

Attendees: John, Glen, Susan, Bill, Niki, Lance, Luisi, Ken

Guest attendees: Deanna, Morris (Unit 191)

Regrets: Eileen

1. July 2026 Durham Sectional

- Strong attendance: ~205 tables, ~\$4,000 profit after ACBL expenses (despite lower turnout due to Nationals). Roughly equal Unit 191/119 participation + outsiders.
- Deanna/Morris exploring new Jewish Community Center venue in Durham for future events (better space/chairs; ~2,500 sq ft usable, up to ~40 tables + overflow; **kosher kitchen rules apply; hourly cost challenge; 160 chairs available**).
- **Action:** Deanna negotiated price/logistics for November sectional. Deanna + Morris finalize chairs/setup/overflow and deliver two expense checks to Russ.
- **2027 Joint summer sectional with Raleigh** still under discussion; November 2026 will be run independently by Unit 191
- Discussed table transport to Durham for the November sectional (Glen suggested nominal charge).
- Potential sponsorship - long term interest by the Jewish Community Center noted and to be considered after the November sectional.

2. Hospitality / Tables / Chairs

- Mahjong table borrowing reviewed (no further detail/action noted).
- Chair quality/quantity for new Durham/Chapel Hill venue under review.

3. Insurance

- The chair incident in July triggered a discussion about Club liability: ACBL covers tournaments only, not regular club games. Prior coverage details are unclear.
- **Action: Niki** research options (incl. ACBL recommendations) and report back. Collins to provide historical records/data to Niki. **(this is done)**
- Storage insurance: Required; Russ progressing \$8 alternative (vs vendor \$20).

4. Treasurer Report

- Russ circulated the report in advance. Questions to be emailed to him in advance of meetings in the future.

5. Club Manager / Directors / Operations

- Director situation (post-Barbara): Vladimir directing first September Thursday (and possibly 1/month). Collins reaching out to interested parties (incl. Deanna as potential immediate help); several others need ride-alongs first.
- Several people have expressed interest but need ride-along training before they can direct: Pam, Proknight, Martin, Lance, Audrey, Niki.

- **Action: Collins firm up September schedule** (follow up Janet et al.).
- Bidding boxes: Prior issues resolved.
- Board duplication: John can now produce a week's sets efficiently. No new machine version available. Discussed pros/cons of insertion methods.
- **Action: Collins + John** determine/clear space for 2 weeks of boards (reduces help needed during John's November vacation). John ask Barbara about the process when the machine is out for maintenance.
- New dealing machine (~\$5–6k) considered using sectional surplus; deferred pending partnership with Barbara.
- Renee now has a dealing machine, **Action: John to follow up with her and Barbara.**

6. Royal Conflict Dates

- Oct 15 (Third Thursday) blackout - no game at the Royal
- Prior informal BBO team-game experiment worked well (players + kibitzers).
- **Action: Lance** organize/run similar team-match or alternate event; give more notice.

7. Partnership Software Trial

- Feedback mixed/negative (not fully functional, limited value vs current process, whitelist/convention-card concerns, data-security notes). Will not roll out to club.
- **Action: John** send feedback (Audrey, Vladimir et al.) to the developer. John follow up with Vladimir re discussion.

8. Masterpoint Rank Promotions

- Action: Bill lead – email announcements + free plays for promotees (approved). Collins to supply free-play cards and monthly rank list (arrives ~6th).

9. RBC Presidency Transition

- Glen still planned to take over as President in October.
- Next board meeting deferred to October (Sept busy with NAP + sectional).
- John + Glen will meet on transition details and update.

10. Upcoming Sectional – Lunch Pricing

- Current discussion: \$10 (Susan) vs lower typical rates (\$5 noted by Niki) or subsidize given \$12 entry fees.

- **Action: Susan** to gather more data from other sectionals (incl. this weekend) and follow up with John. John to follow up with Barbara/Alex. Decision needed soon.

11. Website / Domain / Facebook

- **Action: Niki** has made progress on website access but still needs domain management rights.
- Old Facebook site: Vladimir currently owns. **Action: Bill** work on admin transition.

12. GNT Training Program (Flight C / Unit 119)

- Draft proposal, targeted to start October/November, five stages:
 1. Q&A session before an RBC evening game in the fall (on a night Lance isn't at the whiteboard) to gauge NLM interest.
 2. Saturday GNT camp — Swiss team instruction plus a team game, with per-round debriefs, Play-and-Learn style.
 3. Convention card development for committed partnerships.
 4. Team practice via RBC team games, online Swiss/IMP games on BBO or RealBridge, and Play-and-Learn Swiss sessions.
 5. Target: District Finals in West Columbia, SC, last weekend of March or first weekend of April.
- Proposed to open the program to Unit 119 players, with possible financial support drawn against Unit 119's ~\$55,000 fund balance. [Figure and the proposal to use unit funds come from the Zoom summary only — confirm with Glen.]
- **ACTION — Board members:** give Glen feedback on the proposal.
- **ACTION — Glen:** collect board feedback and bring it to the October meeting.

13. 90th Anniversary Celebration

- Susan moving forward
- **Action: Susan** form committee and solicit historical photos/stories from long-time members.

14. 2026 Goals / Initiatives

- Limited time; Lance status quo for now.

AOB / Other

- None further noted.