

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

**December 18, 2001
8:00 A.M. CST - Via Conference Call**

Directors Present: Michael Becker, Shawn Quinn, Bruce Reeve, Dan Morse, Alan Popkin,
Bob Friend, Arnold Jones, Nick Nickell, Wayne Hascall

Others Present: Rena Hetzer, Peter Rank and Nadine Wood

Call to Order and Quorum Established

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

Approval Minutes

Tabled until a future meeting.

Drug Policy

It was reported that it was most likely that there would be no drug testing done in Salt Lake City.

Again, a discussion was held as to what should be done prior to a USBC. It was agreed that the present statement to refrain from drug use should continue to be utilized. Quinn feels strongly that some sort of statement/warning regarding the right of USBF to test and obligation of participants to submit to such testing should be present on the USBF entry form.

Possible consequences to positive testing were briefly discussed.

Charity Kickoff Event

Hascall reported that although no formal vote of the ACBL Board was taken regarding approval of the Charity Kickoff Event, no one had raised any objections.

Becker reported that in the USBF Las Vegas Information Meeting some potential expert participants in this event had voiced a strong objection to mandatory participation. It was generally agreed that participation should be once a year and on a volunteer basis.

Further, it was agreed that the inauguration of this event would be at the Spring 2003 NABC.

USBF Drug Policy

Rank will prepare a general statement as to USBF policy regarding banned substances. Rank

will incorporate the following into a USBF Drug Policy statement and procedure and report back to the Board:

The USBF maintains the following the position regarding the use of banned substances:

1. The USBF does not support the use of banned substances in its competitions.
2. The USBF reserves the right to conduct drug testing at any time at any of its events.
3. The USBF reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any USBF members testing positive for a banned substance.

The last two will be incorporated into the trials entry form or a separate consent form or in some other way provide notice and enforceability.

Salt Lake City Event

1. Wood reported that the WBF had approved the expenses of Bruce Keidan to be on-site and liaison with the press. (Kiedan numbers: Home 412-371-6730, Office 412-263-1241)
2. Rank offered to assemble a press kit.
3. Charity Sacks will come to SLC to assist Wood and Kiedan.
4. Popkin has a St. Louis newspaper connection and will attempt to have an article published regarding SLC.
5. Mike Ledeen of the Wall Street Journal was mentioned as a possible contact for an article.
6. The ACBL February Bulletin should have an article on SLC.
7. The play results should be published on the ACBL/USBF web site.
8. Eric Kokish will be in SLC as a commentator.
9. Becker will ask Damiani if Jacobs can be invited to join the panel of commentators.
10. Nickell will contact Rubens of the Bridge World regarding a possible article.

Other Business

ACBL should link to the USBF web site.

Hetzer will provide information to Nickell on using the existing ACBL marketable securities account for donations of securities to the USBF.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2002 at 8:00 am C.S.T. via conference call.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.