
Unit 191 Board Minutes of Meeting on July 26, 2022

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

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

The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

From the Treasurer: Ian submitted the **Treasurer's Report** via email. It showed a loss of just under \$1200 from the July sectional.

Phylliss submitted the **Membership Committee** report via email. The unit membership decreased to 550. Eileen Bok earned her Life Master, Leslie Blair, Renee Getz and Joyce Herr their Bronze Life Master, Charles Marshall his Silver Life Master, Clay Hamner his Gold Life Master and Suzanne Goldberg her Sapphire Life Master. Sadly, there was one death to report: Harold Burch.

Deanna distributed a handout showing the actual income and expenses and the resulting profit/loss from the three sectional tournaments held at Triangle Bridge Academy. Only the November tournament showed a profit where the turnout was much higher than anticipated whereas both March and July had disappointing attendance. There had been an expectation of better attendance in July but we saw only six more total tables than in March. This could be due to summer travel, the mask requirement, or general reluctance for F2F play in the era of Covid.

The Board talked at length about the November 10-13 tournament and it was decided to proceed with plans for the tournament with an eye towards cost-saving measures. It is not viable for the Unit to continue running three tournaments a year if they all operate at a loss so we voted

to raise the entry fee to \$13 (Regionals are raising their fees), and thought is being given to cutting back on hospitality expenses, asking for donations of food and money from the membership, renegotiating the room rental to more of a sliding scale based on the number of tables (Chris left the room for this discussion), all the while increasing publicity. It is guesstimated that the break-even point is 130 -135 tables; March had 106, July 112. We need more bodies at the tables especially from our own unit where we were sadly underrepresented in July.

Karen and Barbara volunteered to form a “theme” committee, planning to come up with ideas for some unit fund-raising.

The **Nominating Committee** is gearing up. The committee consists of Gail King (chair), Karen Popovich, and Barbara Bute. They will add two non-Board members and Deanna will serve as an ex-officio member. Barbara will have something for Janet Strobe this week to put into the August issue of **The Alert** making people aware that the Board is seeking persons who would be interested in serving on the Board and having their names put forth to a vote by the membership. We would like to be able to publish bios of all nominees in the September issue of **The Alert**.

The next meeting will be via **ZOOM** on Monday, September 12th at 4:15 pm

Today’s meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm

Submitted by Mary Newman

