

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION

1/26/2006

8 PM CST

VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Directors Present: Steve Beatty, Bob Hamman Jan Martel, Rose Meltzer, Bill Pollack and Shawn Quinn

Others Present: Joan Gerard, Michael Becker (for part of meeting), Peter Rank, Gary Blaiss, Barbara Nudelman

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jan Martel

II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM

The 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.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 10 & 20

The minutes were accepted and approved as submitted.

IV. ASSISTANT TREASURER

The Board expressed their gratitude to Barbara Nudelman for volunteering to take over financial matters for us. Barbara will work with ACBL to determine the best way to administer funds. In order to make the transition as easy as possible, the Board agreed to authorize Barbara to open a checking account, if that seems appropriate, and to transfer up to \$10,000 into that account. Alternatively, Barbara may arrange to become an authorized signer on either the current checking account or the current investment account or both. The Board also agreed to authorize Barbara to write checks for up to \$500 with no prior approval, and to write checks for up to \$2000 with the prior approval of one member of the Executive Committee. The Board therefore passed unanimously, on motion by Rose Meltzer, seconded by Steve Beatty, the following:

Resolution: The USBF Board of Directors authorizes Barbara Nudelman to open a checking account or combined checking and investment account to hold USBF funds if she finds that is necessary, and to transfer up to \$10,000 of USBF funds to the new account without additional action by the Board. The USBF Board of Directors authorizes Barbara to become a person who can write checks on the existing USBF accounts. The USBF Board of Directors further authorizes Barbara Nudelman to sign USBF checks in an amount not to exceed \$500 without prior approval, and to sign USBF checks in an amount not to exceed \$2000 with the approval of one member of the Executive Committee.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Jan Martel is serving the second year of a two year term. The Board unanimously elected Bill Pollack as Vice President and Steve Beatty as Treasurer.

VI. 2006 & 2007 USBCS

The President's report regarding the 2006 & 2007 USBCs was accepted with the correction of "60 nights" to "60 room nights" regarding the staff rate in 2007. The President's report regarding the issue of Benito Garozzo's eligibility to compete in the 2006 USBC was accepted.

VII. 2006 JUNIOR TEAMS

The Board approved the following Junior Teams and NPCs:

USA1

Joe Grue

John Kranyak

Justin Lall

Ari Greenberg

Josh Donn

Jason Feldman

Bob Rosen NPC

USA 2

Noble Shore

Mike Gill

Mike Rice

Jon Rice

Mike Develin

John Barth

Mike Cappelletti, Jr. NPC

Schools Teams

Owen Lien

Kevin Dwyer

Daniel Goldfein

Sam Katz

Xing Yuan

Robert Glickman

Meredith Beck

Matt Meckstroth

David Banh

Jeremy Fournier

Kevin Wilson, NPC

The Board also informally approved Jim Sternberg as Coach for the Schools teams and agreed to try to assist Charlotte Blaiss in arranging online practice sessions for the Juniors.

VIII. JUNIOR FINANCES

The Board expressed its appreciation for all the work done by Joan Gerard, Barbara Nudelman and Al Levy to raise money to support our Junior teams this year. With a lot of hard work, they have already raised enough to fund the Schools Teams, and hope to have enough to support as many Juniors as want to attend the Camp and Pairs in Slovakia this summer. The Board discussed the fact that supporting Juniors who want to attend the Camp and Pairs is a one time activity, which we have taken on this year because ACBL chose not to do it. We hope that a more permanent solution will be found to this problem.

Joan asked the Board whether USBF would be willing to sponsor the Junior Reception at the Spring and Fall NABCs (ACBL has decided to sponsor the reception only at the Summer NABC). Before the Board could act on the request, Rose Meltzer volunteered to sponsor the Reception, either in her suite or a hotel conference room, at the Dallas NABC. The Board gratefully accepted Rose's offer.

Gary Blaiss and Barbara Nudelman reported that Charlotte Blaiss has stated that when she retires from ACBL in June, she will continue to handle Junior matters for USBF on a volunteer basis. The Board is grateful to Charlotte for this offer, although we hope that we will have enough money to pay her for some of her time.

IX. RESIDENT MEMBER APPLICATION

The Board approved the proposed Resident Member Application, with many thanks to Rena for her excellent work in creating it.

X. SPONSORSHIP & FUND RAISING

Rose & Shawn will try to talk with Carolyn Lynch before our next meeting.

Jan will try to talk with Fred Gitelman about logistics for fund raising on BBO before our next meeting.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Peter Rank reported that the Mahaffey Scholarship Fund money has now been transferred to USBF. Jan and Barbara will report on the provisions of the Fund and what will be done at our next meeting.

Peter also reported that there will be an automatic review of the Lanzarotti-Buratti expulsion, in accordance with ACBL procedures, as well as an appeal by Buratti, in Dallas.

XII. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 16 at 8:00 pm CST via conference call.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm CST.