

## **MINUTES**

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

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

4:30 pm CST

By Zoom

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

Others Present: Jan Martel, Suzi Subeck

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Kate Aker at 4:30pm EST.

#### **II. ELECT OFFICERS FOR 2022**

Steve nominated and Kate 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

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 25, SEPTEMBER 9, OCTOBER 23, AND OCTOBER 29 2021 BOARD MEETINGS**

The Minutes from 3/25/21, 8/23/21, 8/29/21, 9/9/21 were unanimously approved; Eric & Tom abstained because they weren't at the meetings.

#### **IV. CONFIRM EMAIL APPROVAL OF 2022 GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST AND 2022 OPEN USBC CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

The Board unanimously confirmed their email approval of the 2022 General Conditions of Contest and the 2022 Open USBC Conditions of Contest.

**V. APPROVE JLALL5 CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

Sheri moved approval of the JLall5 Conditions of Contest, Kate seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

**VI. DISCUSS NAMING RIGHTS FOR USBF TOURNAMENTS**

The Board discussed whether to have a general policy about naming rights and decided to deal with any requests on an individual basis.

**VII. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

The Board discussed each of the committees and made tentative assignments, to be confirmed at its next meeting. With regard to the Grievance and Appeals Committee, the Board decided to make it inactive for the moment and discuss its purpose and whether there should be separate Grievance Committee to consider grievances against the USBF and Conduct Committee to consider conduct issues arising at USBF tournaments at a future meeting.

**VIII. DISCUSS FORMAT FOR USBCS FOR 2023 & ENTRANTS IN MORE THAN ONE USBC WHO QUALIFY IN ONE BEFORE FACE-TO-FACE PLAY IN ANOTHER ONE STARTS.**

The Board started a discussion of the 2023 USBCs, and whether to continue to allow people to play in subsequent events after they have qualified in a prior one. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Steve suggested a discussion of raising USBF dues, and Kate suggested choosing a regular day and time each month for Board meetings. These will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Steve moved, Kate seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:30 pm CST. Passed unanimously.