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

## MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021 7:30 PM EDT BY ZOOM CALL

Directors Present: Dave Caprera, Aaron Silverstein, Steve Garner, Mark Aquino, Sheri Winestock, Lynn Baker, Kate Aker

Others Present: Jan Martel, Brad Moss, Suzi Subeck, Marty Harris, Julie Arbit

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Brad Moss at 7:36pm EDT.

#### II. RESIDENT MEMBER APPLICATION

Kate moves to approve the resident member application of Mariska Polii. Lynn seconds, motion carries unanimously.

#### III. USBCS

The board discusses the reward for teams who perform well in the 2021 USBC's should the 2022 World Championships be canceled.

If the online stages are held and the world championships are canceled before the in-person stages, the KO stages will be held online with no reward for winners.

The Board votes on the regulations for each event as: Should the 2022 World Championships be canceled after the completion of the 2021 USBCs, the USA1 and USA2 winners will each receive a bye for the corresponding 2022 or 2023 USBC event such that they start play one stage later than they would otherwise, except that there will be no byes to the finals.

Womens: Kate moves to approve the above language for 2023, Lynn seconds, motion carries unanimously.

Mixed & Seniors: Kate moves to approve the above language for 2023, Lynn seconds, motion carries unanimously.

Open: Aaron moves to approve the above language for 2022, Steve seconds, motion carries unanimously.

### IV. BYLAWS AMENDMENT

The Board discusses bylaws language pertaining to regular or resident membership for players suspended for, expelled for, or otherwise convicted of a bridge ethical violation, or who have confessed or resigned due to a violation. The Board also discusses honoring sanctions of other national bridge organizations. Josh will draft new bylaws language to circulate.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm EDT.