

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION**

**Friday, November 23, 2001  
Hilton Hotel - Las Vegas**

Directors Present: Michael Becker, Shawn Quinn, Bruce Reeve, Dan Morse

Directors Absent: Alan Popkin, Bob Friend, Arnold Jones, Nick Nickell, Wayne Hascall

Others Present Peter Rank, Nadine Wood, Charity Sacks and Rena Hetzer

Mike Becker called the meeting to order and noted the lack of a quorum.

The topic of discussion was the Salt Lake City 4<sup>th</sup> IOC Grand Prix. Nadine Wood, appointed by WBF President Damiani as Media and PR chairman, introduced Charity Sack. It is Wood's intention to solicit the funds from the WBF to pay for Sack's professional services as coordinator of all pre-event and on-site media/pr efforts.

It was agreed that even in the event of hired professional help, all USBF Board members and others would need to put forth a concerted effort if we were to succeed in gaining media attention for this event that could be extremely important to the efforts to obtain Olympic status for bridge.

Dan Morse suggested that all members of the USOC Committee and especially the members of the USOC membership committee receive a mailed invitation to come and observe the conduct of our event.

Quinn, Sack, Wood and perhaps Hascall will meet at 9:00 am on Sunday, November 25 to further discuss Media/P/R. efforts for SLC. Sack commented that she would have to interview several Board members to establish the "talking points" that the USBF players need to get to the media.

Board member attendance and possible actions after continued absences was discussed.

The intertwined problems of current WBF residency requirements for player representation in some world championship events vs a USBF citizenship requirement was discussed. The goal is to maintain the viability of our USOC application while not excluding players presently eligible to represent the United States until such time as USOC membership is achieved. Certainly if bridge becomes an Olympic sport teams would have to be composed of citizens rather than residents. In lieu of present WBF regulations, Peter Rank was asked to inquire whether the USOC will require citizenship in non-Olympic years.

Rank asked for Appendix P of the trials conditions of contest, which governs eligibility for participation.

**The Board Meeting was continued on Saturday, November 24, at noon. With the additional presence of Wayne Hascall, a quorum was present, and business could be conducted.**

A USBF Tournament Committee was appointed – Mike Becker, Shawn Quinn and Bruce Reeve.

Beth Palmer was approved as the new Chairman of the WITTC following the resignation of Jan Martel. The Board recorded its appreciation to Jan for her fine work on behalf of the WITTC. She will be missed.

Charity Sack and Nadine Wood were approved as USBF media/PR liaisons. It is hoped that the WBF

will pay their expenses, as the USBF cannot.

Rena Hetzer was asked to find out the names and addresses of all members of the USOC Committee and its membership committee so the Board could prepare mail an invitation to come and observe the conduct of our event. The letter cannot be mailed until the time, date and location of certain SLC events was more specifically known.

Board member attendance and possible actions after continued absences was discussed. Becker reported he had already written a Board member one letter requesting his attendance at Board meetings. Becker was authorized to write and speak to the Board member and warn him of his possible removal.

It was agreed that applications for nomination to the World Championships in Montreal will be processed through Rena Hetzer , USBF administrative assistant.

Becker asked that Morse ask Damiani what problems, if any, other countries may be dealing with as to citizenship/residency requirements.

The next meeting was scheduled for approximately December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00am c.s.t.