

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
1/21/09
8PM CST
VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Directors Present: Bill Pollack, Steve Beatty, Joan Gerard, Sylvia Moss, Bob Hamman,

Others Present: Jan Martel, Barbara Nudelman, Marty Harris

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jan Martel at 8:03pm CST

II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM

The chairman noted that 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 11/29/08

The minutes were accepted and approved as submitted.

IV. MEXICAN JUNIOR TEAM

The USBF cannot support a team from Mexico. Rose Meltzer has graciously offered to help support a team and Joan Gerard has written to Dan Morse, District Director representing Mexico to suggest that District 16 offer some financial aid as well.

V. ELECTION OF 2009 – 2010 PRESIDENT

Bill Pollack was nominated and elected President - unopposed

VI. ELECTION OF OTHER 2009 OFFICERS

Steve Beatty was nominated and elected Vice President – unopposed

Joan Gerard was nominated and elected Secretary – unopposed

Sylvia Moss was nominated and elected Treasurer – unopposed

Barbara Nudelman was nominated and elected CFO – unopposed

Jan Martel was nominated and elected COO (Chief Operating Officer) – unopposed

Marty Harris – was appointed Counsel for the USBF – unopposed

After the election of officers , Bill Pollack took over the chairmanship of the meeting. Thanks to Jan Martel for her terms of office as President of the USBF

VII. 2009 COMMITTEES

Elections – George Jacobs- Chairman

Nominations - Bob Hamman, Chairman, Bill Pollack, Jan Martel, Peter Boyd, Steve Beatty

Finance – Sylvia Moss – Chairman; Steve Beatty; Barbara Nudelman

Fundraising and Member Communications – Bob Hamman, Chairman

Grievance & Appeals – Joan Gerard, Chairman; Mike Passell, Rose Meltzer members

Grievance & Appeals Procedures – Jan Martel, Chairman, Joan Gerard, Barbara Nudelman

Long Range Planning – Sylvia Moss, Chairman

Tournament – Jan Martel, Chairman; Michael Becker, Garey Hayden, Beth Palmer

Credentials – Jan Martel, Chairman – members elected by ITT, WITT, and SITT

Marketing & Membership Committee – Bill Pollack, Chairman; Mike Passell, Rose Meltzer, Ralph Katz

World Relations - Bill Pollack, Chairman, Joan Gerard, Bob Hamman, Barbara Nudelman

WBF & ACBL Liason – Joan Gerard

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Election Procedures – Bill reported that he had drafted new procedures- these will be sent to the full board by e-mail
2. Auditors – Barbara reported that the ACBL has changed auditors. Barbara would like to keep the same auditors we have been using. A motion was made, seconded and passed to keep the same auditors
3. Contract terms for Marty Harris – USBF Counsel – The USBF Board voted to approve a contract for Marty Harris at \$2400 a year to be paid quarterly.
4. Junior Trials – Jan suggested that the Junior Trials be held at the site of the summer 2009 NABC's in Washington, DC for the 2010 Under 26 Junior Team Championship. It was agreed that the Trails should be prior to the start of the NABC. Two teams of Under 26 need to be selected. Something needs to be put into the ACBL Bulletin, Jan needs to talk with Jeff Johnston at the ACBL about space needed, information needs to be given to Patty Tucker, Youth Coordinator

for the ACBL and Conditions of Contest need to be written and approved. Jan will write these Conditions with Gary Blaiss, if he is agreeable to doing this and the Board will approve them. We also need to select Under 21 Teams. This will be discussed and decided at the next USBF meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bill reported that he received a letter from the Go Organization that they are interested in forming a North American Mind Sports Association and having a competition with the various Mind Sports. The USBF Board determined that while we believed strongly that this was a worthwhile venture to pursue , the USBF is only concerned with US competitions. The Board voted that Bill should refer the Go Organization to the ACBL.

X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 8:00pm CST

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at: 9:30pm CST.