, Liz McGuffey, Patsy

Whitehurst, Paul Kobrin, MJ Weeks, Sigrid Olin, Kay Gruninger

Absent: Stirling Haig

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the July 23, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

Old Business:

Member Directory Format: The Board agreed to have the Directory (with 5.5" x 8.5" pages with calendar) ready for the printer by early January and for member distribution in January.

Plans for The NLM Tournament continue. Suggestions for prizes for winners include \$2 bills, free plays, name tags, and personalized adhesive labels for use at bridge tournaments. Kay Gruninger will contact directors of local games to donate free plays. Bob Boggs suggested that free play slips be the size and shape of a dollar bill.

July Sectional Tournament Wrap-up: Maggie Lindquist, Hospitality Chair, presented a written report that is on file with the Secretary. Due to the popularity of the site, the Board asked Mary Jo Doherty to check on availability of Chapel Hill High or East Chapel Hill High for the 2008 Sectional.

New Business:

Eight is Enough, a new Swiss team event co-sponsored by Unit 191 and the Raleigh Bridge Club, will be held one Sunday per month starting in January 2008. The precise date will vary to avoid conflict with nearby sectional and regional tournaments. Guidelines for team set-up, fee structure, and potential advance reservations are attached. This new program received Board approval to proceed. Marty Demko, the current director of the Sunday game, will be stepping down because of a tight schedule. A new director will be needed. Paul Marzette [Bob, please correct spelling] was mentioned as someone interested in becoming a club director.

The Mentoring Program Chairs, Kay Gruninger and Patsy Whitehurst, announced that 40 partnerships have been enrolled for 2007-2008. A special game will be held at 1:30pm on Sat., Sept. 29 to kick-off the new season. Also, special mentor-mentee games will be held in January and May. On the first Thursday evening games, winning mentor-mentee pairs (assuming at least 3 pairs play) will be given free plays for the months of October, December, February, April, and June. Gruninger will write an article for the *Alert*.

Expense Approval: The Board ruled that any \$50 or greater expense must be PRE-approved by the Board. A budget must be submitted to the Board three months prior to the tournaments (sectional and NLM) and the holiday party by the chair of the event for approval. Barbara Martin will prepare a form to facilitate creating a budget. The number of free plays given to volunteers during the Sectional tournament has increased steadily over the past few years. It was the general consensus of Board members that volunteers should not get free plays and that when an exception is made that free plays should be approved by the Board and should not exceed \$100.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty reported 498 members, an increase of four from last month.

Education: Sigrid Olin reported that lessons for intermediate to advanced players by Kay Joyce begin Aug. 29. Easybridge! lessons by Darleen Bates begin Sept. 11. Larry Honeywell will teach an intermediate class starting in September.

Announcments: Bob Boggs reminded everyone that the *Alert* is a Unit publication, not just for Bridge Center events. MJ Weeks will write an article for September's *Alert* about the holiday party.

Anne Hennessey and Barbara Martin will serve as the nominating Committee and will handle the election and absentee balloting.

Next meeting will be Mon., Sept. 24. Meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm. Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffey

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Monday, July 23, 2007 -- 4:30 PM The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report: June 29, 2007 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Old Business
July Sectional Tournament
Member Directory Format
Verification of Charity Donation Receipt

New Business NLM Tournament

Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinator

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty

Education: Sigrid Olin

Announcements

Next Meeting

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Monday, July 23, 2007 The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 4:40 pm.

Present: Barbara Martin, Jeff Puckett, Stirling Haig, Mary Jo Doherty, Bob Boggs, Anne Hennessey, Liz McGuffey,

Patsy Whitehurst

Absent: Paul Kobrin, MJ Weeks, Sigrid Olin, Kay Gruninger

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the June 29, 2007 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

July Sectional Tournament July 13-15 at Chapel Hill High School had a record 312.5 tables. Chair Jeff Puckett thanked all the nameless volunteers who contributed to the success of the tournament. The positive features of the event were the site and the food. Complaints included the lack of restaurant menus and maps, insufficient amount of food on Saturday, late lunch (about 2:30 pm) on Sunday, too many sugared soft drinks and not enough diet drinks, long walk from the parking lot for handicapped players, rudeness of Director Marie Killoran to players – issues that may be addressed for next year's tournament. Mary Jo Doherty sent a letter of thanks to Ms. Whitehead for the cleanliness of the facility. It was suggested that it be announced in advance that smoking is not allowed on school grounds if a school is the site of future tournaments. Jeff Puckett will consider chairing the 2008 Sectional. The Board recommended that the Sectional Tournament follow the guidelines of the NLM Tournament in that the chair selects a co-chair who will chair the event the following year. It was decided that the Unit purchase a water dispenser for tournaments (McGuffey to research).

Member Directory Format: McGuffey and Doherty reported estimates on printing the Directory of around \$300 for the ½ page format and \$500-600 for the pocket size format. Doherty said that Unit members prefer a printed versus online version. The Board agreed to use the ½ format but to include a calendar (showing 2 months per Directory page). Puckett will check on password access for an online listing.

McGuffey has received notification that local organizations have received donations from the ACBL Charity Foundation. These funds were generated from charity games held within the Unit during 2006. Per Board designations, Pennies for Change (a thrift shop which benefits women and children of domestic and sexual violence) received \$275 and the Durham Rescue Mission (a faith-based organization that houses and feeds homeless persons) received \$250.

Golden Age Awards have been given to Helen Halsey and Ira Vendig. Martin will write An *Alert* article describing criteria and requesting nominations. H. Brooke will oversee the program.

New Business:

The NLM Tournament will be held Oct 19-21 at the Seymour Senior Center in Chapel Hill. A flat fee of \$1570 was negotiated by McGuffey, Gruninger, Janice Tyler, and Robin on July 11. Space will include the lower level of the facility that includes the kitchen. Tables and chairs will also be provided by the Center.

A new Swiss team event has been proposed by Bob Boggs. It will be a joint effort of the Raleigh and Durham bridge clubs and will be held once a month at the Bridge Center. It will be limited to 16 tables and may require advance reservations. Boggs suggests that a formal agreement be reached and that each team be limited to 8 points (3 points for A-players, 2 for B-players, and 1 for C-players).

Reports of Standing Committees:

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty reported 494 members, a decrease of one from last month.

Education: Patsy Whitehead reported that the sign-up period for the Mentoring Program ends in July and that mentor-mentee assignations will be made for September start-up. Kay Joyce's classes have been well received.

Next meeting will be Mon., Aug. 20. Meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffey

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Monday, June 25, 2007 -- 4:30 PM The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report: May 21, 2007 Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Old Business
July Sectional Tournament
Member Directory Format
Golden Age Awards

New Business

Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinator

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty

Education: Sigrid Olin

Announcements

Next Meeting

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Monday, June 25, 2007 The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 4:40 pm.

Present: Barbara, Jeff, Paul, Mary Jo, Bob, Anne, Liz, MJ, Sigrid, Kay

Absent: Stirling, Patsy

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 21, 2007 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

July Sectional Tournament is on schedule for July 13-15 at Chapel Hill High School per Chair Jeff Puckett. Two caddies have been scheduled for Fri. and Sat. and four for Sun. Darlene will contact local directors to donate Free Plays as door prizes. 10- to 15-minute classes will be scheduled to start 30 min. before play. Participants should be instructed to park in the back of the school. Contact person at the school is Ms. Whitehead (967-8211 exp 239). Volunteers for table setup are needed at 11am on Friday. Reminders are needed to ensure that participants know that the tournament is at CHHS and not East CHH. Food donations are in order and Maggie is to check with Diane Bastian. One person is needed to stand by to guarantee partners; possible volunteers include Bob Boggs, Ira Vendig, Nell Kandis, and Betha Wade. Jeff encouraged all Board members to be present at 11am on Friday.

Member Directory Format: Mary Jo reported that there is no consensus on Directory format. The pocket sized format used in 2006 seems to be the preferred form, but it cost \$480. The larger booklet cost only \$200 for 300 copies. Mary Jo is to get estimates from Office Depot, Staples, NC Central Prison, and SpeeDeeQ. It was agreed that directories will be distributed in early 2008 rather than at the Holiday Party.

Golden Age Awards will be given to Helen Halsey and Ira Vedig on July 9. An *Alert* article will describe criteria for the award: >70 years of age and 300 master points or >80 years of age and 100 master points. Those qualifying may self-nominate or may be nominated by a friend. Although the award may be given to anyone qualifying, Unit 191 voted to recognize only non-life masters who qualify.

Prototype of Replacement for Herald-Sun Trophy: Bob presented a prototype certificate for the Bright Leaf Award (formerly the Hugo Germino Award) that will be framed and exhibited at the Bridge Center. The certificate can be removed and reprinted each year adding the new winner to the existing list of winners. The winner will be given an identical framed certificate.

New Business:

Forms for the mentoring program which starts in September are now available.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Membership: Mary Jo reported 495 members, an increase of three from last month.

Education: Sigrid reported that the Cedars class has only two registrants. Kay Joyce's class that starts July 11 has 11 partners signed up. The class at NCSSM will be scheduled only if a parent or school employee steps up to support the program. Kay Joyce will teach per session classes, as opposed to a series of classes, starting in the fall. Larry Honeywell will teach another class soon, format and content to be determined.

Next meeting will be Mon., July 23. **NOTE: Please RSVP about the next meeting as soon as possible. It may** have to be rescheduled or canceled if a quorum is not present.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffey

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Monday, May 21, 2007 -- 4:30 PM The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report: April 23, 2007 Meeting

Old Business

July Sectional Tournament Member Directory Format ACBL ruling on playing Directors for large club games (Barbara)

New Business

Hugo Germino Award

Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinator

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty

Education: Sigrid Olin

Announcements

Next Meeting

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Monday, May 21, 2007 The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 4:32 pm.

Present: Barbara, Jeff, Paul, Mary Jo, Bob, Anne, Liz, MJ, Stirling, Sigrid, Kay, and Patsy

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the April 23, 2007 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

July Sectional Tournament is on schedule for July 13-15 at Chapel Hill High School. Caddies have not been scheduled. Possible caddies include Julie Davis of Sanford, volunteer Anne Hennessey, and Easybridgers. Nell Kandis has volunteered to help in any way she can. The availability of chairs needs to be determined. The hand truck used for transporting supplies needs a new wheel or needs to be repaired. The facility must be available by 11am Friday to allow for table/chairs set up, done by volunteers. Finally, alternate directions to the high school need to be put on the website.

Per ACBL regulations, "it is preferable for a game to have a non-playing director.... Non-playing directors are encouraged, but not required for games having not more than one section of 17 tables or less for"....certain special games held at clubs. The official correspondence for this ruling is on file.

Member Directory Format: Mary Jo reported that there is no consensus on Directory format. Some find the earlier ½ page format easier to read, while others like the current format because it fits into a purse. Some people want cell phone numbers included but it is clear that people don't want their information listed on the website. The ½ page format will likely be selected because it is less expensive to produce.

The 2006 payout for charity games has been requested as follows: \$250 for Durham Rescue Mission and \$275 for Pennies for Change. The ACBL Charity Foundation will be sent a check to these organizations. A \$50 gift certificate to the Pottery Barn was given to Jill Martin for the annual financial audit.

New Business:

The Hugo Germino Award is given to the individual who plays, with more than one partner, for all four sessions of the Pairs competition at the July Sectional and achieves the highest score. The Board voted to change the name to the Bright Leaf Award, in memory of Hugo Germino. The trophy will be replaced by a framed certificate listing all winners over time and will be displayed at the Bridge Center.

The Board voted to give a Golden Master Award, a unit award that recognizes players older than 80 years, to

The Holiday Party will require two directors and one caddy.

Directors have been assigned for all regularly scheduled games. Marty Demko will direct the Sunday game and Harrison the Tuesday game. Mary Vickers and Rosalie Marcus are partly checked out as local club directors.

The Alert deadline is May 28.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Membership: Mary Jo reported 492 members, an increase of three from last month.

Education: Sigrid reported that Darlene will teach Easybridge! at the Cedars starting in June. The Cedars also wants an intermediate class possibly in the fall. Kay Joyce will teach 2/1 starting in July at the Bridge Center on Wednesdays from 2 to 4pm. The Jerry Helms Seminar will so well received that another one will be scheduled for late April 2008. Previous participants will be given priority if space becomes a problem. Jeff Puckett will teach a class starting in the fall at the NC School of Science and Math, with advertising to begin in August. Easybridge! will continue on Tuesday nights with Darlene and Jay.

Next meeting will be Mon., June 25.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:33pm.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffey

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Monday, April 23, 2007 -- 4:30 PM The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report: March 26, 2007 Meeting

Treasurer's Report: Anne Hennessey

Old Business

July Sectional Tournament

Milestones

Club Director - Marty Demko

Carolina Meadows bridge game reinstated

Member Directory Format

New Business

Bridge classes at The Cedars

Unit 191 Charity Fund money to be disbursed to charity or charities of choice

Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinator

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty

Education: Sigrid Olin

Announcements

Next Meeting

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Monday, April 23, 2007 The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 4:32 pm.

Present: Barbara, Jeff, Paul, Mary Jo, Bob, Anne, Liz, MJ, Stirling, Sigrid, and Patsy

Absent: Kay

Guest: George Bloomer. No action was taken on Bloomer's recommendation that Unit 191 ban the Montreal Club from Unit games because the Board has no such authority. Unusual conventions may be banned only by a game Director.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the Mar. 26, 2007 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Anne H. reported a current balance of \$12,902.71 (full report on file with Secretary). The Board discussed finding a less expensive alternative to plaques for annual award winners. The Board agreed that the Treasurer will continue using current accounting practices. When Paul Kobrin becomes Treasurer, he will convert to a computerized system and will change check writing procedure as recommended in the financial audit. The Board moved to give J. Martin a gift certificate to Pottery Barn in a previously determined denomination with thanks for conducting the yearly audit (on file with the Secretary).

Old Business:

A sanction number for NLM Tournament has been assigned

July Sectional Tournament is on schedule for July 13-15 at Chapel Hill High School. The school has chairs, Mary Jo to determine the number. Caddies have not yet been lined up. Maggie Lindquist, Hospitality Chair, will contact Diane Bastian about a discount from Panera Bread. No kitchen facilities, including a refrigerator, will be available. Only ice and water will be provided.

Club Director: Marty Demko has been certified as a Club Director, but he is not regularly scheduled to direct. Rosalie Marcus will be a stand-by for the Tuesday afternoon game. Mary Vickers has asked to be a stand-by director on a semi-regular basis. The Board expressed the need for stand-by directors to be scheduled every two months to ensure freshness and experience. Debbie Edwards and Peter Purcell are interested in becoming Club Directors.

Member Directory Format: Mary Jo will write an *Alert* article asking for feedback about the format of the member directory and about alternatives to plaques for annual award winners. The Carolina Meadows bridge game has been reinstated with notification on file.

New Business:

The bridge classes at The Cedars are still unresolved. Darlene will contact Shirley Siegal and Sigrid will contact Joann Van Such. Harrison is not interested. Jeff Puckett is interested in teaching after school classes at the School of Science and Math per its request for classes.

Unit rebates for 2006 from the ACBL Charity Foundation Corporation are available for disbursement to selected charities. The Board chose to send \$275 to Pennies For Change (a thrift shop benefiting victims of domestic or sexual abuse) and \$250 to the Durham Rescue Mission.

Harrison Brooke will be nominated again in 2007 as national good will member of the year.

Patsy reported some discontent about the Friday afternoon game with the Director playing in such a large game. Bob stated that "special" games with more than 17 tables require a non-playing director. It isn't clear if this also applies to club games. Barbara will check this ruling with the ACBL.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Membership: Mary Jo reported 489 members, an increase of seven from last month.

Sigrid reported that Darlene and Jay will continue teaching on Tuesday nights and Saturday afternoons. The Jerry Helms Seminar will run April 24-26 with 72 participants registered. John Torrey's class is completed with good feedback. Kay Joyce will begin teaching two-over-one classes at the Bridge Center in July. Larry Honeywell will teach another class in the fall and Easy Bridge will resume on Sept. 11. The Thursday morning game and lesson remain steady and strong with 8 or 9 tables. Darlene will teach some Thursday morning classes during the summer.

Next meeting will be Mon., May 21. Meeting was adjourned at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffey

Agenda

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Monday, March 26, 2007 4:30 PM The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report: March 1, 2007 Meeting

The following revision of the March 1Minutes clarifies a portion of the Treasurer's Report from the last meeting: "The books are being turned over to Jill Martin for the annual audit. Barbara pointed out that Milestones, the tournament site for the past two years, has declared Chapter 7 Bankruptcy."

Old Business

Site for October NLM Tournament - new CHSC (Marie will direct) July Sectional

New Business

Carolina Meadows weekly game no longer ACBL-sanctioned - are reinstated. Awards Party 12:45+6:45 Thursday (3/29) Meadowment - want an Easy Bridge + an Advanced Course Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinator

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty

Education: Sigrid Olin

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment

Holiday Party - Dec. 200

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 26, 2007 4:30 PM The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 4:48 pm.

Present: Barbara, Kay, Paul, Mary Jo, Bob, Anne, Liz, MJ, Stirling, and Patsy

Absent: Jeff, Sigrid

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the Mar. 1, 2007 meeting were approved by adding that "all expenditures for reimbursement of \$50 or more must be pre-approved by the Treasurer or the Board.

Old Business:

Site for NLM Tournament: The October NLM Tournament will be held at the new Seymour Senior Center at 2501 Homestead Road in Chapel Hill. The new center is expected to open in May. The fee schedule is undecided but will be no more than \$500 per day for the facility and an additional fee of approximately \$700 to pay a staff member to be present during the weekend. Unit 119 in Raleigh has expressed an interest in collaborating with Unit 191 for the NLM Tourney and discussions will follow the November 2007 tourney.

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New Business:

The application for the weekly Carolina Meadows ACBL-sanctioned game has been resubmitted. Anne Hennessey presented an updated taxpayer ID # 65-1298217 (on file with the Secretary). There will be a new Tuesday evening game at the new Senior Center in Chapel Hill in the fall.

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Announcements

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ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday March 1, 2007 4:30 PM The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report: January 22, 2007 Meeting

Old Business Site for October NLM Tournament

New Business July Sectional

Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinator

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty

Education: Sigrid Olin

Announcements

Next Meeting

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 1, 2007 4:30 PM The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 4:35 pm.

Present: Barbara, Dave, Kay, Paul, Sigrid, Mary Jo, Bob, Jeff, Anne, Liz

Absent: Patsy, MJ

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the Jan. 22, 2007 meeting were approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report: Anne reported a current balance of \$12,993.53 and a balance of \$12,567.64 for the year 2006 (copies of both on file with the secretary). The books are being turned over to Ed Bodoh for the annual audit. Anne pointed out that Milestones, the tournament site for the past two years, has declared Chapter 7 Bankruptcy still holds deposits of \$2,074.50 allotted for 2007 and 2008 tournaments. Efforts will be made to recover these funds. The Board agreed to ban future long-term lease contracts for tournaments.

Old Business:

NLM Tournament Site Possibilities: The National Guard Armory at 801 Stadium Drive in Durham is one potential site. The space is large with ample bathrooms, functional kitchen, and ice machine. It is not air conditioned. As a non-profit organization, the Unit qualifies for special rates as follows: \$1,000 (3 days), \$200 deposit (refundable), \$200 cleanup (refundable), \$500 to pay staff to be present, \$500 for two Durham police officers. With refunds, the price would be \$2100. The contact people are Staff Sgt. Eric Abrams and Master Sgt. Hooker and can be reached at 919-220-7409.

The second possibility is the new Senior Center in Chapel Hill. Because Sue Torrey directs a weekly Friday game there, she has close ties with the manager. She will seek special privilege for Unit 191 to use the new facility.

Bob Boggs has been chosen as the Unit's Good Will Ambassador for 2007.

New Business:

It is with sadness that we say good-bye to Dave Ashby, who is moving to Arizona. We extend our thanks to him for serving as club director, Unit Vice President, sectional tournament chair, Unit championship coordinator, and card table transporter along with his pleasant temperament and his willingness to volunteer. Bob Boggs will take over as Vice President of the Board and Stirling Haig will take Dave's Board seat.

Jeff Puckett has agreed to chair the Sectional Tournament in July. Duties still to be done include (but are not necessarily restricted to) arranging card table delivery and finding caddies. Maggie Lindquist will again chair Hospitality and Gale Meyer will chair Partnerships.

The Awards Recognition Party will be held before the afternoon and evening games on Thursday, March 29. Anne Hennessey will send invitations to recipients of the Mini-McKinney and the Ace of Clubs winners, who are asked to RSVP. Cake and drinks will be available. Congratulations to Jeff Boak who won the Mini-McKenney Award at the national level with 590.02 master points in the 200-300 stratification.

Unit 191 has been selected as one of five hosts for the semifinals of the GNT. A game needs to be scheduled. Barbara is to contact Jay for the information.

A request for Unit members to become Club Directors was made. Bob has packets for self-study at home and courses may be taken at tournaments.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Membership: Mary Jo reported that Unit 191 has 482 members, down 4 from last month.

Education: Sigrid Olin reported that John Torrey's class (8 lessons) for Advanced Players has four tables and 2 kibitzers. His class will continue until April 3. The Jerry Helms Seminar scheduled for late April at the Governor's Club is filling up nicely.

Next meeting will be Mon., March 26.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffey

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, January 22, 2007 4:30 PM The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report: December 11, 2006 Meeting

Special Guest - Harrison Brooke

Old Business

Site for July Sectional and October NLM Tournaments Holiday Party Wrap-up: Paul Kobrin

New Business

Reports of Standing Committees/Coordinator

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty (486)

Education: Sigrid Olin

Announcements

Next Meeting

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, January 22, 2006 7

4:30 PM The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ashby.

Present: Jim, Dave, Kay, MJ, Paul, Sigrid, Patsy, Mary Jo, Bob, Liz

Absent: Jeff, Barbara, Anne, MJ

Special Guest: Harrison Brooke

Upon being asked why we have tournaments, Harrison made a presentation that emphasized the need to provide a local arena in which players can play and compete. He was adamant about sponsoring a local NLM Tourney to accommodate new players, the future of our organization. He also presented tables summarizing costs of the Unit's tournaments over the past several years. He concluded that if finances are an issue, we should make every attempt to cut costs. A complete report is on file with the Secretary.

Old Business:

Tournament Sites: The site for the July Sectional will be Chapel Hill High. The site for the October NLM is yet to be determined – possibilities include the Durham Senior Center, The Barn in Hillsborough, CH Senior Center (still a possibility through Sue Torrey), Durham Academy, and Durham Hilton.

Holiday Party Wrap-Up: Paul Kobrin reported that the 2006 Holiday Party and Annual Meeting cost the Unit \$982.70. Attendance was down slightly over the past two years. The feedback from the event was uniformly positive. A contract and \$500 down payment has secured the Sheraton as the site for the December 2, 2007 event.

New Business:

The July 2007 Sectional Tournament has been officially sanctioned by ACBL with Marie Killoran as Director.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Membership: Mary Jo reported that Unit 191 has 486 members.

Education: Sigrid Olin reported that John Torrey's class (8 lessons) for Advanced Players will be held on Tuesday mornings beginning Feb. 6.

Next meeting (originally scheduled for Mon., Feb. 26) will be Thur., March 1. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffey

Presentation to Unit Board, 01/22/7 -- Harrison Brooke

During a club game week before last, Barbara Martin faced me with the question "Why do we have tournaments?" As I gathered my thoughts, she added that our last two tournaments made little or no money and went on to mention the difficulty in finding a suitable site for future events. I already had learned that the Milestone Center no longer will be available and that a deposit has been made to use in July the Chapel Hill High School where we'll have no access to the kitchen.

The July sectional had a deficit of \$30 and the fall NLM had a surplus of only \$93. The December holiday/annual meeting cost the Unit \$981 so the net of these three events was \$918 which had to be funded from other revenue sources.

I think it essential that the Unit find a way to continue both the regular sectional and the NLM tournaments in order to give our players a local arena in which to compete. I feel especially strongly about this when it comes to the NLM event. The fall NLM table count of 149 was 61% of the 243 for the July sectional. Our newer players need a secure and supportive place in which to try their wings. They are the ones who will be filling the chairs at our future summer sectionals.

I transferred to this Unit in July of 1969 and for the following 22 years, I had very few opportunities to play. There were far fewer club games than we have now and with long work hours evening games had little appeal. When I did have a chance to play, I wondered about the word "Unit." Certainly during the '70's and '80's, I saw little that suggested unity. The Unit's annual meeting traditionally was held 30 minutes before the evening game on the first Monday of December. I can recall several instances when it was necessary to make phone calls to solicit people to make the quorum of 8 required by the by-laws. Elections to the Board seemed to be based on who happened to be present or punishment for someone who failed to attend. I recall that I served a term in the early '80's and but I don't recall that the Board met other than on the first Monday evening in December.

I retired in September 1991 and played the evening of the first Monday in December. Again a call had to be made to make up the quorum of 8. Because I was there, I got elected to serve on the Board as did Sue Torrey. The new board elected Sue president and me VP and, I believe, bi-monthly meetings were held thereafter. Sue pushed to have 2 sectional tournaments during 1992. At a fall meeting, I expressed my concern that the Unit, a non-profit organization, had a significant surplus on hand. Remembering the farce of past annual meetings, I suggested that the Unit hold a "celebratory" meeting in early December with a meal and a Unit championship. The first event was held at the Chapel Hill Country Club and has enjoyed tremendous popularity since.

I urge that the Unit find the way to continue our tournaments and our holiday event. I think they've contributed tremendously to our growth in membership and the sense of unity that our members feel.

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, December 11, 2006 4:30 PM The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by Jim Hansell, Nominating Cmte Chair at 4:40.

Present: Jim, Dave, Barbara, Anne, Kay, MJ, Paul, Sigrid, Patsy, Mary Jo, Bob, Liz

Absent: Jeff

The Board met briefly to elect officers and chair people:

President:

Barbara Martin

V-Pres:

Dave Ashby

Sec:

Liz McGuffey

Treas:

Anne Hennessey, assisted by Paul Kobrin

Alert Ed:

Bob Boggs

Holiday Party: MJ Weeks Discipline:

Phil Erlenbach

Education:

Sigrid Olin

Membership: Mary Jo Doherty

District Reps: Jim Hansell, Paul Kobrin

Mentoring:

Kay Gruninger and Patsy Whitehurst

Novice/Newcomer: Darleen Bates

Partnerships: Open games during the day: Edy Bulthius

Open games in evening:

Maggie Lindquist

Novice games:

Kay Richardson

Tournament Coordinator (Sectional & NLM):

Jay Bates

Unit Recorder:

Harrison Brooke

Webmaster:

Jeff Puckett

Electronic Contact:

Mary Jo Doherty

GNT-NAOP: Jay Bates

Publicity:

Darleen Bates

Tournament Chairs: Sectional:

Dave Ashby

NLM:

Liz McGuffey

Unit Championships: Dave Ashby

The date for this year's Holiday Party/Annual Meeting will be Dec. 2, 2007. A \$500 deposit is due.

Because Milestones is out of business we need a site for the Sectional Tournament in July and the NLM in October. Barbara is to check with Northgate and Mary Jo is to check with the Chapel Hill Schools.

Paul will review the accounting for the Holiday Party and report his findings in January.

John Torrey has proposed teaching a class for advanced players on Tuesday mornings, site to be determined.

Next meeting will be Mon., Jan. 22.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20.

Respectfully submitted, Liz McGuffey