

FINAL....Approved at meeting on 5/16/2022

Unit 191 Board

Minutes of Meeting on April 11, 2022

Members Present: Deanna Larus, Ian Cloudsdale, Phylliss Woody, Ann Fisher, Karen Popovich, Chris Moll, Gail King, Barbara Bute, Eric Hamilton, and unit member Janet Strope

Members Absent: Mary Newman, Paul Morrissette, Donna Walther

Deanna called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm.

Ian submitted the Treasurer's report prior to the meeting.

Deanna told the board that Janet Strope is our new Brightleaf Alert editor. We are grateful for her help. The content of the Alert is up to the board. We should send Janet our items for the Alert at least one week in advance of publication. The Alert usually goes out to the membership around the first of each month. A discussion of Member Spotlights ensued. Next month the member spotlight will be about Barry Deutsch. Janet's email address is stropejanet@gmail.com.

Deanna and Chris reported that the spring sectional was disappointing in terms of turnout, partly due to other nearby tournaments the previous weekends. We do not expect the summer and fall sectionals to have a turnout problem. Gail is learning the procedure for scheduling tournaments for our unit. Currently Chris is our only member who fully understands the scheduling process.

Ray McEntee has agreed to be the partnership chair for the upcoming summer sectional but has told us that this will be his last tournament to hold that position. We will need a new partnership chair for the fall sectional.

Deanna brought up that Marian Meyer and Beverly Craig would like the board to encourage more participation from future life masters. The board discussed ways to draw this group back to the game. Ideas included:

1. Should we offer mentor/mentee games during the summer?
2. Should we advertise guaranteed partners?
3. Should we offer free passes?
4. Should we offer a special limited game on Saturdays?

The board also requested that Chris and Henry make a plan for teaching at the club. The board wants to promote this plan within our current membership and to encourage newer and intermediate bridge players to stay in the game. The board discussed adding lessons for specific conventions back into the mentor/mentee games. The board also suggested scheduling lessons to help the membership fill out the new convention cards when they become available.

The board then discussed the Annual Meeting. It was decided that the Annual Meeting would be on Monday, May 9 immediately following the game. Details to follow. What announcements need to be made at the meeting?

The mentor/mentee game is scheduled for this Friday evening (April 15).

Chris made the motion that “The board president may approve any one-time expense under \$100 without any other approval”. The board approved this motion.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Fisher on behalf of Mary Newman