

Unit 191 “Brightleaf” Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2026

Present–Phylliss, Deanna, Michael, Morris, Eric, Ray, Ann, Ira

Absent–Mary, Ian

President Report:

1. Review of Awards Ceremony/Luncheon–What can we do better next year? *Suggestion to acknowledge new players or players who have recently returned, or increased in rank.*
2. Search for Associate Web Master & Assistant Lead of MM program (more on this later);
3. Annual Meeting 4/20 **Next Monday revised to 5 pm**, Zoom link sent to Ann;
4. Bulletin Board

Treasurer Report: Mentor Mentee subsidy of \$620 to be paid. Overall Q to date negative by 149.20. Ending balance 27,332.02 includes outstanding income minus liabilities

Membership Report: 456 members. A few new members joined our list. Deanna is exploring the Sapphire program– a way to give sapphire points for various things until able to accumulate black and other points. A pat on the back program. Deanna working on a new member letter. We will refer newbies looking for game partners to Henry. Henry has invited recent OLLI grads to join ACBL. The recent grads may be good candidates for the MM online game. Deanna going to send welcome letter to all new Unit members since Jan, and give a similar letter for Henry to hopefully send to his students.

Accept Minutes of Prior Meeting: yes

Items:

Updates/Old Business:

1. Summer Sectional Update including Assistant Director discussion

This week we should get confirmation of the venue. We need to rent the chairs soon (wedding season). They will be delivered and picked up. Mary and Ira are all set to work w Susan Overcash. A lot will be happening with Marie betw now and June1, so all will be done. All Board members who will not be present send an email to Deanna.

2. Request ACBL to Move Summer Sectional 2027 to June (Ira) June date would not compete with the Summer Nationals. Needs a Vote: Moved/seconded **Voted in the affirmative for June 24-27, 2027 unanimous**

3. Unit Activities Follow Up: [Unit 191 Board Activities Planning Feb'26](#)

4. Free Plays for Mentees? Free plays for other situations such as OLLI grads, Duke Students– Desire to expand the pool of new players
Duke students may not be Unit members
Revisit after seeing which newer players show up in July
Hugon is primary liaison to Duke

5. Mentor Mentee game. Wed evening game has low turnout lately. Question–how to find out why turnout is declining. Want to have three tables. This week there are only 5 persons signed up. This week will be canceled, and with that notice Michael will ask for feedback.

New Business:

1. Proposal: For the Alert–Games/Tournaments Reporter? Board Member Blurbs? (Ray) A social oriented column. The role of the Director. Interesting Rules questions. Interesting hands. Spotlight on a player. What's great about being on the Board. Focus on newer players rather than on Board members. Do we have a member who could interview folks and write up a few paragraphs.

Action Items: Confirm Sectional venue location–Deanna

Finalize Board Activities Planning spreadsheet–Morris

Finalize moving 2027 Summer Sectional w ACBL–Ira

Update your intentions re being present/absent for summer sectional by email to Deanna–ALL

Next Meeting: Monday May 4 after the regular game

Going forward will send minutes and agenda separately closer to the actual meeting date.

Adjourn: 1650