

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021
4:00 PM EDT
BY ZOOM CALL

Directors Present: Kate Aker, Mark Aquino, Lynn Baker, Dave Caprera, Steve Garner, Aaron Silverstein, Sheri Winestock,

Others Present: Jan Martel, Brad Moss, Suzi Subeck, Marty Harris, Julie Arbit

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Moss at 4:05pm EDT.

II. BYLAW AMENDMENT

Kate moves to waive the 30-day waiting period for a bylaw amendment. Lynn seconds, motion carries unanimously.

Mark moves to make the bylaw amendment per Josh's revision that focuses on the issue of how cheating should affect a person's ability to be a USBF member, as well as clarifies some minor points. Aaron seconds, motion carries unanimously.

III. EBL QUALIFYING EVENT STATEMENT

The Board discusses making a statement about the action in the EBL Qualifier for the 2022 Bermuda Bowl regarding teams declining to enter lineups against Italy due to participation of Fulvio Fantoni on the Italian team. The following statement is proposed:

The USBF Board strongly supports the teams and players who forfeited a match they considered morally impossible to play under the unique circumstances of the EBL Qualification event for the 2022 Bermuda Bowl.

Kate moves to approve the above statement and post it on the USBF website and BridgeWinners. Mark seconds, motion carries unanimously.

IV. 2022 BERMUDA BOWL

The Board discusses a formal position on the governance of US teams playing against a team with Fulvio Fantoni on it in the 2022 Bermuda Bowl.

Jan will draft a questionnaire for Open USBC participants to gauge opinions on how the USBF Board should deal with whether US teams should be required to

play or not to play or may decline to play against a team with Fulvio Fantoni on it in the 2022 Bermuda Bowl.

Jan will distribute the questionnaire to the Board for edits and then disseminate to the selected audience.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm EDT.