

Unit 191 September 2026

“Bright Leaf” Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: September 14, 2026

Present—Michael, Ira, Mary, Morris Eric, Phylliss, Ray, Ann; Ian & Deanna on merged phone call

Absent—none

President Report: no report

Treasurer Report: Account balances are accurate, free plays and one uncashed check to TBA outstanding

Membership: No report

Accept Minutes of Prior Meeting: accepted

Updates/Old Business:

1. Mentor Mentee Program Update 1. The move from Tues to Wed—letter to participants was sent, then Henry proposed this change. Discussed whether to have the open game along side the Wed MM game. Pushback led to side to side by side games. Some folks cannot attend on Wed, but same for Tues. It is Henry’s club. The timing was unfortunate for the Unit mentoring program. Some advanced players don’t want to mentor and give up an open game. Why wasn’t this discussed at the board level? Upset about Henry’s approach to the Unit. Not seeing a clear long term plan—what’s down the road? Very frustrating to be sending out messages only to have everything changed one day later. Makes us look bad. Is Henry going to cancel or end Wed AM supervised play early enough to allow MM to go forward. How will conversations at MM tables affect the open table play? Logistics of the room and the play/scoring are unclear. We have to be prepared for a few messy weeks... Tier 2 personal relationship w Mentees could be broken—seconded several times.

2. TBA Schedule Change Concerns about the potential damage to the program, should the unit board move the game to a different location back on Tues. Can manage

the excess mentees to mentors with a different individual rainbow movement. Some support for the standardized convention card. Are there ACBL rules for restricting conventions in master point games? Will the new model work? Yes or No? How do participants feel? How does the new model work in a room with an open game? Should we use this interim time to explore moving the game? Will ask Michael to keep the board abreast of player feedback. In the meanwhile proceed with current program in the current time slot, while searching for a new venue, or work out the Thursday AM time slot.

3. Recruitment of Board members for Dec Election Ann, Eric, Ian, Deanna going off. Need to elect 3 to get to nine members. Ian prefers not to re-up. Need one or two. Eric and Ann are willing to re-up. Any advantage to having a member who plays primarily at another club? After Oct Alert will start asking prospects.

4. November Sectional—The sectional flyer—**approved**—Will have 499er games AM and PM—how it was before COVID. Do we want to have a 499 Swiss on Sunday—do we want to keep advertising a single session game?

5. AED for TBA—very brief discussion. ACBL provides no insurance for club games. This is a building or club responsibility. Not a Unit responsibility.

New Business:

1. Checking Account – tabled til next mtg

Next Meeting: Monday Oct 5

Adjourn: 17:10