

This is a report of the Unit 119 board meeting held on October 8, 2011 at the Raleigh Sectional.

1. There were no minutes of the Greenville meeting in April.
2. Sue Reeve presented the Treasurer's Report. Receipts were \$2,544 and expenditures were \$2,970. Total cash on hand is \$14,969.
3. We discussed sectional scheduling and conflicts between regionals and sectionals at length. The Charlotte 2011 Regional forced Morehead City to move its 2011 sectional one week earlier on the calendar and then a certified director course was scheduled on top of the new weekend due to critical director shortages in several areas in the district. With the move of the Williamsburg Regional from January to February, the Raleigh February 16-19, 2012 sectional is now sandwiched between two regionals (Hilton Head Feb 6 to 12 and Williamsburg February 20-27, 2012). Soon, the MABC will have 13 regionals a year, packing an already tight tournament calendar even tighter. District Director Bob Heller attended the meeting and he noted that, unfortunately for sectionals, regionals trump sectionals when it comes to scheduling.
4. We discussed plans for a second Sandhills NLM in early June. Concern was expressed about the September Sandhills NLM tournament being scheduled for the weekend directly after the Southern Pines tournament. Tournament organizers for the NLM preferred to "piggyback" onto the Southern Pines sectional. Southern Pines tournament organizers were concerned that this reduced 299er attendance at their tournament. The board's view was that this was a local issue and asked locals to try and reach an agreement as to scheduling.
5. We elected officers for 2012-2013:  
  
President, John Markey  
  
Vice President, David Rogers  
  
Secretary, Sue Reeve  
  
Treasurer, Sue Reeve  
  
Recording Secretary, Nancy Thompson
6. The President challenged every area of the unit to:
  - a. Start a new game that caters to players who don't currently play duplicate (country clubs, senior centers, senior living facilities, etc.).
  - b. Start a junior bridge program (consider starting with home schoolers).
  - c. Start a junior bridge game.
  - d. Start a newcomer bridge program.

7. The board approved a proposal to reimburse the cost of ACBL memberships given to students who complete a 16-hour school bridge lesson program. A student membership with paper copies of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin is \$15 per year currently.
8. The board briefly discussed the social duplicate game held at the Atlanta Regional and whether we should hold a similar event at the Unit 119 Regional in May.
9. Bob Heller responded to questions from board members in the latter portion of the meeting. He also noted that District 7 has money available for junior bridge programs (start-up expenses, bridge lesson programs, etc.).