

**MINUTES**  
**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**  
**THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION**  
**1/29/08**  
**8 PM CDT**  
**VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

Directors Present: Steve Beatty, Joan Gerard, Bob Hamman, George Jacobs,  
Jan Martel, Rose Meltzer, Bill Pollack

Others Present: Barbara Nudelman

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Jan Martel at 8:00PM CDT.

**II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The chairman noted that all members of the board of directors were present at the meeting, thus establishing a quorum for the purpose of transacting business by the Board.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2007**

The minutes were accepted and approved as submitted.

**IV. RESIDENT MEMBER APPLICATIONS**

Moved , seconded and approved to accept the application of Melodie Bi

Moved, seconded and approved to accept the application of Migry Zur Campanile. It was noted that Migry has applied for permanent residence status.

Moved, seconded and approved to accept the applications of Gavin and Jenny Wolpert. Gavin has applied for his green card and when he gets it, Jenny will automatically have the same status as his wife.

Note: George Jacobs abstained on the vote involving Jenny Wolpert..

**V. 2010 SITE REPORT UPDATE**

The Westin, San Francisco and the Hilton San Francisco have both expressed possible interest in hosting the Open Trials in 2010. Joan has placed phone calls to both hotels and hopefully will have some information at our next meeting. Mid-May – June or September-October are both possible time frames. Schaumburg is another possibility if we cannot find a location on the West Coast.

## **VI. BRIDGEMATES FOR THIS YEAR'S TRIALS**

Jan has arranged to lease Bridgemates to use for scoring at the three Trials this year. The USBF will be paying Bridgemate US \$1000 for use of 40 Bridgemate units and two servers. Kitty Cooper will be working with the Bridgemate software people to integrate the results from Bridgemate into our current scoring program. The Bridgemates will be delivered to Raleigh for the Women's Team Trials. We will be using Bridgemates to have instant scoring for the Round Robins and for any KO matches that aren't on Vugraph. Jan suggested that we help to convince our sometimes recalcitrant players that entering the contract and result on the Bridgemate each hand is not overly onerous. It is possible to use Bridgemate to record the bidding and play but the USBF will not do this this year.

## **VII. USBF ENDOWMENT FUND**

Henry Bethe was a trustee of a Foundation that recently dissolved. Henry has made a \$10,000 contribution to the USBF and would like the USBF to start an Endowment Fund. This will be discussed by the Long Range Planning Committee. Jan has thanked Henry for his most generous gift.

## **VIII. WHITE HOUSE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN HOLLAND**

Jan reported that the USBF has been asked to send a junior team to the Invitational tournament in Holland. The dates conflict with our Spring NABC. It was moved, seconded and approved that the USBF will not send a junior team to Holland.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

The Buffet Cup. There is a slim possibility that Bob will be able to find the funding. If not, we will do nothing about it.

USBF Cruise Ship Regional – Barbara reported that the cruise line has not yet set their dates for 2009. We should know sometime in February.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

Junior Reception – Rose will be hosting the Junior Reception in Detroit. It will be in Rose's suite. Rose will ask Patty Magnus to contact Meredith Beck to send e-mails to all the juniors with e-mail addresses. Patty will also ask Brent Manley to

put an announcement in the Daily Bulletin in Detroit. Our junior sponsors will be invited. The Reception will be on the first Saturday at 5pm

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**XI. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Friday, March 7, 2008, immediately following the evening session in Detroit in Rose's suite.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM CST.

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