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

**11/10/2005  
8 PM CDT  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Jan Martel called the meeting to order at 8:10 CDT

**II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Board members in attendance: Steve Beatty (part of meeting), Bob Hamman, Jan Martel, Rose Meltzer, Bill Pollack and Shawn Quinn.

Also present: Gary Blaiss, Joan Gerard, Peter Rank, Chris Compton (part of meeting)

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETING OF 9/21/05**

Minutes attached.

**IV. STATEMENT FOR DOL INSURANCE**

Motion by ??, seconded by ?? to approve payment of \$2250 for DOL insurance, passed unanimously.

**V. ESTORIL**

**A. Finances**

The Board discussed the amount of stipend distributed (and to be distributed) to players on our teams in Estoril, and the fact that the 2005 International Fund would not have sufficient money to pay all of them. Motion by Shawn Quinn, seconded by Rose Meltzer that we ask ACBL to allow us to use 2006 International Fund assets to pay the stipends not covered by 2005 International Fund assets. Passed unanimously.

Jan discussed this with Jay Baum in Denver and he agreed to advance the additional funds from the 2006 money.

**B. Bridgmate machines**

The Board discussed the Bridgmate machines that were used in Estoril and agreed that they would be a good innovation in the US. Board members will encourage ACBL management to pursue the acquisition of the Bridgmate

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machines and software, and USBF will hope either to buy some of them from ACBL or to borrow them for the USBCs.

### **VI. JUNIOR TEAM TRIALS**

Jan reported that the Junior Trials will be Fri-Sun, Nov. 25-27. Jan and Gary and Charlotte are working on Conditions of Contest.

### **VII. 2006 USBC IN WHITE PLAINS, NY, AUGUST 18-27, 2006**

The Board was unanimous in thanking Joan for her great work on the contract for White Plains and we are all looking forward to a wonderful location for 2006. This event should run as economically as possible, given our requirements for high quality conditions, and will therefore provide a basis or determining the lowest cost at which we can run a USBC.

### **VIII. VOLUNTEERISM OR HOW CAN WE REDUCE OVERHEAD**

We briefly discussed the possibility of having some of the work that ACBL does for us done by volunteers. We deferred further discussion to our face to face meeting in Denver.

### **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

We will discuss fund raising ideas in Denver. Between now and then we will all consider ideas.

### **X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

The Board will meet in person on Sunday evening, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, after the evening session, in Rose's suite. The meeting will be to consider our future and whether we can be financially viable. Jan will invite previous Board members and interested parties to attend. Steve will prepare some information on our financial position for us all to have at the meeting.

Our next conference call meeting will be Thursday, January 26 at 8:00 Central time.

### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 CDT.