Unit 191 Board Meeting Agenda September 11, 2023

Present: Ann Fisher, Deanna Larus (by phone), Ian Cloudsdale, Phylliss Woody, Ira Mueller, Mary Newman, Janet Strope, Gail King, Eric Hamilton, Bill Ingram, Karen Popovich **Absent**: Barbara Bute, **Guest**: Michael Lavine

Minutes

It was moved and supported to approve the minutes of July 17. Approved unanimously.

Financial Report

Ian presented the current treasurer's report. He reported charity, website fees, TV+BA, and for year use of printer \$180 have been paid.

Outstanding are a couple of free plays from sectional, and how to handle the free play for providing the guaranteed partner for the Sat <750 game. There needs to be a mechanism to account for providing free plays for guaranteed partners and do this going forward.

It was moved and supported to approve the financial report. Approved unanimously.

Unit 191 Nominating Committee

Bill reported that the Unit 191 Nominating Committee met on September 9. Members present were Bill Ingram (co-chair) Maggie Lindquist and Ray McEntee. Members Gail King and co-chair Karen Popovich provided Bill with proxy votes.

At the meeting, the committee unanimously endorsed the following slate of candidates for three-year terms on the Unit 191 board, beginning January 1, 2024:

Ian Cloudsdale Ann Reesman Fisher Eric Hamilton Deanna Larus

All four candidates have expressed their willingness to serve on the board.

Ed Fuller has agreed to assist with electronic voting beginning November 1, 2023.

Membership Report

Phylliss provided the membership report prior to the meeting. There are 532 members as of September 1

Betsy Schopler, a regular in our evening games (Triangle Bridge-Parkwood) passed away on July 26th. The plans for her celebration are to be held at the Seymour Center on Homestead Road in Chapel Hill from October 1st 11:30-2:00. Bobby Schopler (Son of Betsy)

Tournaments Update

The Spring Sectional is scheduled for February 2/15 - 2/18. Henry will host a NLM sectional in March.

October Potluck

It was agreed to hold our next quarterly potluck on October 20. The next will be the holiday gala in December.

Mentee/Mentor Games Discussion

It was agreed to continue the current F2F as scheduled for month on the 2nd Tuesday each month.

The evening online schedule conflicts with online games hosted by Chris on MW and Raleigh on TTh. Several alternatives were discussed, including encouraging M/M to play one additional time per month in person or online. It was agreed to poll current mentees and mentors for their interest in online or once a month Saturday game.

It was moved and supported to continue F2F on 2nd second Tuesday and to send an email survey to mentees and mentors with options for online or Saturday and whether interest for team games.

Approved unanimously.

It was moved and supported to authorize payment for food if requested by the committee. Approved unanimously.

Limited Games Update

It was reported that a grass roots group has met to encourage eligible players to play in limited games. They are providing winners coupons to play.

Note: Barbara Seagram at TBA on Saturday, September 23

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 Next meeting schedules for October 9.