

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION

12/17/2010
9:00PM EST

VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Directors Present: George Jacobs, Joan Gerard, Sylvia Moss, Cheri Bjerkan,
Steve Beatty. Howie Weinstein, Mike Passell

Others Present: Barbara Nudelman; Jan Martel, Bill Pollack, Ralph Katz,

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the USBF was called to order by president Bill Pollack at 9:00pm 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.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of previous meeting already approved

IV. OPENING STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT

Bill Pollack welcomed Ralph Katz to the USBF Board although his term does not start until January 2, 2011. Bill stated that president of the World Federation Jose Damiani has asked us to send two teams – an Open and a Women's Team to the Sport Accord Tournament to be held in Beijing in December of 2011. Bill stated that this was a special meeting of the USBF Board for purposes of discussing the Sport Accord Invitational Tournament.

V. SPORT ACCORD TEAM

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that the USBF would send 2 teams to the Sport Accord Competition in December 2011. Sport Accord is paying for business class airfare, 5 star hotel accommodations and \$140,000 prize money for the Open Teams and \$110,000 for the Women's Teams. 4 countries have been invited to participate in each event. There is no cost to the USBF.

Selection Process: Since only one member of the USBF Board wanted a Trials, it was determined that there would be a Selection Process. Howard Weinstein and Mike Becker had a procedure all worked out and the electorate will be any member of the USBF who has won a Team Trials in the last five years. The pairs will be ranked and the USBF Board will be informed of the order of the Ranking before the pairs are contacted. (See attached notes for details of the process)

VI. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 9:00PM EST

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15PM EST