

MINUTES

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION

Thursday, January 5, 2023

8:00 pm EST

By Zoom

Directors Present: Lynn Baker, Steve Beatty, Steve Garner, Eric Gettleman, Tom Reynolds, Aaron Silverstein, Sheri Winestock

Others Present: Jan Martel, Joe Stokes (part of meeting), Stan Subeck, Suzi Subeck

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Silverstein at 8:00 pm EST.

II. COVID VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR PLAYERS AUGMENTED TO USBF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

After long discussion, the Board passed the following:

If the WBF and the country in which a World Championship is being held do not require vaccination against Covid, the USBF Credentials Committee will approve players proposed for augmentation without evidence of vaccination against Covid, so long as the members of the team, or parents of minors on the team, have signed a USBF Covid waiver specifically stating that they are aware that a player on the team may not have been vaccinated. The USBF will notify all players on World Championship teams that it has not asked augmented players about their vaccination status.

Tom Reynolds abstained from the vote and all other directors voted yes.

III. WBF DUES AND TEAMS

The Board briefly discussed the fact that we cannot continue to pay WBF dues of over \$100,000 every year without support from the ACBL and that the Board members felt strongly about the United States having 2 teams in the odd-year WBF, and not requiring two US teams to play against each other until the Semi-Finals of the odd year events. Aaron will discuss these matters with Jan Kamras and report back.

IV. ELECT OFFICERS FOR 2023

Aaron nominated and Sheri seconded the following slate of officers, who were unanimously elected:

President: Aaron Silverstein
Vice President: Lynn Baker
Secretary: Jan Martel
Treasurer: Stan Subeck
Recorder: Jack Oest

V. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Board members agreed to look at last year's committee assignments and let Jan know what committees they want to serve on for 2023, and Jan will make a proposal for committee membership for 2023 to be discussed and voted on by email.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Aaron moved, Sheri seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 pm EST. Passed unanimously.