

Unit 191 Board Minutes of Zoom Meeting on 10/10/2022

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

We are set to have our Fall Sectional, November 10 – November 13 at the Triangle Bridge Academy. Deanna asked board members to remind unit members at games of the upcoming tournament and to tell people we are looking for volunteers. There are sign-up sheets at the club for volunteering to help with registration and food donations. Deanna also wants to announce the tournament at games at the Governor's Club and Ferringington.

Please encourage people to play and contact Chris if you need a partner. We discussed whether 749'ers could play in the 749'er game if they are a life master.

We discussed how to have people pay for lunch during Swiss Teams on Sunday and who is going to manage that. Deanna spoke with a member of the recent sectional tournament in Raleigh, and they overspent by estimating the number of lunches that would need. So, we may stick with having people pay and sign up for lunch as we have done in the past.

We also discussed whether to have arm bands for tournament registrants and the consensus was that it is not necessary at this time.

Eric and Phylliss have volunteered to be guaranteed partners. We are looking for guaranteed partners for all sessions – open and limited.

The Fall 2021 tournament was successful in that we did not run a deficit. The first two tournaments in 2022 have incurred deficits of over 1k. We are hoping to not incur a deficit in this tournament. We operate the unit for the benefit of the members.

Karen and Barbara will meet to brainstorm ideas for fund raising for the unit.

Questions were asked about whether we should continue to have 3 sectionals each year, or even consider combining Raleigh and Durham sectionals. We also discussed the spacing of the tournaments.

We then discussed the mentoring program. The lesson that Marc gave at the F2F mentor/mentee game was a success and Ian will give a lesson next time. There was a discussion about when serve lunch, and what lunch expenses we can expect.

Donna would like to stick with sending our charity money from this game to the food bank. Maybe do special event next year at Alzheimer's ACBL event in June (the Longest Day). The board voted to continue donating charity donations to the Eastern North Carolina Food Bank. We have been donating \$3 from each pair in the online mentor/mentee game to this charity.

Treasurer's Report – No change since last month. Ian has not yet received request for reimbursement of expenses for the mentor/mentee games. We will pay Chris for subsidies for mentors which is \$5 /pr for F2F game.

Deanna asked if we wanted to have a holiday celebration this year. Ian mentioned having a potluck. Or we could sell tickets and bring in a catered meal. December 11 was proposed as the date for the gala. Deanna will approach Chris and Henry about using the club and see what kind of arrangement we are going to come up with it. Ian, Deanna, and Karen have volunteered to help with the gala.

Ian asked when a good time would be to send out information about GNT tournaments if the current tournament cycle for this year has ended. When the time is right next year, he will develop an article for the Alert about GNT tournaments, so our unit members have a better understanding.

The board is looking for ways to incentivize members to play F2F. Should we have money prizes? More social events? Maybe a speaker between sessions at a sectional?

Our board elections begin November 1. Paper ballots are available from Ann Fisher.

If you have a complaint about a member's behavior at a game, you need to talk to the director immediately.

Our next board meeting will be November 14 at 3:30 PM following the game.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Fisher on behalf of Mary Newman.