

**MINUTES**  
**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**  
**THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION**

**5/25/2010**

**9:00PM EDT**

**BY CONFERENCE CALL**

Directors Present: Steve Beatty, Cheri Bjerkan, Joan Gerard, George Jacobs, Mike Passell, Howard Weinstein

Others Present: Bill Pollack, President, Jan Martel, Barbara Nudelman, Joe Stokes

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pollack at 9:05pm EDT.

**II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETING OF JAN 19, 2010**

A motion to approve the Minutes was seconded and passed.

**IV. WORLD BRIDGE SERIES UPDATE**

Barbara Nudelman reported that there is \$393,000 in the bank as of this date raised by Chris Compton and Bob Hamman for the World Bridge Series. The guess is that we will raise \$435,000. This includes the \$100,000 given to us by the ACBL for the WBF. There had been a previous discussion that the USBF wanted to have a party for our sponsors and perhaps other invited guests. Barbara suggested \$3,000 be allocated for this purpose. We will be able to use one of the District 4 suites for this purpose.

Barbara and Joan brought up the idea that if the WBF does not want to spend the money for pens and note pads to put in the registration attache cases and on the bridge tables, the USBF should pay for this and put the USBF logo on them. A motion was made and carried that the USBF would spend up to \$2,000 for this.

**V. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Barbara reported that we usually get about \$3,000 a month from the \$1.95 check off on the ACBL Membership form. This contribution makes an ACBL member a member of the USBF. We were actually getting about \$3,600 a month but now

we are getting about \$2,600 a month . This is happening because every other quarter the Educational Foundation is listed first. When this happens we get less. There is a balance of \$540,000. \$218,000 is International Fund money earmarked for the players. \$80,000 is earmarked for the Juniors and then there are the funds owed to the WBF.

#### **VI. OPEN TEAM TRIALS UPDATE**

Jan reported that there are only 23 teams entered this year. 18 teams will be playing in the Round Robin. Because there are at least six fewer teams than in the past, Jan has budgeted for a \$12,000 - \$15,000 loss. It was noted that the vu-graph operators get paid \$40 a session.

#### **VII. STIPEND FOR APPEALS COMMITTEES/ BULLETIN EDITOR/INTERNET SECURITY**

Joan suggested that the above volunteers get some small token of appreciation for their time and effort. It was suggested that Suzi Subeck, editor of all the Trials Daily Bulletins, get a \$250 gift card; John Sutherlin, Chip Martel, Ron Gerard for security on internet at Junior Trials – John Sutherlin, Ron Gerard, Jeffrey Polisner, Henry Bethe, Rob Gordon for Appeals all get \$50 gift cards for volunteering their time. This is not necessarily the whole list. This was made into a motion that was seconded and carried.

#### **VIII. JUNIORS**

Joe Stokes reported that all reservations are taken care of for the FISU team for Taiwan. This event is being held August 2-9, 2010. Kevin Wilson is being asked to go as Captain. If he cannot go, we will ask Mike Cappeletti Jr. The augmented pair for this team is Victor Chuboko and Howard Liu. Half of the Juniors will arrive on August 1 and the other half on August 2. \$2,300 is the price per ticket. A motion was made and carried to approve the captain, the price of the tickets and the augmented pair.

The Under 21 teams need captains. Barbara reported that Bob Rosen's health is in question and we might have to name another USA 1 captain for Philadelphia.

After discussion a motion was made and carried that captains, chaperones and coaches must be 35 years old.

#### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Gloria Silverman Bart from Canada, who has her Green Card, was approved for resident membership in the USBF.

**X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at 9PM EDT by conference call.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10PM.