

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
11/21/08
11:30PM EST
ROSE MELTZER'S SUITE – BOSTON NABC

Directors Present: Steve Beatty, Joan Gerard, Jan Martel, Rose Meltzer,
George Jacobs, Bob Hamman and Bill Pollack

Others Present: Barbara Nudelman. Mike Passell, Bob Fournier (guest)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jan Martel at 11:30PM EST

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. Jan welcomed Mike Passell as a new board member and mentioned that Sylvia Moss was elected as well.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 2008

The Minutes were corrected to state that \$50pp for the Juniors going to Poland was a guideline not a limit. The rest of the Minutes were approved as written.

IV. JUNIOR PROGRAM

Jan introduced Bob Fournier, dad of the well known junior players, and stated that Bob has an interest in working with us .and our Junior Program. He had many ideas, some of which were not in our domain. However, Bob was very enthusiastic and willing. After Bob left, the Board voted to use his talents and we would work out a program with Bob. Jan will write a letter to Bob telling him that we are pleased with his offer to help and will outline areas of responsibility with him. Mike Passell stated that he believed we have a serious drug problem with the Juniors and suggested Drug Testing. The Board asked Mike to find out about the cost but stated that we needed to look at this problem carefully before we consider drug testing which is an expensive proposition.

The Board discussed sending a Transnational Team (s) to Turkey for the 1st World Transnational Junior Championships August 15-23, 2009 Istanbul. There will be team events and pairs events, The Board decided to try to find out how many juniors wanted to go to Turkey. Eric Mayefsky is going to contact as many as possible and let the Board know.

Several ideas were discussed for the selection of Junior Teams for 2010 but nothing was decided.

V. ELECTIONS

The Board expressed appreciation for the comments that Marty Harris gave us. We will look at them carefully for 2009.

The Board approved the revised Election procedures for 2008 and will discuss the changes for the future.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

Barbara Nudelman handed out two written reports:

The balance in the USBF International Fund as of 11/10/08 is: \$73,093.70

The balance in the USBF Junior Fund as of 11/10/08 is: \$61,004.32 + Reserve for uniforms of: \$1,705.31

VII. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The scheduling of the next meeting will be determined via e-mail when Jan sends the Board suggested dates.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at: 12:30 am EST.