

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

Wednesday, July 30, 2003 – 2:30 P.M. CST

Directors Present: Jay Baum
Nick Nickell
Ken Titow
Dan Morse
Arnold Jones
Jan Martel
Rose Meltzer

Others Present: Peter Rank, Esq.
Gary Blaiss
Mike Becker
Shawn Quinn

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chris Compton.

II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM

The acting Chairman noted that at least a majority of the directors were present at the meeting, thus establishing a quorum for the purpose of transacting business by the Board.

III. Minutes of 5/22/03 Approved (Nick Nickell asked for approval of Minutes)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Shawn presented her fundraising idea of creating a sub tier class of membership where a fee possibly of \$10 could be charged, to be a USBF member. If a dining card or pen is given it will be a Thank You gift, not an item sold. Special mailing was discussed but too costly.
- B. A resolution was passed to continue supporting Shawn in her efforts. Chris, Jan and Ken volunteered to help research Web site offer.
- C. Approval of By-laws: By-laws need to be distributed; final vote should be on **Agenda for next meeting.**
- D. E-mail: It was determined that there are no objections to how e-mail is now being handled.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Corporate Seal: Peter said he might have this; if so, he will send to Galen. If not, Nick said the expenditure for acquisition of Corporate Seal is approved.
- B. Senior Team Augmentation: Gaylor has asked that Garey Hayden and Gene Freed be augmented to Senior USA II.
Chris made a motion that any augmentation of Senior Team be referred to USBF Credentials Committee. Gary was appointed Chairman and asked to get Committee together.

Motion Passed.

The USBF Board then went into Executive Session for approximately one hour. Minutes of Executive Session, sent by Peter Rank on 08/05/03, via e-mail, as follows:

MOTIONS AT USBF MEETING
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After due consideration and discussion by the Board, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved (Nickell and Morse abstaining) as follows:

Subject to eligibility at the time of the WBF event, the following teams are nominated as the Open, Woman's and Senior representatives of the United States at the 2003 WBF Monte Carlo World Championship Events:

"BERMUDA BOWL:

USA I

Captain Sidney Lazard, NPC
Nick Nickell
Dick Freeman
Jeff Meckstroth
Eric Rodwell
Bob Hamman
Paul Soloway

USA II

Captain Ralph Cohen, NPC
Steve Landen
Pratap Rajadhyaksha

Dan Morse
Robert Wolff
Doug Doub
Adam Wildavsky

VENICE CUP:

USA I

Captain Kent Massie, NPC
Kathie Wei-Sender
Betty Ann Kennedy
Jill Levin
Sue Picus
Tobi Sokolow
Janice Seamon-Molson

USA II

NPC Sheri Winestock
Cheri Bjerkan
Sue Weinstein
Renee Mancuso
Pam Wittes
Stasha Cohen
Becky Rogers

SENIOR TEAMS:

USA I

Captain Gaylor Kasle
Roger Bates
Steve Robinson
Kit Woolsey

USA II

Captain Carolyn Lynch, NPC
Dennis Dawson
Arnold Fisher
Zeke Jabbour
Clement Jackson
John Mohan
John Sutherlin

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the following 'Protocol for an ACBL/USBF Consolidated Hearing' as signed by the President is approved.

"RE: Protocol for an American Contract Bridge League (ACBL)

and United States Bridge Federation (USBF) Consolidated Hearing

- A. The Chairman of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee and the Chairman of the USBF Conduct and Ethics Committee will agree on the chair and membership of a five-person committee that will hear the case originally.
- B. The hearing will be conducted using the appropriate ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) since none of the ACBL procedures contravene any of the USBF Regulations.
- C. The ACBL and USBF agree to be bound by the decision of this committee except for an appeal from its decision, which was initiated, in a timely manner per the CDR, by one of the parties to the appeal.
- D. In the event of an appeal from the decision of the above committee, a seven-person appellate committee will be formed by mutual agreement of the chairmen of the ACBL Appeals and Charges Committee and the USBF Grievance and Appeals Committee. A determination as to which or both parties has the right to appeal shall be made by the chair of the above committee.

Agreed by:

Al Levy
President, ACBL

Nick Nickell
President, USBF"

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the President's appointment of Karen Allison as Chairperson of the Corporation's Conduct and Ethics Committee is approved.

The meeting resumed again at completion of Executive Session.

- C. Budget for expenses for teams to go to Monte Carlo: Nick, Chris, Jan and Dan were

authorized to come up with a plan. Authorize amount to spend for 28 members. Chris made a motion for Nick, Chris, Dan and Jan to come up with a plan. Add third person, as Nick and Dan should be advisory persons. Ken Titow was added as the third person.

Motion Passed

Chris made a motion that the Board be authorized to spend \$130,000: \$21,000 per team. The Committee was authorized to set up a reimbursement plan up to \$130,000.

Motion Passed.

D. Mike Becker requested to revisit \$50 Member fees re PP's, who would pay now if they can keep PP's. Good performance team not getting byes. It was noted the Bernie Miller and Judy Kay Women's teams were affected. A one-time forgiveness was suggested. Discussion tabled for now

E. Nick agreed that Jan should spend money requested for VuGraph.

F. Internet Presentation at Trials: Delay discussion until next year.

G. Tournament Committee Issues:

Agenda for next meeting.

H. Discussion of how Appeals were handled:

Agenda for next meeting.

I. Sheri Winestock approved as NPC for Venice II.

J. Chris made a motion that President of USBF be authorized to spend \$1,000 without Board approval, amount above which would need two signatures.

Motion Passed.

VI. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 16, 2:30 Central time.

VII. Meeting Adjourned.