

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2017
6:00 PM EDT
BY CONFERENCE CALL

Directors Present: David Caprera, Marty Fleisher, Greg Humphreys, Brad Moss,
Beth Palmer, Josh Parker

Others Present: Jan Martel

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Marty Fleisher at 6:00 pm EDT.

II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM

The president noted that at least a majority of the directors were present at the meeting, thus establishing a quorum for the purpose of transacting business by the Board.

III. PLAYER STIPEND FOR LYON

Josh explained that the stipend committee hadn't met because almost all of them have conflicts. He proposed that we continue with the stipend that has been used in the past: the State Department per diem for the tournament location (Lyon, France) for the number of days played plus 3. The per diem for Lyon is \$335. The members of the Board without conflicts unanimously approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF NPCS FOR LYON

The Board unanimously approved Bob Morris as NPC of the USA1 Senior Team, Steve Garner as NPC of the USA2 Senior Team and Gary Cohler as NPC of the USA2 Women's team. Those board members without conflicts unanimously approved Jill Levin as NPC of the USA1 Open Team and Jan Martel as NPC of the USA2 Open Team. The Board then discussed the request by the USA1 Venice Cup team to have Molly O'Neill as their NPC. The Board discussed what the requirements for NPC should be. Josh said he thought our precedent was to approve a person as NPC who didn't have high level bridge expertise but did have organizational & personal skills so long as the team had an adequate plan for dealing with "bridge" things like reviewing opponents' system cards, developing defenses and preparing the players to play against their opponents as well as handling appeals and bridge advice at the tournament. Denny & Jerry Clerkin have agreed to help the team as coaches with reviewing the opponents' methods and preparing defenses beforehand and will also help at the tournament, although they will be playing on the USA1 team in the Seniors so will not be available to help all the time. It was suggested that the Board should get

an assurance from Denny that he would remain in Lyon to assist this team even if he was no longer playing. The Board went into Executive Session for further discussion and invited Jan to join the discussion.

The Board came out of Executive Session and unanimously agreed to defer a decision on Molly O'Neill. The Board unanimously instructed Marty and/or Josh to call Joanne to clarify what the USBF was looking for with regard to the NPC/coach position as well as to invite her and her teammates to talk to the Board about their selections.

V. APPROVAL OF PLAYERS FOR LYON

The members of the Board with conflicts recused themselves from voting on their own teams. The Board members who did not have conflicts unanimously approved:

Bermuda Bowl USA1: Nick Nickell, Ralph Katz, Bobby Levin, Steve Weinstein, Jeff Meckstroth & Eric Rodwell

Bermuda Bowl USA2: Marty Fleisher, Chip Martel, Joe Grue, Brad Moss, Jacek Pszczola & Michael Rosenberg

Venice Cup USA1: Joanne Weingold, Shannon Cappelletti, Jill Meyers, Migry zur Campanile, Beth Palmer & Sylvia Shi

Venice Cup USA2: Bronia Jenkins, Sheri Winestock, Bernace De Young, Irina Kislitsyna, Connie Goldberg & Sylvia Moss

Senior Bowl USA1: Eddie Wold, Mike Levine, Dennis Clerkin, Jerry Clerkin, Marc Jacobus & Mike Passell

Senior Bowl USA2: Jeff Wolfson, Neil Silverman, Mike Becker, Allan Graves, David Berkowitz & Alan Sontag.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm EDT.