

MINUTES

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION

Monday, March 14, 2022

11:00 am PDT

Face-to-face and by Zoom

Directors Present: Kate Aker, Lynn Baker, Steve Garner, Eric Gettleman, Tom Reynolds, Aaron Silverstein, Sheri Winestock

Others Present: Jan Martel, Suzi Subeck, Stan Subeck

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Aaron Silverstein at 11:00 am PDT.

II. QUALIFICATION, SUBSTITUTION, AND AUGMENTATION RULES FOR 2023 USBCS

The Board discussed the possible rules regarding whether a player who has qualified for a World Championship should be allowed to enter a subsequent USBC for another event, whether a team that qualified for the face-to-face stages of play should remain eligible if it lost one or two players, and what the rules for replacing a player and for augmentation should be. After extensive discussion, the Board passed the following motions:

A. Qualification of Team for Face-to-face Stages of Play

Moved by Tom, seconded by Steve, passed unanimously:

1. If a team that has qualified for face-to-face play loses 1 or 2 players, for whatever reason, the team remains eligible for face-to-face play only if 3 of 4, or 4 of 5 or 6 players who met the play requirement in the qualifying stage play in the face-to-face stage; and

Moved by Sheri, seconded by Lynn, passed; in favor: Kate, Lynn, Steve, Tom, Sheri; against: Aaron, Eric

2. If the team is a Mixed Team, 2 men and 2 women who met the play requirement in the qualifying stage must play in the face-to-face stage.

B. Eligibility of Player on a Team that has Qualified for the World Championship

Moved by Steve, seconded by Lynn, passed unanimously

A player whose team has qualified in a USBC for a World Championship event is not eligible to compete in a subsequent USBC for that or another World Championship event that is being held concurrently.

C. Replacement Players

Moved by Eric, seconded by Steve, passed unanimously:

If a team that is eligible to compete in the face-to-face stages of play has lost 1 or 2 players because the player(s) either qualified for the World Championship in an earlier USBC or died, the team may replace the player(s) with whomever the team chooses, including a player who previously played in the event.

Moved by Steve, seconded by Lynn, passed unanimously:

A team that is eligible to compete in the face-to-face stages of play may replace a player who is unable to play for any other reason only with USBF Board approval.

A. Augmentation to qualified team

Moved by Steve, seconded by Lynn, passed unanimously:

A team that is eligible to compete in the face-to-face stages of play may not add players for face-to-face play.

III. ORDER OF USBCS

Moved by Lynn, seconded by Tom, passed unanimously

For 2023, the USBCs will be scheduled with the Open first, the Women's starting opposite the Semifinal of the Open, the Seniors third, and the Mixed fourth.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Tom suggested that the Board should review the USBF's financial state and consider how to remain solvent for the future. The Board agreed and will start an email discussion.

Aaron asked the Board to consider providing financial support for Junior teams for the 2022 Transnational Junior events. The Board unanimously rejected the proposal, because the USBF Junior fund doesn't have enough money.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm PDT