

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

9:00PM EST
VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Directors Present: Bill Pollack, Steve Beatty, Joan Gerard, Sylvia Moss, George Jacobs, Mike Passell, Bob Hamman

Others Present: Barbara Nudelman, Marty Harris, Jan Martel, Michael Becker

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pollack, president , at 9:05pm EST

II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM

The chairman noted that a majority of the directors was present at the meeting, thus establishing a quorum for the purpose of transacting business by the Board.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2009

The minutes were accepted and approved as submitted - Minutes will be sent to Jan and she was correct the format.

IV. UPDATE RE 2010 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN US

Bill reported that there is active ACBL cooperation , potential sites are being discussed and visited by ACBL Management . Bill has appointed Bob Hamman and Chris Compton as co-chairmen of the USBF Fund Raising Committee for raising funds to support the World Championships in the US. \$300,000 needs to be raised. The ACBL will be willing to give \$100,000 if the site and dates are acceptable to them. The balance needs to be raised by the USBF. Sylvia Moss has been most helpful with the Hilton Hotels in various locations, particularly San Francisco and Las Vegas. Danny Spring is working with the Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia. The dates being considered are late September through October. LouAnn O'Rourke has pledged \$50,000.

V. REVIEW OF EQUAL VS UNEQUAL SUBSIDY FOR SAO PAULO

Michael Becker reported that the results of a survey with ITT members showed the results slightly skewed in favor in favor of equal subsidy for USA1 and USA11. . Results were : 17-15-4 which is 3-2. For the Women the result was 5-4; for the Seniors the results were 7-3-2 – heavily in favor if equal subsidy. The sub-

committee had done a lot of studying and now the question is: Do we want to reconsider disproportionate subsidies and do we want to increase the subsidy?

A vote was taken: In favor of equal subsidy: Joan Gerard, Mike Passell, Steve Beatty, Sylvia Moss, Bill Pollack. Opposed: George Jacobs. A motion was made and seconded to give equal subsidies to USA1 and USA11. This was carried. 6 Ayes and 1 Nay Barbara Nudelman recommended and asked that a motion be made to give \$235 per player as a subsidy which totals \$168,000. We currently have \$190,000 in the International Fund. This motion was made, seconded and carried

VI. REVIEW OF TRIALS

Jan Martel reported that there are currently 12 teams entered in the Open Trials, 4 in the Women's and 1 in the Seniors. Jan will send an e-mail to everyone about the 3 Trials and about the entry deadlines.

A Junior Team has asked for subsidy to enter their team in the Open Trials. The consensus is that the USBF will not give a subsidy for this.

VII. UPDATE ON JUNIOR TEAMS FOR TURKEY

Barbara Nudelman put in a grant request to the Educational Foundation for \$10,000 and the Foundation granted \$2500. District 3 has donated \$5000 for Junior Bridge which will be used for these teams to go to Turkey. There is not quite \$50,000 in our Junior Fund. To send the two teams that we are planning to do will cost the USBF approximately \$17,000.

The Trials for Turkey will be a competition on BBO to select 6 pairs and 2 alternate pairs. This competition is for youth under the age of 26.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Comments on election procedures – this was deferred to our next meeting

IX. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 9pm EDT.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40pm EST
Another meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2007 at 8:00pm CST via conference call.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10pm CST.