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## **Unit 191 Board**

### **Minutes of Zoom Meeting on 9/12/2022**

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

Deanna Larus called the meeting to order at 4:30.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Ian submitted the **Treasurer's Report** in advance via email. The Board voted to approve the report as written. The report shows that we currently are running at a loss of ~ \$1400, due entirely to expenses exceeding income for both sectionals. But even with that loss, we still maintain a positive bank balance of over \$20,000. It should also be noted that the \$5 mentor/mentee subsidy will add to the expected expenditures this fall.

Phylliss submitted the **Membership Committee** report via email. The unit membership decreased to 547. Reece Shuler earned his Life Master, Kamal Das his Silver Life Master, Deanna Larus her Gold Life Master and Jim Cunningham his Sapphire Life Master.

Chris brought to our attention that we need to nominate someone by mid-February for the Goodwill Committee. The award is for 2022 but will be given in 2023.

Ian volunteered to write up an explanation of the NAP/GNT so that the Board will be more fully informed on these ACBL contests.

Chris made the observation the attendance at Regional tournaments is picking up but sadly that is not the case at the local club level.

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The Board voted to accept the proposal from the **Mentor/Mentee Committee**: that there will be M/M games twice a month, F-2-F on the first Tuesday of the month and an online game on the third Wednesday of the month. There will be a mini-lesson before the Tuesday game to be taught by Chris or by an approved (by Chris) group of “teacher volunteers.” There is a plan to kick off the year with a Unit funded luncheon before the October F-to-F game. There is consensus to continue to contributing to charity but there is some question as to whether we want a new charity. We plan to revisit that topic in October.

Gail reported for the **Nominating Committee** that they have four candidates for the new class of Board members. This includes Phylliss who has agreed to run again, but not Chris who has yet to make a decision on that front.

The discussion then turned to mechanisms to save on expenses during the November sectional. Deanna reported that she and Ann met with Henry to renegotiate the room rental contract and that a mutually satisfactory compromise was reached. It reflects a sliding scale:

less than 120 tables = \$2000 plus \$7 per table fee  
120-134 tables = \$2250 plus \$7 per table fee  
more than 135 tables = \$2500 plus \$7 per table fee

It was also restated that sectional entry fees would increase to \$13, kitchen help would not be hired and that we would rely on volunteers from the Board or the Unit for that function, and that we would once again solicit food and monetary donations from the membership all to help defray expenses.

Phylliss argued passionately that we need to find ways to get Unit 191 members to play in our sectionals. We are terribly underrepresented when compared to other units. Eric brought up the idea of cash incentives to increase tournament attendance and volunteered to pursue this train of thought.

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The next meeting will be on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 3:45 PM.

Today's meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm

Submitted by Mary Newman