

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

**December 3, 2001
8:00 A.M. CST - Via Conference Call**

Directors Present: Michael Becker, Shawn Quinn, Bruce Reeve, Dan Morse, Alan Popkin,
Bob Friend, Arnold Jones, Nick Nickell, Wayne Hascall

Others Present Rena Hetzer

Call to Order and Quorum Established

Mike Becker called the meeting to order. A quorum was established

Approval Minutes

Tabled.

Drug Policy

Tabled.

USBF Mission Statement

Becker will prepare and distribute Friend's statement and distribute for editing by the Board.

Residency Requirements for Trials Participation

The following motion was moved by Becker and seconded by Reeve:

- A. In order for non-citizens to play in the USBC and earn PPs, they must pay a \$50 fee payable at the same time active membership dues are payable.
- B. For events that do not require US citizenship, residents may play in the USBC, earn PPs and receive subsidy for international play, even though they are not members of the USBF.
- C. A \$50 fee form will be created with boxes to check indicating citizenship or US residency.
- D. After Houston, for 2003 and thereafter, Active Member Dues shall be based on a calendar year.
- E. Only paid up members are eligible for PPs. Therefore, Active Member Dues should be paid by the start of the Spring NABC to earn PPs for the year. However, someone who pays dues in June could earn PPs for the Summer and Fall NABCs.

Motion Carried without dissent.

Financial Issues

- A. Corporate Sponsorship Update.
Quinn and Nickell reported that Gates was reluctant to contribute or sponsor and recommended that Gates not be approached further on this subject for the time being.
- B. Private Donations
Very few private donations have been made as of this date.
- C. Active Members signed up.
Hetzer reported approximately 20 members were on record at this time. (The ACBL was asked to make a more obvious link to the web page allowing online payment of USBF dues and also to the previous USBF update letter.)
- D. Other Dues Categories
A motion was made by Becker and seconded as follows:
Active Members who are less than 26 years of age will pay 50% of the dues charged to Active Members who are 26 years of age or older.

Motion Carried without dissent.

- E. The discussion of Associate or Patron Memberships was tabled.

Salt Lake City Event

- A. Media and PR
Wood presented an update on her efforts for promoting and marketing the SLC event.
- B. What celebrities to invite to SLC and how to contact them was discussed.
- C. Becker reported that Jacobs offered to be a commentator.
- D. Morse reported that Richard Anderson, District 18 ACBL Board Director, had learned that the Hilton hotel would require pre-clearance of all kibitzers.
- E. Buffet was again discussed as Open Team captain and a progress report given as to Martina and/or Clarice Reid as captains of the Women's Team.
- F. Bob Rosen was approved as captain of the Junior Team and will be reimbursed for his expenses.

Charity Kickoff Event

Tabled.

USBF Web Page

Quinn was authorized to spend up to \$5,000 on developing the Web Page. Site names were discussed. It is hoped the Web Page will have some material up before year end.

Affinity Credit Card Program

It was determined that affinity credit card companies will not work for our small group unless affiliated with the ACBL. The ACBL has its own card and it was agreed that ACBL would not be interested in sharing revenues with the USBF

Ryder Cup Format

Tabled.

Other Business

The next Board meeting will be December 11 8:00 am CST via Conference Call. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.