

**North State Unit 119  
Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 8, 2011, Whispering Pines, NC**

John Markey, President, called the meeting to order and thanked Glen Eyer and the Sandhills area for hosting the meeting and for the outstanding meeting facility.

Attendees: Ann Pozdol, Sandhills, Glen Eyer, Sandhills, Joyce Patton, Fayetteville, Paul Johnson, Smithfield, Emily Vaughn, Morehead City, Jan Davis, Morehead City, Judith Bloomer, Raleigh, Beth Kenney, Fayetteville, Sue Kimball, Fayetteville, David Rogers, Sandhills, and John Markey, Raleigh.

There were no minutes for the Morehead City meeting; however, John Markey circulated a brief summary shortly after the meeting.

The board approved the filing of the financial report.

Old business:

- A number of members commented favorably on the annual membership meeting in Morehead City.
- Board members were reminded to wear their nametags at clubs and tournaments.
- John Markey and Lee Johnson agreed on remuneration of one free play per month for Lee's work on the rank advancement cards.
- Beth Kenney gave a report on her progress on a unit policy manual that summarizes policies from minutes of the past five years. She hopes to complete the first draft in time for the Greenville meeting. John Markey thanked her for her progress to date.
- David Rogers gave a report on the work of the task force that was formed to propose guidelines for Goodwill Committee nominees (see below). John Markey thanked the task force for its outstanding work. The guidelines were very well received by the board and were approved unanimously. The approved guidelines follow:

1. Nominees should be exemplary "ambassadors for the game of bridge". This should in no way be a reflection of technical ability, but rather a reflection of the individual's love for the game and their desire to promote bridge at all levels.

2. Nominees should be actively involved in the mentoring of newer players as well as involvement in local club activities and local tournaments.

3. Nominees should present themselves exceptionally well at the table, especially in their adherence to Zero Tolerance Policies, their friendliness to newcomers and strangers and in their adherence to the highest ethical standards of the game.

4. Nominees should have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the game of bridge and will have reflected the above mentioned qualities for an extended period. In the event that two

or more nominees have similarly positive attributes, the nominees' overall length of contribution should be considered as a significant factor in arriving at a final determination.

- John Markey summarized several options that are under consideration for determining representation on the unit board. About half of the board was in favor of the current method (where areas are defined around existing bridge clubs and the number of representatives is based on the number of members in that area) and about half was in favor of a method where the unit is divided into 4, 5 or 6 geographic areas and each area receives equal numbers of representatives. These two plans will be presented in more detail at the Greenville meeting.

New business:

- Attendees at the District 7 meeting in Charleston reported on the meeting. The two bylaws proposals were approved. Eldon Clayman was elected Treasurer. D7 has increased the GNT subsidy to \$800 per player on the winning team in each strat. MABC has purchased electronic scoring devices for use in tournaments. These can be rented for fifty cents per pairs table.
- With the change in the number of D7 representatives from 6 to 4, we were asked to submit a list of our voting representatives for 2011. The board agreed to select representatives from different areas of our unit. The board approved the following representatives: John Markey, Raleigh, David Rogers, Sandhills, Sue Kimball, Fayetteville, and Jan Davis, Coastal Carolina.
- Paul Johnson reported that the first unit charity game would benefit Cumberland County. Timing will be announced shortly.
- The board approved the nomination of Betty Wilkins of Goldsboro and Cathy Mullins of Raleigh to the District 7 Goodwill Committee. John Markey is maintaining a list of Goodwill nominees, and nominations can be made at any time, so email him if your area would like to nominate someone. This year's goodwill dinner will be during the Charlotte Regional.
- The board approved the reimbursement of the cost of the goodwill dinner for each of the unit's four District 7 voting representatives (or their substitutes who attend the dinner) who are not goodwill appointees (goodwill appointees attend the dinner for free).

The next meeting will be on April 9 in Greenville. Most of the meeting will be devoted to ideas for investing in bridge development. The final meeting of 2011 will be in October in Raleigh. Bob Heller will attend the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.