

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION

9/11/2007
8 PM CST
VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Directors Present: Jan Martel, Bill Pollack, Joan Gerard, Rose Meltzer, Steve Beatty, Bob Hamman, Lou Ann O'Rourke

Others Present: Barbara Nudelman, Michael Becker, Gary Blaiss, Peter Rank

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jan Martel, chairman, at 8:03 PM

II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM

The chairman noted that 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 AUGUST 7, 2007

The minutes were accepted and approved as submitted.

IV. SHANGHAI ITEMS

There was no business to be discussed

V. 2010 USBC

A discussion of the results of the questionnaire that Jan sent to 193 players that participated in the last two years trials showed that the majority of the respondents were in favor of holding a USBC in the Rosenblum years- in fact it was 77% of those that responded. A motion was made and seconded to hold a USBC in 2010. This motion was carried without dissent. A discussion followed that efforts should be made to hold these trials on the west coast. Lou Ann and Rose will try to find suitable locations. Joan will send them the Specs. Albuquerque, Seattle and Las Vegas were suggestions for sites.

VI. 2009 USWBC SITE

District 21 has offered to host the USWBC as long as hotel arrangements can be made. Jan will follow up on this and Joan will handle the contract negotiations..

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Michael Becker addressed the board concerning the USBF's relationship with the various committees that work with the board. He felt that we needed to set policy concerning the authority given to these committees. Bob Hamman said that the USBF was formed to manage the process of team organization and selection. The sub-committees need to function within the organization. Bob further stated that he believes the purpose of the Team Trials is to have a fair competition and let the chips fall where they may. Bob expressed the feeling that the ITTC should be more formalized in its structure. Becker suggested and the board agreed to approve ITTC recommendations on Conditions of Contest so long as many ITTC members have discussed them and the ITTC used proper procedures and was not negligent in examining all issues. The USBF will select the sites and handle details concerning the site, hospitality, equipment etc. The Board thanked Michael for attending the meeting

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Buffett Cup. Bob Hamman asked if the USBF would be interested in hosting and financing the Buffett Cup in 2008 in Louisville, Ky. The dates are September 15-18. The unit will provide the volunteers. Bob would like this to become a USBF event every 4th year. Every 2nd year would be in Europe. Europe funded the event in 2006 and will do it again in 2010. It will take at least \$250,000 to host this which includes transportation and housing for the Europeans. Finding sponsorship is a must. Warren Buffet lends his name to the to event but no money. Bob feels this is a great marketing promotion for bridge and the USBF board agreed. Rose said that she has some ideas for funding and will work with Bob. It was moved and seconded that the USBF organize and support the Buffett Cup in 2008 in the host city of Louisville provided that the funding can be found. This motion carried without dissent.

Election Committee - Jan reported that there are two seats that will be vacated on the USBF board. Lou Ann 's who was elected to fill the unexpired term of Shawn Quinn and Steve Beatty whose three year term will be expiring. Rose will be the head of the Nominating Committee

IX. SCHEDULING OF NEXT METING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, 2007 via conference call at 8:00 PM CST

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business , the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM