

Minutes  
Meeting of Unit 231 Board of Directors  
June 2, 2021

The Board of Directors for Unit 231 met via Zoom on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. John Markey, Unit President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Roll call. PRESENT: John Markey, Doug Althouse, Irene Jacobs, Carole Spencer, Rich Rio, Richard Huber, Chuck Bricken, Susan Bricken, Tom Newland, Teresa Hall, Sally Kizer, Necia Evans; Newly inducted Board Members: Carol Robey, Bev Impara, Preston Collins, and Tom Gilpin; Special Guest: Betty Wise.

Actions of the Board:

1. Approved the following new board members: Preston Collins (Roanoke Valley), Tom Gilpin (Mercer County), Bev Impara (Roanoke Valley), Connie Lyons (New River Valley), and Carol Robey (Roanoke). This brings the number of board members to 17 (11 from New River Valley, 5 from Roanoke Valley and 1 from Mercer County, WV).
2. Tabled the following motion: That current and new board members serve through December 31, 2022; that we fill vacancies that arise with individuals who will complete the term of the departing member; and, that the board research the staggering of terms to determine whether the board wants to remain with the present method or to start staggering terms on January 1, 2023.
3. Approved the following individuals to fill vacant board official posts: Tournament Coordinators, Doug Althouse and John Markey; IT Chair, Connie Lyons; Business Manager, Necia Evans; Publicity Chair, Carol Robey.

Current Board Officials: Assistant Recorder, Chuck Bricken; Charity Chair, Richard Huber; Education Liaison, Susan Bricken; Electronic Contact, Carole Spencer; GNT Coordinator, John Markey; Hospitality Chair, Sally Kizer; IN Coordinator, Richard Huber; Membership Chair, Susan Bricken; NAP Coordinator, John Markey; StaC Coordinator, Richard Huber.

4. Tabled further discussion/action relative to the development and maintenance of the unit website and related issues.
5. Welcomed retiring board members and new board members, as well as all of the members from Mercer County, WV, who are now part of U231.
6. Honored and remembered two deceased board members—Bob Schulman and Henry Wise.
7. Presented a gift to Rich Rio to thank him for his service as Unit President from 2012-2019.

8. Approved the minutes of the January 17, 2020 meeting. (A copy of the minutes is to be placed on the website.)
9. Approved the email actions from April 20, 2020. (A copy is to be placed on the website.)
10. Accepted and filed the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer filed the 2020 990-N Tax Form. The Treasurer will provide an update on sales tax exemptions at a subsequent meeting.
11. Discussed the issue of club re-openings following COVID. Tom Gilpin reported that Princeton Club was holding a game on Tuesday's and was hoping to add another game on Thursday's. Bev Impara reported that no games could be held at the Brambleton Center until September. Carol Robey is investigating an alternate site for the summer. Richard Huber is working with the Blacksburg Rec Center about reopening.
12. Approved the distribution of the Mini-McKenney certificates/medallions; the Ace of Clubs certificates; and, the On-Line Winners certificates (a new category this year) to be sent to the 2020 recipients via US Mail. At a later date, a zoom meeting of all the winners may be held.
13. Tabled further discussion of a 2021 Unit holiday party.
14. The Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted by: Carole Spencer, Unit Secretary