

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011
9:00PM EST
VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Directors Present: Joan Gerard, Howard Weinstein, Cheri Bjerkan. Ralph Katz.
George Jacobs; Sylvia Moss, Mike Passell

Others Present: Barbara Nudelman, Jan Martel, Bill Pollack, Joe Stokes

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM

The chairman noted that at least 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 1/19/2011

Minutes were approved.

IV. CONFIRMATION OF ELECTION FOR USBF BOARD

Ralph Katz was confirmed as a new Board member. The Board noted that Steve Beatty was no longer on the Board having served two consecutive terms and Bill Pollack was stepping down as president. Both were thanked by the Board for their excellent service to the USBF

V. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011

Joan Gerard	President
George Jacobs	Vice President
Cheri Bjerkan	Secretary
Sylvia Moss	Treasurer

This slate was unanimously approved.

Rena Hetzer was suggested and unanimously approved as Recording Secretary. Barbara has spoken with Rena and believes that she will accept this position. If

so , Rena will be on all conference calls and will do the Minutes for the USBF meetings. .

VI. APPROVAL OF AUDITORS

The Board unanimously approved Jackson Howell as our auditors for 2011.
The fee is \$4800

VII. RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH USBF ATTORNEY

It was unanimously agreed to renew our agreement with Marty Harris for another year. \$2400 a year. Joan agreed to talk with Marty about the details of his responsibilities.

VIII. SELECTION PROCESS FOR SPORTS ACCORD TEAM

Having agreed not to have a Trials for the selection of an Open and a Women's team for the Invitational Tournament in Beijing in December, 2011, Howie Weinstein presented a selection process which the Board approved. Candidates will nominate themselves in Pairs and the pre-determined USBF voters will vote. (See attached process). To date, the Women's team has the pair of Lynn Deas and Beth Palmer and the Open Team has no pairs.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Joan and Barbara reported that in addition to the monies already given to the WBF for the Philadelphia World Bridge Series, the USBF paid an additional \$100,00 which was raised by Chris Compton to cover the shortfall in the room block. This was per our agreement with the WBF. All funds paid to the WBF were raised by the fund raising efforts of Chris Compton.

X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the USBF Board is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 9:00pm EDT by tele-conference call

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50pm EST