

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

**January 8, 2002
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, Jay Baum

Others Present: Wayne Hascall, 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

Minutes from previous meetings were approved.

Welcome and Farewell

The Board welcomed Jay Baum, new ACBL CEO as well as the new USBF CEO. Becker thanked Wayne Hascall for his excellent contributions during his term as ACBL interim CEO and USBF interim CEO, especially his quick action in obtaining the \$1.95 contribution line and the unlimited contribution tag line on the ACBL membership renewal form.

Drug Policy

Not yet prepared by Rank.

Protocols for Refusal of USBF Membership

Rank will present at a future meeting.

Salt Lake City Event

Wood reported that Damiani had agreed to paying some of the expenses of any celebrities we may be able to persuade to come to SLC for our event. It was discussed again that should we have any such celebrities an on-site pre-event rubber bridge game would be enjoyable for the celebrities and attract media attention.

Wood will contact Bruce Kiedan, the official press manager on-site, and ask him to contact Tim McCarver and Jim Bunning with an invitation to SLC.

Jay Baum stressed the need to have one spokesperson for the USBF. Also, he mentioned the need for everyone to have scripted answers to possible questions from the press.

Rank asked that since this is a WBF affair it would be very good to have a clear definition of the role USBF was to play.

Becker reported that Damiani is amenable to Jacobs appearing on the VuGraph panel but he cautioned that Vugraph attendance may be low due to hotel security.

A motion passed officially naming Jacobs as the on-site captain of the men's team.
A motion passed officially naming Warren Buffett as the honorary captain of all USA teams including the junior team.

Jay Baum will compose a letter inviting the members of the USOC to view our presentation. Rank's office has requested names and addresses of this committee.

Rank reported that the acting general counsel of the USOC had told him that there was basically "rioting" within the USOC at the thought of bridge in the Winter Olympics. He also stated that the USOC Membership Committee was totally against intellectual sports in the Olympics and it is very unlikely that the USBF will obtain membership in the USOC prior to bridge being scheduled as a medal sport. Rank will call USOC general counsel and ask for current feelings as to our presence in SLC immediately prior to the start of the games. Jay Baum also has a USOC contact and will give him a call.

We must be prepared to be a good host and keep a low profile to avoid any further irritation to either the USOC or the IOC.

There will be an orientation meeting Saturday afternoon @ 4:30 pm for the players to review what they should say to the media.

It was reiterated that Damiani was requesting no pre-event publicity but agreeable to on-site publicity.

Nadine mentioned that if possible, Damiani would like to have a video tape made of our event. Editing and polishing could be done at a later date.

Adding Rose Meltzer to the ladies team was discussed. All agreed that if at all possible we should invite Rose to join the team. Damiani will be asked if having 7 players on the team will be acceptable. If not, the players will be asked if any of them would like to resign. Quinn volunteered to resign in order to make a place for Meltzer.

Website Update

Quinn reported that the site would be up and running very soon. Site address will be www.usbf.org

Tournament Committee

The review of residency regulations and the applications of Fallenius and Gitelman was tabled for a later date. A meeting will be held Friday, January 11 to discuss eligibility questions for trials participation and US representation.

USBF Donations

Nickell reported that he had collected a few donations. Also, he stated that 25 or 30 people now needed a follow-up letter to the initial letter.

Shawn reported that Martina had called to wish us luck but that she could not come to SLC.

Ryder Cup Idea

Not discussed at this meeting

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting is set for Friday January 11 at 8:00 A.M. CST. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.