

DRAFT MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
JULY 26, 2004
8 PM CDT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Directors Present: Chris Compton, Jan Martel, Rose Meltzer, Dan Morse,
Sharon Osberg and Bill Pollack

Others Present: Peter Rank, Gary Blaiss, Rena Hetzer

Other Guests: Gene Freed, for a short time

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Compton

II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM

The President 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

The minutes of the June 28, 2004 Regular Meeting were approved as revised by Martel.

IV. USBF DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS

Rena Hetzer was appointed Director of Elections, replacing Galen Hardy who was unable to accept this appointment made at the June 28 meeting.

V. MEMBERSHIP POLICY

The Board agreed on the following actions concerning USBF membership and Positioning Points earned toward byes in the Open and Women's USBC.

1. All prior USBF members not current with 2004 dues will receive correspondence soliciting their renewal of USBF membership.
2. All those who finished in a position paying Positioning Points for the 2005 USBC or USWBC who were not members prior to entering the event paying such Positioning Points will have an opportunity to pay dues of \$150 within two weeks of receiving notice in order to have their team's

Positioning Points count towards byes in the 2005 USBC and USWBC. This rule will also apply for any future events awarding Positioning Points for the 2005 or future USBC or USWBC except that the two week period will commence at the conclusion of the event that awards the Positioning Points.

VI. 2004 US SENIOR INTERNATIONAL CUP TEAM – ONSTOTT REPLACEMENT

John Onstott, captain of the 2nd place team in the 2004 USSBC, and designated US representatives to the 2004 WBF Senior Cup, informed the USBF that he would be unable to attend the championships in Istanbul. The remaining members of the team requested that the USBF approve Gene Freed as a replacement for Onstott.

The USBF Credentials Committee met to consider Gene Freed as a replacement. Their recommendation to the USBF Board was that Freed not be approved as a replacement as they did not consider Freed as being in “the group of the best players available for augmentation for the category of team in question.”

The Board upheld the decision of the Credentials Committee and Freed was not approved to replace Onstott. Further, the Board adopted the criteria established by the Credentials Committee for all future such replacement/augmentation requests.

VII. EFFECT ON 2004 OPEN OLYMPIAD AND SENIOR TEAM REPRESENTATION IF VENUE AND/OR DATE IS CHANGED.

1. If the venue of the 2004 Olympiad Championships is changed prior to September 1, 2004 to a location deemed safe for travel, representation will revert to the 1st place Open and Senior teams (Nickell and Meltzer)
2. If the venue is changed after September 1, 2004 and the dates are also changed such that there is 6 weeks or more from the date of the change to the starting date of the championships and the location is deemed safe for travel, representation will revert to the 1st place Open and Senior teams (Nickell and Meltzer)

VIII. SCHEDULE OF NABC+ EVENTS

The Board agreed that this was not a matter for the USBF to address.

IX. SITE OF 2005 SENIOR TRIALS (USSBC)

San Antonio was approved as the site for the 2005 US Senior Bridge Championship to run concurrently with and at the same location as the San Antonio 4th of July 2005 Regional.

X. SUBSIDIES TO THE US OPEN AND WOMEN'S OLYMPIAD TEAMS AND THE SENIOR INTERNATIONAL CUP TEAM

The subsidy committee has not yet finalized their recommendations. However, it was agreed that hotel and airfare reimbursements would not be lumped together for purposes of a maximum total amount for the two. Each will have a maximum subsidy amount of its own with only actual expenses incurred being reimbursed up to the established cap.

Jan Martel and the subsidy committee will finalize the plan and report back to the full board.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Jan Martel and Peter Rank reported that a Bylaw amendment regarding the Resident Member category of membership would be emailed to all the Board members on July 27th, so that it could be voted on at the next Board meeting (30 days' notice is required to amend the USBF Bylaws).

XII. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed

XIII. SCHEDULING OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 27 8:00 CDT via conference call.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.