

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

**January 11, 2002
8:00 A.M. CST - Via Conference Call**

Directors Present: Michael Becker, Shawn Quinn, Dan Morse, Alan Popkin, Nick Nickell and Jay Baum

Others Present: Rena Hetzer, Peter Rank

Call to Order and Quorum Established

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

General Discussion - Various Matters

Morse reported that Damiani agreed to 7 players on the ladies team as long as one of the seven was a playing captain. He also reported there were complaints from the USA regarding the IOC Grand Prix. He said that in the printed program the event is still called the 4th IOC Grand Prix. He also mentioned that Damiani was disappointed that there had been no US contributions to defray the cost of moving the championships from Bali to Paris.

Becker reported that Amalya does not want to be the ladies captain. He asked the ladies to choose their own captain and will report back their determination. Clarice Reid will be advised by Jones that because the captain must be a playing captain we could not follow through on having her captain or co-captain the ladies team.

Eligibility and Residency Requirements

A long discussion ensued with the following points made by members of the board.

1. We should, more or less, maintain the present requirements to be a USBF resident.
2. The regulation should not be grey or fuzzy.
3. New and clearer regulations need to be drawn up.

Alan Popkin was asked to draw up an objective criteria list of requirements to become a resident. Rank mentioned that an applicant may only have to fulfill some of the criteria on the list to be considered a USBF resident.

The Board resolved that: a player who is deemed to be eligible to represent the United States in the year a world championship is held will be deemed eligible for any trials selecting a team or teams for that championship.

The Board approved Bjorn Fallenius to become a USBF resident eligible to represent the US in the 2003 Bermuda Bowl providing he:

1. Submits a letter to the USBF stating his intention to reside indefinitely in the United States.
2. Does not represent or attempt to represent his native country or any other country prior to the 2003 Bermuda Bowl. In the 2002 World Championships he would not represent any country in the Rosenblum teams or World Pairs.

The Board approved Fred Gitelman to become a USBF resident eligible to represent the US in the 2003 Bermuda Bowl providing he:

1. Establishes a residence in the United States and applies for permanent resident alien status.
2. Submits a letter to the USBF stating his intention to reside permanently in the United States.
3. Does not represent or attempt to represent his native country or any other country prior to the 2003 Bermuda Bowl. In the 2002 World Championships he would not represent any country in the Rosenblum teams or World Pairs.

Subject to fulfillment of the above conditions, the Board then discussed whether the team that Fallenius and Gitelman played on was entitled to full or partial Positioning Points. After reviewing the ITT Conditions of Contest, the Board referred the decision regarding the crediting of part or all of any positioning points earned in NABC+ events to the ITTC Executive Committee.

Bylaw Change

Becker mentioned a Bylaw amendment was needed to address the issue of making the CEO of the ACBL the CEO of the USBF, and a voting ex-officio member of the Board. It was proposed that:

Article III. B. 3. e. shall have the following sentence added to it:

The Chief Executive Officer shall be the person who is the Chief Executive Officer of the ACBL.

In accordance with the Bylaws, the Board may approve this amendment 30 days after its proposal.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, January 15 @ 8:00 am CST. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.