

**Minutes Unit 191 Board of Directors
January 16, 2023**

Present: Barbara Bute, Ira Mueller, Bill Ingram, Ann Fisher, Mary Newman, Janet Strope, Ian Cloudsdale, Phylliss Woody, Gail King, Deanna Larus (by phone)

Absent: Eric Hamilton, Karen Popovich

1. Ira Mueller was welcomed to the board as replacement for Lori Scanga who resigned due to conflicts with her work schedule.
2. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of December 7, 2022
Approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Fiscal year 2022
Lost money in both spring and summer sectionals
Small profit in November
Outstanding -
 close out of the Gala expenses
 close out mentor mentee expenses from 2022 - (waiting on Chris Moll)
 - b. Proposed 2023 budget
There was discussion about reduction of hospitality expenses at Sectional tournaments
4. Membership Report provided to members prior to meeting
Small decrease in overall membership.
5. March Sectional
Deanna is serving as Tournament Chair
Maggie Lindquist agreed to act as Partnership Chair
6. Tournament Schedule update
Summer may be cancelled if Bridge Academy not available
Question on dates in 2025 due to conflict with Greenville Gail to follow up
7. Henry Meguid reported on issues with Triangle Bridge Academy
They have been consistently losing money due to low table count. They are averaging fewer than 30 tables per week, hoping for a minimum of 45. He is looking at the possibility starting a separate limited game as much of the decline in participation is among this group. If participation doesn't improve, he is negotiating with the landlord to reduce the space being rented to just 1 room.
8. There was discussion after Henry left about how participation could be increased. It was agreed that emphasis needs to focus on the C players. It was agreed to do a survey of unit

members to determine what could be done to encourage players to return. Ian, Janet, and Barbara will work on this.

9. Mentor/Mentee Discussion

Apparently a recent MM game was combined with an open game as there were insufficient tables for the open game. Due to concerns expressed it was agreed that this should not happen again in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm

Next meeting scheduled for February 13