

Minutes of Unit 231 Board Meeting  
(January 15, 2019)

The Board met on January 15, 2019, at 4:30 pm. Attending were Irene Jacobs, Bob Schulman, Richard Huber, Doug Althouse, Chuck Bricken and Rich Rio.

Irene provided a Treasurer's Report. Expenses from 11/28/18 to 1/16/19 were \$626.19. Total Cash on Hand is \$8,339.84.

The purpose of this board meeting was to discuss/approve/or reject the idea of having a Unit Championship Game at the Brambleton Center in Roanoke. The reason for holding the game in Roanoke is to promote duplicate bridge in the area, create a fun event for members of the Unit and, hopefully, grow the Roanoke Club. The discussion was quite open and honest. While the location is good for Roanoke and Martinsville, Bluefield players will find it difficult to attend. At least two tables of players from Bluefield would normally like to attend a unit game.

Two serious issues were discussed at some length. First, we need to have the Roanoke Club make a significant commitment to supporting the game. Specifically, the Roanoke players will need to take responsibility for setup, clean up, and the food. The unit will pay up to \$400 for the food; but, ordering, delivery, setup and drinks will be the responsibility of the Roanoke Club. Doug Althouse agreed to be the catalyst for getting the team leaders and support for these tasks. We also agreed that, like the Holiday Game, we would ask for donations from those who would not be bringing food.

Second, a Unit Game in Roanoke is also a big inconvenience for Richard Huber. His round trip distance is over 200 miles, taking about 4-5 hours. If we intend to use Bridgemates for both the Open and 0-99 games, Richard and Bev Impara will need to combine their equipment. Understandably, Richard is concerned about loaning his equipment to anyone without his oversight. Richard agreed to talk to Bev about running the games.

The basement of the Brambleton Center is not the ideal place to hold the game. The center has tables and chairs and is big enough for the number of tables anticipated. However, the room is dark, feels like a basement and is expensive.

The Board attendees agreed to hold the Unit Game in Roanoke pending having Roanoke players volunteer to handle the food and setup/tear down. It was decided that holding the Unit Game in Roanoke would be a one time event.

Rich Rio will create a flyer for electronic distribution to ACBL members in the region.

Submitted by:

Rich Rio.