

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2008
8:05PM CST
VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Directors Present: Jan Martel, Rose Meltzer, Bill Pollack, Joan Gerard, George Jacobs

Others Present: Marty Harris, Barbara Nudelman, Howard Weinstein, Ron Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jan Martel; president at 8:05pm

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 by the Board.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETING OF 8/19/08

Change the \$50pp per day for the juniors going to Poland to \$50 pp as a guideline. The rest of the Minutes were approved as submitted

IV. JUNIOR REPORT – BEIJING

Jan noted that we received written reports from NPCs Howard Weinstein, Ron Smith and Lew and JoAnna Stansby. We have also received a proposal from Bob Fournier offering to help with the training of the Junior teams. Jan reported that there is a Transnational Junior Event in 2009 and presumably the regular Junior Team Championships in 2010.

The Junior Captains reported that the accommodations were very poor.

There was very little time for the Juniors to practice.

Lew Stansby reported that there was only one regular partnership on the Under 26 team, therefore very limited partnership experience. He suggested that partnerships should stay together.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that all captains of Junior Teams, except in emergency situations, must be at least 30 years old

A motion was made, seconded and carried to thank all the Beijing captains and coaches

A motion was made, seconded and carried to compensate Howard Weinstein up to \$1000 towards his expenses for captaining the Under 21 Junior team

A motion was made ,seconded and carried to pay \$986 towards the purchase of JoAnna and Lew's tickets to Beijing. – the cost of one ticket

V. JUNIOR REPORT – POLAND

USA 1 finished 5th, USA 2 finished 18th. Shawn Quinn reported that the players all had a great time, behaved well . Shawn Quinn and Justin Lall did a great job as NPCs

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Joan and Barbara gave a brief report of Beijing

2009 Senior Trials – Joan has signed a contract with the JW Marriott outside of Las Vegas for July 6-12, All 3 Trials are set for 2009.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

2010 Open Trials – Barbara has negotiated a great contract with the Sheraton Gateway Suites O'Hare, one of the hotels owned by Felcor, the company that Bob introduced us to. These Trials will be Friday, June 18 – Sunday, June 27. We will have ballroom space and emptied out bedrooms for the first 3 days and then emptied out bedrooms for the balance of the trials. Joan will sign the contract in the next week or so. This is the only Trials being held in 2010.

It was agreed to invite Bob Fournier to attend our next meeting and discuss the possibility of his involvement in the Junior Program

VIII. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday evening November 21, 1008 at the Boston NABC in Rose's Suite

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. at 9:45PM CST