
Unit 191 Board Minutes of Zoom Meeting on January 10, 2022

Members Present: Deanna Larus, Ian Cloudsdale, Phylliss Woody, Donna Walther, Ann Fisher, Karen Popovich, Chris Moll, Eric Hamilton, Barbara Bute, Gail King, Mary Newman. Henry Meguid in attendance. Absent: Paul Morrissette

Deanna Larus called the meeting to order at 4:25 pm.

First order of business was to inform the Board of Paul's stroke and that he is out indefinitely. If Paul is not back:

- 1) Deanna will chair the March tournament, Donna volunteered to assist. This is an appropriate time to ask non-board members to assist with the tournaments.

- 2) Deanna will ask Barbara Martin to help with the February issue of the Alert. We will re-evaluate in March, to include a conversation about the frequency of the Alert.

The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Phylliss presented the **membership report**. Membership is holding steady at 560. The Board agreed that accolades such as increases in rank should be added to the website. Please let Phylliss know if you become aware of any deaths among our membership. Since our last meeting Pearl Schechter died. We are also seeking confirmation that Laura Lind has died.

Mentor/mentee reported 18 pairs for the online game on January 7th.

The Board is granting approval to the mentor/mentee committee to evaluate and decide on a month-to-month basis whether the mentor/mentee game(s) should be F2F or online.

The Board also decided to not allow players outside our unit or community to play in our mentor/mentee games unless there is a need

for a mentor fill-in. The committee can certainly discuss this further and report back if there is disagreement.

A decision on the new charity for the mentor/mentee game will be made at the February meeting.

November Sectional Wrap-Up:

Total profit: \$730.14 (detailed report in Suzie Goldberg's year end report minus gift costs to Marie)

Chris presented gift basket and check to Marie Killoran as a thank you for her hard work at the tournament. Chris reported that she was most pleased at this gesture. It was mentioned that Marie will be with us again at the March tournament (so a good move on our part to thank her in this manner).

The **Annual Meeting** needs to be scheduled. We should try for a zoom meeting at the end of February. It serves as a review of the previous fiscal year which runs 12/1-11/30.

Ian presented the **Treasurer's Report:** all in email sent to members
Dec. expenses \$164.24; Dec income \$1135.80
December balance \$23886.90

There is need to approve a budget for 2022. Deanna presented a preliminary draft but we all agreed it is hard to plan for anything beyond fixed expenses when we don't know how long we will be in pandemic mode. Hopefully by the February meeting, we will have more insight/clues as to how the year may play out and we can make some informed decisions about social events like the holiday gala.

The Board approved a motion to move the financials to the members only section on the website.

Member Comments:

December was highest number of F2F tables at TBA. Omicron is here in force so January may well see numbers fall back quite a bit. Fingers crossed that the peak will have passed and February and March will be much better in terms of F2F numbers.

It would serve us well to keep expectations realistic for the March tournament....maybe 60-65% of the November attendance? It would be a happy surprise if we did better than that!!

The Board agreed that it would be a fantastic idea to look into having a central repository for all board documents. Ian agreed to make sure the board materials is deposited into this repository.

Karen Popovich was sought out and asked to serve on the Raleigh Bridge Club board. This board did not see a problem or any conflict of interest with her serving on both boards.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 14th. TBD whether it be via Zoom or will follow the F2F game.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.