

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024
8:30 AM PST

Directors Present: Aaron Silverstein, Steve Garner, Lynn Baker, Eric Gettleman

Others Present: Jan Martel, Max Schireson, McKenzie Myers, Xin Ge, Bronia Jenkins, Jan Kamras, Eric Laurent, Marc DePauw, Suzi Subeck
(by Zoom)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Silverstein at 8:35 am PST.

I. Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2024 and April 10, 2024

On motion by Aaron, seconded by Lynn, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from both earlier 2024 meetings.

II. General Conditions of Contest

The Board discussed the possibility that there might not be two Women's teams that qualified for the 2026 Venice Cup and retained enough members to be eligible to continue to qualify under the rules set forth in General Conditions of Contest Section VI.C as currently drafted. The Board directed Jan to prepare a revised section that would let the Board waive the rules of section VI.C.2 if otherwise there would not be two available teams for the World Championship.

III. Sam Amer Junior USBC Conditions of Contest

Aaron moved, Lynn seconded and the Board unanimously approved the Sam Amer Junior USBC Conditions of Contest.

IV. Discussion with WBF Management Committee Members

Jan Kamras, Eric Laurent, and Marc DePauw joined the meeting, as did Bronia Jenkins, and for the remainder of the meeting, the Board members and WBF and ACBL executives discussed WBF issues and the USBF's inability to continue paying WBF dues at their current level.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45, but several of the attendees remained and continued an informal discussion.