

Minutes Unit 191 Board of Directors
April 10, 2023

Present: Eric Hamilton, Phylliss Woody, Ira Mueller, Ian Cloudsdale, Bill Ingram, Ann Fisher, Deanna Laurus, Janet Strobe, Karen Popovich, Gail King
Absent: Barbara Bute, Mary Newman

It was moved and supported to accept the minutes of March 13.
Approved unanimously.

Ian reported there was account balance of \$24,700. He will send detailed financial information to board members for approval via email.

Guest: Chris Moll

Chris spoke to the Board about his future plans. As of June 1, 2023, he will no longer be working regularly at Triangle Bridge Academy.

In June 2021, "The Triangle Bridge Club" and "The Bridge Academy" combined as "The Triangle Bridge Academy" for the purpose of marketing. They continued as two separate businesses sharing expenses. The hope was that in-person bridge would return to pre-pandemic levels and with reduced costs they would find success. That has not happened. He said that both clubs have consistently lost money in the past year.

He said it is time for him to make a change. So he has announced his plans. From now until the end of May he will direct his normal schedule and teach Visualization classes on Thursdays at 10am through the end of May. He said that he plans to continue running his BBO games on Mondays and Wednesday evenings at 7pm on BBO.

He will continue to be involved in the bridge community on both the Unit, District and National levels but just not at the club level. He has offered to continue to serve as Unit 191's representative to District 7 and stated that he will always be just a phone call or text away if the Unit needs help.

At this time, he plans to stay in the area and continue as a member of Unit 191 but acknowledges that it is possible that may change in the future. Members of the Board thanked him for all of his contributions to our bridge community and wished him well.

Ann Fisher informed him that he has been chosen as the 2023 Hall of Fame Award recipient and that this award will be announced at the Annual Meeting and Awards celebration planned for Wednesday May 17 at 11:30am. He thanked us and said that he will try to attend.

Guest: Henry Meguid

Henry Meguid presented his ideas about Triangle Bridge Academy after June 1st. He plans to continue to run the Triangle Bridge Academy in its current location emphasizing that he needs 38-42 tables per week to break even and that means adding 10 tables per week. He recognized that publicity and communication to Unit members has been a problem for TBC since the club reopened. He plans to address this. He requested the unit support his efforts by holding at least two sectionals each year at TBC, hosting quarterly special events such as pot-lucks and parties. He plans to continue offering games Monday through Saturday except for

Thursday. He pointed out that he needs directors to help him. He plans to move the mentoring program to Wednesdays for both in person and online competitions. He also plans two other special events involving a workshop by Barbara Seagram on September 23 and another program associated with "Learn Bridge in a Day" at a date to be determined shortly. He is currently thinking about an August date. The Board also discussed with him the need for a partnership desk to help pair players together at club games and the results of the January survey - stressing the need for opportunities for limited games.

Members were reminded of the need to promote the rewards ceremony scheduled for May 17

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The next meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 8