

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

**April 3, 2002  
8:00 A.M. CST - Conference Call**

Directors Present: Michael Becker, Shawn Quinn, Dan Morse, Alan Popkin, Bruce Reeve, Bob Friend

Others Present: Rena Hetzer, Peter Rank, Jack Zdancewicz, Gary Blaiss

**Call to Order and Quorum Established**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the March 7, 2002 meeting were approved.

**Sub-Committees**

The following additions and subtractions to the various committees were approved:

1. Jade Barrett, Kevin Bathurst and John Hurd were added to the JITTC.
2. Bobby Wolff, John Sutherlin, Gene Simpson, Chris Larsen, John Mohan and Dan Morse (Chair) were added to the SITTC.
3. Richard Finberg was added to the Bylaws Committee.
4. Bruce Keidan was added as a consultant to the PR/Publicity Committee.
5. Ralph Katz was added to the PR/Publicity Committees.
6. Wayne Hascall was subtracted from the Special Events Committee.

The question was discussed as to whether or not USBF Residents (non-citizens such as Hugh Ross and Ralph Cohen) could serve on USBF subcommittees. The Board wished to avail itself of talented and willing people and asked Rank to draw up a Bylaws amendment to propose to the Board.

**Web Site Update**

Quinn reported that Sharon Fairchild will be the Webmaster. She will post Trials entries, PPs and Conditions when provided by Rena. Donation and Active Member Dues Forms will also be put on the web site.

**Committee Reports**

1. Bylaws  
Rank reported one meeting was held between Popkin and Rank. All the others were unavailable. Hetzer will arrange a conference call meeting with as many committee members as possible and invite Becker. Also, Reeve would attend when grievance procedures were discussed.
2. World Relations - Report of ACBL/USBF Liaison Committee  
Morse suggested we send a person to the April or October USOC meeting as an observer. Nickell may be asked to attend the April meeting in Boston.
3. Tournament Committee
  - A. Junior Bridge Matters  
The board agreed to send a team to the May (3-day) Netherlands junior event if no USBF or Junior Fund money was spent. Charlotte Blaiss was asked to try to raise funds to send a team. Blaiss also reported that four players have agreed to play in the University Games in Belgium in August. She is searching for two more. The ACBL Junior Fund will expense the University Games in Belgium.
  - B. The Board agreed that teams for future Grand Prix Events should be selected through a competition – either a trials or World Championship where US teams participate. (Not events such as the Spingold, where multinational teams participate.) The exact method was left up to the ITTC and WITTC, although each committee could choose different methods.
  - C. The 2002 USBC Conditions of Contest were approved as amended. Appendix P was the major modification from the previous version submitted to the Board. A long discussion took place as to whether past US residents should be treated any differently than future US applicants. The matter was tabled.
  - D. The SITTC was formed with the members as shown above.
  - E. Barbara Nudelman has agreed to attend, but will not be there after the quarterfinals. The ACBL was asked to come up with volunteers for the later stages of the event.
  - F. The Board discussed with Jay Baum the possibility of getting Bruce Keidan to cover the trials. It was noted that there were two significant time periods: just before the trials when the Tyson-Lewis fight takes place and the press is around, and as the tournament winds up when the finalists are known. Jay Baum will report back on whether he can reach an agreement with Keidan on cost and time. Baum agreed that the ACBL would pay the lion's share of his expenses.
  - G. Becker received an update from Fred Gitelman. Gitelman reported that he will be living in the US and will have applied for a Green Card prior to the 2002 USBC, and plans to play in the 2002 USBC.
4. Finance Committee
  - A. Jack Zdanczewicz reported that USBF monies actually owed to the ACBL were about \$60,000 and he would bill the USBF shortly.
  - B. Baum reported that the CBF is not currently paying for the ACBL's services, but the ACBL provides little assistance to the CBF. The ACBL is studying the matter.

### **USBF Committee Insurance**

Jay Baum will double check that all committee members and subcommittee members are covered by the D & O insurance and report back.

### **Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, April 10 at 8:00 A.M. CDST via conference call. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.