

Unit 191 Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024

Present: Michael Lavine, Phylliss Woody, Ira Mueller, Barbara Bute, Ann Fisher, Bill Ingram, Mary Newman

Absent: Ian Cloudsdale, Deanna Larus, Gail King, Eric Hamilton

The August Minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Ian sent an email with the latest financial status to all board members prior to the meeting. The board decided to defer approval of the report until the October meeting, when Ian will be present.

The Membership Report was distributed to board members.

Fall Tournament: Deanna discussed needs for the upcoming tournament, November 7 – 10. Henry is offering to let the unit use his tables free of charge. We are renting or buying the remaining necessary supplies from the ACBL with Marie's help. Ian has offered to transport tables to the new tournament location and will need help for getting them there and returning them to TBA. Deanna is considering options for lunch as the new location is not readily amenable to eating establishments that are close by. Unit members helping with hospitality will meet at Old Murphey School sometime prior to the tournament to review the facilities, including the kitchen.

Nominations: Bill Ingram is working on the nominating committee and our new slate of officers. Several unit members have expressed interest and we plan to confirm the new slate at our October meeting. Ann Fisher brought up the idea of whether the board needs to continue to have 12 members, as required by our by-laws. The board voted to keep the current board membership at 12 members for 2025 and review this policy before our next election cycle.

Mentor Mentee Update: The MM Committee has expanded and has put together a format for 2 monthly games – Tier I and Tier II. Tier II games have no master point limits. Tier I games are geared to accommodate players with fewer masterpoints (mentees <250 and mentors <500). Exceptions can be made by the committee chair, Michael Lavine.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2024 following the Open Game

Respectfully submitted by,

Ann Fisher