

AGENDA
ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, January 5, 2009 – 4:45pm
The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report Dec. 8, 2008

Old Business

Unit Officers and Committee Chairs

Holiday Gala – Final Report

July Sectional

New Business

Unit Game Sanctions

Mentor/Mentee Program

Youth Bridge

Website Updates

Alert Inputs

Reports of Standing Committees

Membership: Harrison Brooke

Education: Stirling Haig

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 5, 2009 The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Olin at 4:38pm.

Present: Ron Adams, Grada Arble, Bob Boggs, Harrison Brooke, Ken Dye, Kay Gruninger, Stirling Haig, Paul Kobrin, Sigrid Olin, Patsy Whitehurst

Absent: Jeff Puckett, MJ Weeks

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the December 8 Board Meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Election of Officers:

President Olin presented the following revised slate of officers for election:

President: Sigrid Olin; Vice-President: Kay Gruninger;

Secretary: Patsy Whitehurst; Treasurer: Paul Kobrin

The motion was made by Bob Boggs and seconded by Grada Arble to accept the slate of officers. The motion passed.

The following positions have been filled:

Newsletter – Bob Boggs, Annual Meeting Coordinator – Grada Arble, Disciplinary Chair – Ken Dye, Education Liaison – Stirling Haig, Electronic Contact – Harrison Brooke, GNT and NAOP Coordinator – Ken Dye, Membership Chair – Harrison Brooke, Novice/Newcomer Coordinator- Darleen Bates, Publicity Coordinator- Sigrid Olin, Sectional Tournament Chairs - Ron Adams and Grada Arble, NLM Tournament - Jim Bean and Paul Morissette, Unit Bridge Game Coordinator - Ken Dye, Unit Recorder - Harrison Brooke, Webmaster - Jeff Puckett, District Representative - Jim Hansell, Tournament Coordinator - Ken Dye

Holiday Gala: President Olin presented the report for Joanne Koepke. Report on file.

July Sectional: Ron Adams reported that the schedule of games has been set for the tournament, and there will be only one session on Friday. Email report on file.

New Business:

Unit Game Sanctions: Ken Dye presented the concern that the unit may not be taking advantage of its full complement of 16 sanctioned games/year. Bob Boggs explained that the Holiday Gala, Latane Memorial game, and the Sue Torrey Memorial game are sanctioned games. The remainder are given to the individual clubs. There is also interest in reviving the Pro-Am Game, and Sigrid Olin will approach Sara Jones-Chambers about the possibility of organizing that.

Mentor/Mentee Program: Co-chairs Kay Gruninger and Patsy Whitehurst expressed concern that the program has gotten away from its original mission of mentoring novice players. Kay Gruninger moved that future mentees in the program be limited to players who are Non- Life Masters. Harrison Brooke seconded the motion and it passed. The change will take place beginning with the 2009 – 2010 program. Tentative dates for the remaining mentor/mentee games this year are Feb. 14, March 14, April 11, and May 9.

Youth Bridge: Sigrid Olin discussed a recent email from the ACBL (see enclosure). There is interest in inviting Patty Tucker to give a presentation to the Board.

Website Update: Ken Dye will contact Jeff Puckett to offer his help in updating the website.

Alert: Bob Boggs would like to schedule board meetings at the end of each month so that the Alert could be put out by the first of each month. The deadline for the next Alert is January 7th.

Standing Committees:

Membership: Harrison Brooke reported. Total members: 494. Report on file.

Education:

- Stirling Haig reported that Harrison will be teaching a 9 week Diamond Series beginning Jan. 22nd.
- Larry Honeywell is teaching a course on Defense beginning Jan 5th.
- Harrison would like Unit 191 to honor Joanne Van Such this year with the Goodwill award in recognition of her significant contributions to education. He is also interested in organizing a reception for Joanne, who will be moving to Dayton, Ohio. It was suggested that the reception be held at the Seymour Center in Chapel Hill.

Announcements:

Sigrid will email the Goodwill committee requesting that they submit their nominee for this year's Goodwill award. If more than one name is submitted, the Unit board will vote on the name to be submitted to the District Goodwill Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm.

Respectfully submitted, Patsy Whitehurst

AGENDA
ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, February 23, 2009
The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report

Old Business

Website Updates

July Sectional Flyer on ACBL Website

Electronic Scoring Terminals

New Business

Awards Presentation

Reports of Standing Committees

Membership: Harrison Brooke

Education: Stirling Haig

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment

ACBL UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 23, The Bridge Center

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

Present: Ron Adams, Grada Arble, Bob Boggs, Harrison Brooke, Kay Gruninger, Stirling Haig, Paul Kobrin, Sigrid Olin, Patsy Whitehurst

Absent: Ken Dye, Jeff Puckett, MJ Weeks

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the January 26 Board Meeting were approved as amended.

Stirling Haig read his poem, "The Return of the Two", in honor of Sigrid Olin and Kay Gruninger who have returned after recent illnesses.

Old Business:

Website Updates: President Olin will follow up with Ken Dye and Jeff Puckett about updating the unit website with the list of current officers and board members. Ron Adams will ask a friend to look at the website and offer advice.

Electronic Scoring Terminals: Ron Adams will get some specific information on the cost of purchasing the terminals.

Pro-Am Game: Ron Adams and Kay Gruninger will meet prior to the next board meeting to discuss plans for a Pro-Am Game.

New Business:

Awards Presentation: President Olin announced that the Awards Ceremony has been scheduled for March 16th.

Lending Library: There is interest in establishing a lending library. Bob Boggs has offered to put bookshelves in one corner at TBC. Stirling Haig will write something for the "Alert" requesting the donation of books.

Standing Committees:

Membership: Harrison Brooke reported. Total members:490.

- President Olin reported that 4 players from UNC played in the game on Feb. 21st. One pair will be playing in the NABC Youth Nationals.

Education: Stirling Haig reported.

- Jerry Helms will not offer a seminar this year.
- Kay Joyce will teach a 5-session course on Cue Bidding. The dates are April 22nd through May 20th. The cost has not been set.
- Harrison Brooke will teach a two-session Bidding Brush-up on March 4th and 11th.

Announcements: Bob Boggs will put a notice about the awards presentation in the next addition of the "Alert".

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23rd.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Whitehurst, Secretary

AGENDA
ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, March 23, 2009
The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report

Old Business

Website Updates

July Sectional

Pro-Am Game

Franklin Hotel

Lending Library

New Business

By-laws

Reports of Standing Committees

Membership: Harrison Brooke

Education: Stirling Haig

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 23, 2009
The Bridge Center

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

Present: Grada Arble, Bob Boggs, Harrison Brooke, Ken Dye, Kay Gruninger, Stirling Haig, Paul Kobrin, Sigrid Olin, Patsy Whitehurst

Absent: Ron Adams, Jeff Puckett, MJ Weeks

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the February 23 Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Kobrin suggested that the Unit should schedule an audit.

Old Business:

Website Updates: Sigrid Olin reported for Ron Adams that the work on the website is progressing well. Ken Dye is pleased that the new website will provide a forum where members can make suggestions to the board and can also get answers to bridge questions.

July Sectional: The committee will meet on March 26 to continue planning for the tournament. Bob Boggs will make the requested changes to the flyer so that it can be accepted by ACBL. Directors for the tournament will be John Torrey and Marie Killoran.

Pro-Am Game: Kay Gruninger reported that the plans for a Pro-Am game are on the "back burner" for now. A date will probably be set for the game in the fall.

Unit Championship Game: Ken Dye proposed that a Unit Game be held on one Sunday afternoon each month. He will research the possibility and bring a recommendation to the board.

Franklin Hotel: The possibility of holding a special game at the hotel is probably not feasible.

Lending Library: Bob Boggs reported that the library is set up and is being used. He will put a follow-up notice in the "Alert" to encourage book contributions.

Reception for Jo Anne Vansuch: Harrison reported that a possible date for the reception at the Seymour Center is April 4th. Jo Anne will be honored for her Goodwill Nomination and her contribution to education.

New Business:

By-laws: Copies of the By-laws have been distributed to board members. The requirement of members to attend scheduled board meeting was discussed. It was suggested that in the future these requirements be discussed with all candidates for the board. The possibility of holding some of the meetings in the evening or on the weekend was also discussed to accommodate candidates who work during the day.

Standing Committees:

Membership: Harrison Brooke reported that as of January 1, 2010, new members will need 500 mps to attain Life Master. Harrison will put this announcement in the "Alert".

Education: Stirling Haig reported

- Kay Joyce will begin a 5 session course, "Cuebids in a Nutshell", on April 22nd. The \$100 fee includes a book. Stirling will promote this at the Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning games.
- Harrison has finished 2 bidding brush-up courses and a 9 week course on "Play of the Hand".

Announcements: The Bridge Center has purchased "Bridge Pad", an electronic scoring system. Bob Boggs hopes to have it in use sometime in April.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27th.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Whitehurst, Secretary

AGENDA
ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, April 27, 2009
The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

Website Update

July Sectional

New Business

Reports of Standing Committees

Membership: Harrison Brooke

Education: Stirling Haig

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, April 27, 2009
The Bridge Center

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

Present: Ron Adams, Grada Arble, Bob Boggs, Harrison Brooke, Ken Dye, Kay Gruninger, Stirling Haig, Paul Kobrin, Sigrid Olin, MJ Weeks, Patsy Whitehurst
Absent: Jeff Puckett

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March 23 Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Kobrin reported a net loss of \$1,400-1,500 from the 2009 Gala. Joanna Pagano has volunteered to perform an audit of the Unit's books. Paul will be in touch with her to determine the exact time period to be audited. Report on file.

Old Business:

Unit Championship Games: Ken Dye will look into scheduling up to 6 games during the last half of this year. They will be scheduled so that they don't conflict with "8 is Enough" games.

Website Update: Ron Adams has written a piece which he will submit to the "Alert" which will acquaint the membership with the new website. Using the new website would save the unit \$20/month and would allow board members to post the most current information on items of interest to the membership such as the Mentor Program, Board Minutes, and Education. Ron suggested that the unit use the site during May in order to evaluate its effectiveness.

July Sectional: Ron Adams reported that a payment of \$1,500 to the CH School System is due by July 1st. The committee is looking for a vendor to provide lunch on Saturday since the time between sessions will not be sufficient for players to leave campus. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of each strata.

New Business:

Easy Bridge Program: Bob Boggs reported that Maggie Lindquist will take over the Easy Bridge Program in September. She will take the Easy Bridge Presenter's Course and the Director's Course in preparation for taking over the program.

Standing Committees:

Membership: Harrison Brooke reported. Total members: 494. The average membership from January, 2007 through March, 2009 has remained constant (494.4). Report on file.

Education: Stirling Haig reported.

- Kay Joyce's course on Cue Bidding has been postponed until Fall.
- Larry Honeywell has offered to teach a 2 over 1 course in June.

Announcements:

- The final Mentor/Mentee game is scheduled for May 9th at TBC.
- Sigrid Olin will contact Jeff Puckett to determine if he is still interested in serving on the Board.
- Jeff Cartier has offered to donate a number of card tables to the unit.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Whitehurst, Secretary

AGENDA
ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, May 18, 2009
The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

Website Update

July Sectional

Pro-Am Game

New Business

Monday 1pm Game

Board resignation and replacement

Reports of Standing Committees

Membership: Harrison Brooke

Education: Stirling Haig

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, May 18, 2009
The Bridge Center

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

Present: Grada Arble, Bob Boggs, Harrison Brooke, Ken Dye, Kay Gruninger, Paul Kobrin, Sigrid Olin, MJ Weeks, Patsy Whitehurst

Absent: Ron Adams, Stirling Haig

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the April 27 Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paul Kobrin reported that the unit's financial position is unchanged. The upcoming audit will cover the period from January, 2008 through November, 2008.

Old Business:

Website Update: President Olin reported for Ron Adams. The website needs to be updated for the July Sectional, the NLM Tournament, and the annual Christmas Party.

July Sectional: Grada Arble reported that things are set for the sectional. The hospitality committee will begin the sign-up for food and cash several weeks prior to the tournament.

Pro-Am Tournament: Kay Gruninger reported that the Pro-Am will be scheduled after the July Sectional.

New Business:

Mentor/Mentee Program: Kay Gruninger and Patsy Whitehurst discussed the objections of several players to the ruling made by the Board on January 5, 2009 concerning the ineligibility of Life Masters to participate in the program as mentees beginning in September, 2009. After discussion, the Board affirmed its original ruling.

Monday 1pm Game: Henry Meguid addressed the Board about his concerns that the rules of The Bridge Center are not being equitably enforced. Letter on file. Bob Boggs will publish an article in the Alert to clarify the rules and assure the membership that they will be enforced as equitably as possible.

Board Resignation: President Olin has accepted the resignation of Jeff Puckett. Letter on file. Sandy McCay has advised the Board that she is unwilling to serve on the board at this time. Sigrid will contact Edy Baulthis to fill the vacant position.

Standing Committees:

Membership: Total members: 491. Harrison Brooke reported that he has completed the update of the Unit Directory. He has also alphabetized the Recognition Board. Email on file.

Education: Sigrid Olin reported for Stirling Haig. Email on file.

- Larry Honeywell will teach a 5 week course on 2 Over 1 beginning June 9th. The cost is \$80.
- Stirling has emailed Glenn Marek about the possibility of teaching a course in the future.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Whitehurst, Secretary

AGENDA
ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, June 22, 2009
The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

Website Update

July Sectional

New Business

District Elections

Reports of Standing Committees

Membership: Harrison Brooke

Education: Stirling Haig

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, June 22, 2009
The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Sigrid Olin at 4:39pm.

Present: Ron Adams, Grada Arble, Edy Baulthis, Bob Boggs, Harrison Brooke, Ken Dye, Kay Gruninger, Stirling Haig, Paul Kobrin, Sigrid Olin, MJ Weeks, Patsy Whitehurst

Absent: None

Welcome: President Olin welcomed new board member, Edy Bulthuis.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the May 18 Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The financial position of the unit remains unchanged. Paul Kobrin is awaiting a report from the auditor. A payment of \$1500 for the rental of CHHS for the July Sectional will be due this month.

Old Business:

Website Update: Ron Adams reported that Jack Olin has updated the old website. Once his vision improves, Ron will take over. Shuba Dey will be contacted to assist Jack and Ron with "Perle Script".

July Sectional: Co-chairperson Ron Adams has prepared a projected Income and Expense Report based on results from 2008. Report on file. Negotiations are underway with "Only Burgers" to provide food between the 1st and 2nd sessions on Saturday. \$88 / team will be charged in the Swiss Teams event. Darleen Bates will be in charge of Caddies. TBC will donate 10 Free Plays, and there will also be Door Prizes. Harrison Brooke will make sure that there are additional spots available for handicapped parking near the building's walkway.

New Business:

District 7 Election: Sigrid Olin announced that the two candidates for District 7 Representative to the ACBL Board of Directors are Bruce Reeve and Bob Heller. Unit 191 Board Members will be sent individual ballots which must be returned by October 5th.

Standing Committees:

Membership: Total members 483. Harrison Brooke reported that the unit lost 8 members in May. Report on file. Harrison will attempt to compare the unit's membership retention with that of the ACBL as a whole.

Education: Harrison continues to teach at the 199 Game on Tuesday afternoons. The registration for Larry Honeywell's course on 2 Over 1 was insufficient, resulting in cancellation. It may be rescheduled after Labor Day. Kay Joyce will offer a course on Cue Bidding in the Fall, most likely on Wednesdays. Maggie Lindquist will be in charge of Easy Bridge when it gets underway in September. Stirling Haig is awaiting a reply from the Mareks about teaching a course.

Announcements:

Ken Dye announced that the UNC student team will be playing in the National Collegiate Championships June 24-25th in Washington, DC. Paul Kobrin will make himself available as a contact person to assist the team in any way possible. Bob Boggs needs material for the next edition of the Alert. Deadline for articles is June 29th. Harrison will submit an article to encourage recycling at TBC.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Whitehurst, Secretary

AGENDA
ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, July 27, 2009
The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

July Sectional

New Business

Suggestions for July 2010 Sectional

Reports of Standing Committees

Membership: Harrison Brooke

Education: Stirling Haig

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, July 27, 2009
The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Sigrid Olin at 4:28pm.

Present: Ron Adams, Bob Boggs, Harrison Brooke, Ken Dye, Stirling Haig, Paul Kobrin, Sigrid Olin, MJ Weeks, Patsy Whitehurst

Absent: Grada Arble, Edy Bulthuis, Kay Gruninger

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the June 22 Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: - Paul Kobrin reported that the net profit from the July Sectional is \$1,873. Report on file.
- The audit report has been received from Joanna Pagano. Report on file.
- The Board approved giving a \$50 Talbots gift certificate to Joanna.

Old Business:

District 7 Election: Ballots will be mailed to individual board members and must be returned to the ACBL by Oct. 5th.

July Sectional: Net profit reported at \$1,873. Ron Adams reported that attendance was down from last year, due to having only one session on Friday. Hospitality Chairman Robin Marin will update a list of foods that will need to be purchased for the 2010 tournament. For future tournaments, additional people will be needed for table set-up and take-down. Since volunteers have become increasingly difficult to find, it was suggested that the unit should hire several people rather than continuing to rely on volunteers. President Olin thanked Ron and Grada on behalf of the board for their part in making the tournament a success.

New Business:

Suggestions for 2010 July Sectional: Sigrid discussed a letter from Edy Bulthuis, and MJ Weeks read an addendum to the letter. Letter and addendum on file. Ken Dye and Edy will form a Site Selection Committee with the purpose of finding a site for the 2010 July Sectional. Bob Boggs suggested that the unit investigate changing the date of the tournament so that it wouldn't conflict with summer school.

Standing Committees:

Membership: Total members 483. Report on file. This represents a drop of 14 from 2008 and 11 from 2007. Harrison reports that retention of NLMs is declining. He also feels strongly that the Tuesday afternoon game should continue to be a 199er game.

Education: Stirling Haig reported that Kay Joyce will teach a 4 session course on "Cue Bidding" beginning Sept. 16th. Harrison will be teaching the "Club Series" at CH Senior Center beginning Sept. 17th. He is interested in scheduling 2 sessions on "Bidding Brush-up" and a "2 Over 1" course at the CH Senior Center if space is available. "Easy Bridge" will begin in September. Maggie Lindquist will direct.

Announcements: Bob Boggs wants to get the Recognition Board completed in August. The deadline for the August Alert is this week.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24th at 4:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Whitehurst, Secretary

AGENDA
ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, August 24, 2009
The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

Site Selection Committee for 2010 Sectional

New Business

Standing Committees

Membership: Harrison Brooke

Education: Stirling Haig

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, August 24, 2009
The Bridge Center

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

Present: Grada Arble, Bob Boggs, Harrison Brooke, Edy Bulthuis, Ken Dye, Kay Gruninger, Stirling Haig, Paul Kobrin, Sigrid Olin

Absent: Ron Adams, MJ Weeks, Patsy Whitehurst

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the July 27 Board Meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Kobrin reported that there was nothing new to report. He will submit a written report next month to the Board.

Old Business:

Site Selection Committee for 2010 Sectional: Edy Bulthuis and Ken Dye will check on possible sites for the Sectional. Ken will check on tournament dates. It was agreed that the goal is not to lose money, not necessarily to make money. Some of the necessary requirements, such as number of tables (estimated to be around 65) and square feet required for each table (around 54 sq. ft. plus additional for food, etc.) and potential sites (shopping malls, Extraordinary Ventures on Elliott Road, Carrboro High School) were briefly discussed.

New Business:

Proposal for a Unit 191 Facility Search Committee: President Olin passed out copies of a proposal to the Board. Copy on file. She suggests the appointment of a Unit 191 Facility Search Committee to brainstorm some ideas for options and alternatives for a Bridge Center if the current Bridge Center should be lost to unit players at some point in the future. She suggested that the committee possibly consist of one Board member and 2 members-at-large. A very brief discussion was held regarding this matter, and it will be put on the agenda for the September meeting.

Standing Committees:

Membership: Harrison Brooke reported that our total membership is 488, and increase of 5 over last month. This reflects a drop of 1-2% from the last two years. Report on file. January 1 will bring new requirements for Life Master if a member lets their current membership lapse before they become LM. It seems to be a problem that members don't pay their dues on time, but approximately 50% of them eventually reinstate.

Education: Stirling Haig reported that classes will be going on as previously scheduled and reported in the July minutes. Harrison was able to schedule sessions on "Bidding Brush-Up" and "2 Over 1" courses at the CH Senior Center as well as "Bidding in the 21st Century".

Announcements: The Mentor/Mentee program is in need of around 20 mentors at present. Harrison will take care of the Peggy Stokes memorial plaque which will be given at the NLM Tournament to the person with fewer than 200 MPs who accumulates the most points at this tournament with at least two different partners. An article will be written in the Alert about this award. The Alert deadline is this week. At the next meeting we will discuss the rules for the Herald Sun/Brightleaf Award that is given at the Summer Sectional.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 21 at 4:45pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Gruninger, Acting Secretary

AGENDA
ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, September 21, 2009
The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old Business:

Facility Search Committee

2010 July Sectional

New Business:

Schwenke Resignation

Tuesday Afternoon Director Change

Ethics Issue

Holiday Party

Masterpoint Recording Efforts

Bright Leaf Award

Reports of Standing Committees

Membership: Harrison Brooke

Education: Stirling Haig

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, September 21, 2009
The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Sigrid Olin at 4:45pm.

Present: Ron Adams, Grada Arble, Bob Boggs, Harrison Brooke, Ken Dye, Kay Gruninger, Stirling Haig, Paul Kobrin, Sigird Olin, Patsy Whitehurst

Absent: Edy Bulthuis, MJ Weeks

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the August 24 Board Meeting were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Kobrin gave the treasurer's report. Report on file.

Old Business:

Facility Search Committee: Ken Dye suggested that the formation of a committee be put on hold.

2010 Sectional: Ron Adams has agreed to chair the tournament again in 2010. Grada suggested that the new University Events Center in University Mall might be a possible site. Ken Dye and Edy Bulthuis are looking for a site, and Ken will investigate the suitability of the University Events Center and report his findings to the board.

New Business:

Schwenke Resignation: The Brightleaf Weekender Club is no longer operating games at The Bridge Center. The Triangle Bridge Club has received a sanction to operate the Thursday and Saturday morning games. Ken Dye has agreed to direct the Thursday morning game, and Jay and Darleen Boone will direct the Saturday morning game.

Tuesday Afternoon Director Change: Bob Boggs has taken over the direction of the Tuesday afternoon game from Harrison Brooke. The Easy Bridge Program is booming and will hopefully continue to feed new players into the Tuesday 199er Game.

Ethics Issue: Ken Dye reported that an apology had been offered and accepted. Hopefully this has resolved the matter.

Holiday Party: Grada reported that the party is scheduled for December 6th. Ken Dye will be in charge of getting the sanction. John Torrey will direct the game. Grada is in the process of getting a price quote on the food. It was suggested that the price of the event be raised from \$28 to \$35 for members and from \$30 to \$40 for non-members. Harrison suggested that the font be larger on the invitations this year. Grada will look into the possibility of using the employees of the Sheraton to help with the unloading, set-up, break-down, and loading of the tables.

Nominating Committee: Sigrid will appoint MJ Weeks and Edy Bulthuis to the Nominating Committee, with the task of selecting candidates to run for the expiring board seats currently held by MJ Weeks, Kay Gruninger, and Paul Kobrin.

Masterpoint Recording: Joanne Koepke would like to resign her position as masterpoint recorder. Grada Arble moved that the reporting of masterpoints be discontinued as of Oct. 1, 2009. The motion was seconded by Harrison Brooke and passed.

Brightleaf Award: Discussion was tabled.

Standing Committees:

Membership: Harrison Brooke reported that the membership pattern is consistent. Report on file.

Education: Stirling Haig reported.

- Kay Joyce began a class last week.

- Harrison Brooke has finished a Bidding Brush-up course that had 45 participants. He will begin a 2 Over 1 course at the CH Senior Center on October 2nd.
- The Mareks are not interested in teaching at this time.
- Barbara Newton might be interested in teaching a small class. She has not decided on a subject.
- Ken Dye has indicated that he would be willing to teach a course.
- Henry Meguid is interested in teaching a course on Precision.
- Harrison recommended that the Tuesday afternoon game remain a 199er game and that the Thursday morning game remain a NLM game.

Announcements: Kay Gruninger announced that the next Mentor/Mentee Game will be held on September 26th at 1:00pm. Bob Boggs will direct.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19 at 4:45pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Whitehurst, Secretary

AGENDA
ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, October 19, 2009
The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old Business:

NLM Tournament Report

Holiday Gala

2010 Sectional Tournament Facility Search

New Business:

Reports of Standing Committees:

Membership: Harrison Brooke

Education: Stirling Haig

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, October 19, 2009
The Bridge Center

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

Present: Ron Adams, Grada Arble, Bob Boggs, Harrison Brooke, Ken Dye, Stirling Haig, Paul Kobrin, Sigrid Olin, and Patsy Whitehurst

Absent: Edy Bulthuis, Kay Gruninger, and MJ Weeks

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the September 21 Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: No formal report.

Old Business:

NLM Tournament Report: After expenses, the profit from the tournament was \$1,000. Sigrid suggested that the knockouts begin on Friday afternoon in future tournaments.

2010 Sectional Facility Search Committee: Ken Dye reported that the University Mall Events Center will not be available next summer. Ron Adams has ruled out Extraordinary Events on Elliott Rd. as a possible site. Ron will contact Chapel Hill – Carrboro High Schools.

Holiday Gala: Grada reported that the invitations have been printed. Anticipated expenses are \$4,974 for facility rent and food, \$300 for transporting, setting up, and taking down tables, \$200 for director's fees, and \$40 for caddy's fees. It was agreed that the cost would increase to \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. Bob Boggs will print the ballots for the election.

New Business:

Brightleaf Award: Harrison recommended that the award be given to the player who is an active Unit 191 member with fewer than 200 master points and wins the greatest number of masterpoints. To be eligible, a player must play with more than one partner. Ron Adams moved to accept the recommendation, the motion was seconded by Ken Dye, and passed.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Membership: Harrison reported a membership of 479 members. This represents a loss of 6 from last month and 10 from one year ago. Report on file.

Education: Harrison put in a plea for new teachers. He will offer a "Play of the Hand" course after the first of the year.

Announcements: Liz McGuffey is now in charge of publishing the Alert.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 16 at 4:45pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Whitehurst, Secretary

AGENDA
ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, November 16, 2009
The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old Business:

Holiday Gala

New Business:

Proposal by Jay and Darleen Bates

Reports of Standing Committees:

Membership

Education

Nominating Committee

Announcements

Next Meeting

Adjournment

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, November 16, 2009
The Bridge Center

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

Present: Ron Adams, Grada Arble, Bob Boggs, Harrison Brooke, Edy Bulthuis, Kay Gruninger, Paul Kobrin, Sigrid Olin, and M. J. Weeks

Absent: Ken Dye, Stirling Haig, and Patsy Whitehurst

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the October 19 Board Meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Kobrin reminded the members that the Unit's fiscal year has been changed to end November 30 rather than December 31 in order to have the activity associated with the annual holiday gala not overlap fiscal years. He presented a report through October 31, 2009 showing a current year surplus of \$2,532 and current equity of \$16,125. The major factors contributing to the surplus are the July 2009 sectional tournament (\$1,864) and the October 2009 non-Life Master tournament (\$994).

Details of the NLM tournament were provided with the receipts from 125 tables and related expenses. Co-chairs Jim Bean and Paul Morrisette were commended for the excellent jobs they did and thanks were expressed to the many volunteers who contributed their services. Mention was made of Jim's concern about starting the Friday afternoon session on time but his relief that no objections were voiced about the increased entry fee (\$9/session). Ron Adams stated his concern about the lack of information (times and listings of events) on the ACBL website, citing their objections to the format in which it had been submitted -- the same format that had been used the three prior years. Concern also was expressed about the fact that team lunches had been ordered for several teams that played but one session. Reports on file.

Holiday Gala: Grada Arble reported that only 40 sign-ups had been recorded, adding that some have been received but not yet processed. She reminded the group that the contract with the Chapel Hill Sheraton anticipates a minimum of 150 attendees. It was reported that our Sheraton contact is someone other than last year's. M. J. Weeks suggested that a reduced early-sign-up rate be offered to speed up the process. It was added that Patsy Whitehurst has completed the arrangements for the delivery, set-up, take-down and re-delivery of the tables.

New Business: Sigrid Olin read to the Board a letter from Darleen and Jay Bates regarding their wish to make arrangements for the use of the Unit's tables. A discussion followed about the need to have a formal agreement after the formal contracts for the rental of the new facility are signed. It was agreed that Darleen and Jay would be invited to a special meeting of the Board at 4:45 pm on Monday, November 30. It was stressed that such meeting would be limited to the matter of the tables.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Membership: Harrison Brooke reported a November 1 membership of 487, an increase of 8 from the prior month but still a drop from 2007 and 2008. He distributed a summary of membership changes in the first ten months of 2009, 2008 and 2007. Reports on file.

Nominating Committee: Co-chairs Edy Bulthuis and M. J. Weeks reported the following list of candidates for three positions on the Unit Board of Directors -- Marty Demko, Paul Kobrin (incumbent), Maggie Lindquist, and Henry Meguid. Mention was made of the need for a fifth candidate and it was agreed that M. J. would contact Robin Marin.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14 at 4:45 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Harrison Brooke for Patsy Whitehurst, Secretary

AGENDA
ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALLED MEETING
Monday, November 20, 2009
The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Business:

Proposal by Jay and Darleen Bates regarding the use of the Unit's tables

Vote on Proposal

Adjournment

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALLED MEETING
Monday, November 30, 2009
The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by President Sigrid Olin at 4:55pm.

Present: Ron Adams, Grada Arble, Bob Boggs, Harrison Brooke, Edy Bulthuis, Kay Gruninger, Paul Kobrin, Sigrid Olin, Stirling Haig, and Patsy Whitehurst

Absent: Ken Dye and MJ Weeks

Invited Guest: Darleen Bates

Business:

Proposal by The Triangle Bridge Club regarding use of the Unit's tables.

Darleen Bates presented a proposal consisting of the following 3 options for purchasing or renting the Unit's tables by the Triangle Bridge Club:

- 1) TBC would like to purchase the 60 tables currently owned by the Unit for the sum of \$1,000. The payment for these tables would be made in 4 equal payments of \$250 over an 18 month period (June 30, 2010, Sept. 30, 2010, Dec. 31, 2010, and March 31, 2011). The tables would become the property of TBC when payments are completed.
- 2) TBC would use the tables at all times and agree to purchase new tables as necessary. TBC would provide insurance coverage for the tables.
- 3) TBC would use the tables for a period of 4 months and would then purchase tables of its own.

Darleen answered questions about the three options and made the board aware that she would need a decision 3 weeks prior to the opening of the new facility.

Darleen was excused while the board discussed the various options, and a vote was taken with the following result:

Option 1: 7 votes

Option 2: 3 votes

Option 3: 0 votes

Darleen was informed of the decision.

Bob Boggs suggested that the \$1,000 payment for the tables be placed in a special fund designated for the rent and/or purchase of new tables in the future as needed.

Paul Kobrin will draw up a contract between Unit 191 and Triangle Bridge Club stipulating that the tables will be paid for in 4 payments of \$250 as described above and that ownership of the tables will transfer to TBC as payments are made (1/4 with each payment).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Whitehurst, Secretary

AGENDA
ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, December 14, 2009
The Bridge Center

Call to Order

Welcome new Board Members

New Business:

Election of Officers for 2010

2010 Holiday Gala

Next Meeting

Adjournment

ACBL UNIT 191 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, December 14, 2009
The Bridge Center

The meeting was called to order by MJ Weeks at 4:45 pm.

The Board welcomed new members Maggie Lindquist and Marty Demko and returning Member Paul Kobrin.

Present: Ron Adams, Grada Arble, Bob Boggs, Harrison Brooke, Paul Kobrin, Maggie Lindquist, Stirling Haig, Marty Demko, Ken Dye, Sigrid Olin, and Patsy Whitehurst

Absent: Edy Bulthuis

New Business:

Election of Officers for 2010:

President: Marty Demko moved to re-elect Sigrid Olin as President. The motion was seconded by Harrison Brooke and passed on a unanimous vote.

Vice-President: Harrison Brooke

Secretary: Patsy Whitehurst

Treasurer: Paul Kobrin

NLM Tournament: Paul Morrisette and Ken Dye

July Sectional: Ron Adams

Membership: Harrison Brooke

Education: Stirling Haig

Holiday Gala: Grada Arble

Newsletter (Alert) Editor: Liz McGuffey

District Meeting Representatives: Ken Dye and Paul Kobrin

Disciplinary Chair: Ken Dye

Tournament and Unit Game Coordinator: Marty Demko

Webmaster: Jack Olin

Mentor/Mentee Program: Kay Richardson and Maggie Linsquist

Publicity: Darleen Bates

2010 Gala: Marty Demko moved that the Unit hold its 2010 Gala at the Sheraton on December 5, 2010. Stirling Haig seconded the motion and it passed.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 18, 2010 at the Bridge Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patsy Whitehurst, Secretary