

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

**May 1, 2002
8:00 A.M. CST - Conference Call**

Directors Present: Michael Becker, Shawn Quinn, Dan Morse, Bruce Reeve, Arnold Jones, Bob Friend, Jay Baum

Others Present: Rena Hetzer, Peter Rank, Gary Blaiss, Jack Zdancewicz, Mary Oshlag

Call to Order and Quorum Established

Mike Becker called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the April 3, 2002 and April 10, 2002 meetings were approved.

Web Site

It was reported that collecting dues online via a secure site would cost 3.5% of collections. Zdancewicz will report back to the Board as to any fees paid by ACBL for similar transactions. However, it is believed that ACBL pays only fees to Credit Card companies and nothing for use of a "secure" site.

Committee Reports

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

1. Junior Matters

Charlotte Blaiss reported that Jade Barrett has raised money to take a team to the Netherlands junior event. Charlotte Blaiss suggested and the Board approved the team of Bathurst, Davis, Wooldridge, Hurd, Campbell and Mignocchi. Jade Barrett was appointed captain the team.

Blaiss also reported that a team had been entered into the FISU University Championships in Belgium. Charlotte Blaiss suggested and the Board approved the following eligible players: Jason Feldman, Marc Glickman, Eugene Hung, Josh Donn and Leo Lesoto. Bob Rosen will captain the team. Expenses will be paid by the ACBL Junior Fund.

The USBF Board thanked Charlotte Blaiss for her good work in organizing these two teams.

2. 2002 USBC

Some minor amendments are still in the works before the 2002 USBC Conditions of Contest can be posted on the USBF website. The Board authorized Becker to post the Conditions on the

website after the amendments were made.

Jay Baum promised that someone will man the hospitality suite after Barbara Nudelman leaves.

Baum also reported that Bruce Keidan will be at the USBC from a few days before it starts to a few days before it ends.

3. Grandfathering ACBL Residents

The issue of grandfathering residents approved by the ACBL under less stringent rules than the USBF's was discussed. Morse and Reeve thought 2 or 3 years grandfathering was the right way to go. This coincided with the ITTC's discussions on the matter. The discussion was tabled until other Board members not present at this meeting could participate in the discussion. Becker asked and the Board agreed that all residents participating in a USBC will be required to fill out a USBF Resident form.

4. USWBC Site Approval

The Board approved the WITTC's choice of holding the USWBC in Orlando over the Memorial Day Regional in 2003.

5. Planning USBC's in Advance

The ACBL's Mid Atlantic and Texas districts have asked the USBF to plan our USBC's advance. In the spirit of cooperating with the ACBL, the ITTC, WITTC and SITTC will be asked to plan their trials at least one year in advance.

Salt Lake City Drug Testing

Rank reported on the matter of a player testing positive for ethanol at the Salt Lake City Grand Prix. Rank said that alcohol is not a banned substance and that no report should have been made on the player testing positive. It was resolved to ask that the WBF drop this matter because it did not violate any of its rules. Rank was asked to learn what, if anything was sent to the IOC. Rank was asked to speak to the player if this matter is not laid to rest.

Committee Appointments

The appointment of Elections Committee was discussed. Becker Jones Baum agreed to serve. The decision on other members of the committee was tabled.

The appointment of Nominating Committees and the method of appointing nominating committees were tabled.

Miscellaneous

The CFO reported that committee members are indemnified in the USBF's D & O insurance policy: *Form 34699 of the policy and Section 1. Definitions. The definition of Insured(s) includes "committee members of the corporation while acting in their capacity as such".*

Becker reminded everyone that in order to make progress, committee chairs had to meet and

tackle their tasks.

Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

No date was set for the next meeting.

If a meeting in Washington is scheduled it will be held Thursday evening after the HoF dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M. CDST.