

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2009
11PM EDT

WASHINGTON, DC. NABC

ROSE MELTZER'S SUITE

Directors Present: Steve Beatty, Joan Gerard, George Jacobs, Bill Pollack, Sylvia Moss, Mike Passell,

Others Present: Barbara Nudelman, Rose Meltzer, Marty Harris

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pollack at 11PM EDT. Bill thanked Rose Meltzer for her generosity in offering her suite for our meeting.

II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM

The chairman noted that at least a majority of members of the board of directors was present at the meeting, thus establishing a quorum for the purpose of transacting business by the Board.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETINGS OF MAY 20, 2009 AND MAY 26, 2009 WERE SUBMITTED

Both sets of minutes were accepted and approved as submitted.

IV. APPROVAL OF SAO PAULO ITEMS

It was moved and seconded to accept the e-mail votes for the following:

Alan Cokin was approved to play in the Senior Trials. He was approved by e-mail previously and did not play.

All Trials winners were approved for play in Sao Paulo.

Accepted the decision made by a Tournament Committee at the Open Trials that Dick Freeman and Nick Nickell did not have to play the Finals of the Trials and would remain on the team should the team win the Trials.

Approved Ralph Katz as a player on the Nickell team replacing Dick Freeman.

The Board approved paying round trip coach airfare for Bill Pollack to attend the WBF Council meetings in Sao Paulo and make a presentation on Philadelphia.

Approved Donna Compton, Betty Ann Kennedy, Lisa Berkowitz, Sam Dinkin, Danny Sprung and Howard Weinstein as non-playing captains for Sao Paulo for our six teams competing in Sao Paulo.

V. UPDATE ON 2010 – PHILADELPHIA WORLD BRIDGE SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

Bill Pollack reported that the ACBL will be giving \$100,000 to the USBF for sponsorship of the World Bridge Series Championship. Bob Hamman and Chris Compton, designated fund raisers for the USBF, will try to raise another \$200,000 minimum, which will meet our pledge to the WBF. Another \$100,000 would be desired to meet a contractual obligation if the room block at the hotels is not filled and another \$50,000 for other USBF monetary obligations (e.g. sponsors reception and other hospitality). Barbara Nudelman reported that to date we have \$63,000 of the required \$200,000 in the bank.

VI. AGREEMENT WITH USBF COUNSEL

With him stepping out of the room, it was unanimously agreed to renew our contract with Marty Harris to act as counsel for the USBF. Marty agreed, with the same fees as this year.

VII. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

The Board had a short discussion about the General Conditions of Contest and the need for the Open, Women and Senior Conditions to all conform to the General Conditions. Modifications for augmentation, replacements etc. were discussed and will be expressed to the ITT, the WITT and the SITT. It was the opinion of the Board that all sets of Conditions should be coordinated. The possible use of Sol Weinstein and Chris Patrias for a bit more CoC direction was discussed.

VII. DUES FOR JUNIORS

It was determined that juniors do pay dues when they represent the US. Jan Martel was not at the meeting so we were not certain how much the juniors pay. It was believed to be \$25 a year.

IX. JUNIOR TEAMS FOR YOUTH CONGRESS IN TURKEY

Barbara, Joan and Bill reported that players competing in Turkey are ready to go. All have visas and plane tickets. Howard Weinstein and Jim Sternberg will be flying with as many of the juniors as possible. Bob Fournier has essentially been MIA.

X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday, September 21, 2009 at 9pm EDT via conference call.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at midnight.