
Unit 191 Board Minutes of Meeting on May 16, 2022

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

Deanna Larus called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm.

First order of business was to inform the Board that Paul made an appearance at the Mini McKinney/Ace of Clubs awards ceremony and for the annual meeting prior to today's game. It was wonderful to see him!

Janet Strobe was introduced at the annual meeting as the new editor of The Alert. Please get any items you wish to appear in the next issue to Janet at least a week prior to the first of the month.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved once the spelling of "Myer" is corrected to "Meyer."

The Financial Report was approved. Ian said the unit is OK financially but we should be prepared for another loss from the July sectional especially if there is another Covid surge. We may be able to glean some information about people's willingness to participate in F2F tournaments from next week's regional in Raleigh.

Phylliss submitted the membership committee report via email. The unit membership stands at 552. The most exciting news is having a new Grand Life Master amongst our ranks.....congratulations to our very own Chris Moll!!!!

Phylliss Woody, Membership Chair

There is agreement to delay a decision on the December gala to the September Board meeting, hoping that we will be better informed as to Covid at that time and the membership's willingness to participate in an in-person social activity. Today's game had a total of 12 tables, the high so far since the club's re-opening.

Eric suggested that we store old issues of The Alert on the bookcase at TBA. A motion was made, seconded and passed to do so and to reimburse Barbara Martin up to \$250 for the binders and sleeves she had purchased.

Kudos to Ann for the new and BEAUTIFUL bulletin board. Information for the board needs to be changed frequently so that folks get used to checking it for the most up-to-date club news.

There was a discussion about the upcoming special election for the Region 6-District 7 Director left vacant by the death of Mike Kovacich. Chris gave us a brief outline of the recent reorganization which has reduced the previous 25 districts to 13 regions. We were District 7 and now are Region 6. Chris told us what he knew about the four nominees for the position. To date there is no information available to help us with our decision-making on the candidates. Hopefully, ACBL will have something on the website before voting starts on June 1. This Board has decided to delay our voting until our June 13th meeting, hoping to having more information on the candidates, maybe even inviting them to a Zoom meeting. Voting ends on June 15th.

Marc Goldberg sent a letter to Richard Brown, the District President, asking the ACBL to stop awarding bonus points in online games. It is imperative that we do what we can to increase attendance in clubs, not reward those playing online.

Mentor/mentee: There will be one online game per month during the summer beginning in May. It will be held the third Friday of the month (except for July...to be held July 11th instead...) at 7:00 pm.

The Board soon may be looking for a new mentor-mentee chair as Ed Fuller may be ready to “retire.”

The **Summer Sectional** will be held at TBA from July 7th through July 10th. The committee includes Gail King, Ann Fisher, and Deanna Larus.

The **Nominating Committee** will begin its work in June. The committee consists of Deanna Larus, Gail King, and Karen Popovich. We will need two additional people from the membership to serve on the committee.

A mention was made about having a social event at the club towards the end of June. Ann Fisher volunteered to speak with Robin Marin as to her interest and availability in helping with this. This needs follow-up between now and the June meeting.

The next meeting will be on June 13th.

Today’s meeting was adjourned at 4:45

Submitted by Mary Newman