

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

**January 29, 2002
8:00 A.M. CST - Via Conference Call**

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

Others Present: Rena Hetzer, Peter Rank, Charity Sacks, Nadine Wood, Bruce Kiedan

Call to Order and Quorum Established

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

Norman Kay

At Becker's request, a moment of silence was observed in honor of Norman Kay who died January 17th.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 22, 2002 meeting were not available for approval.

Media Update

Kiedan reported that the Today Show had interviewed Buffett and Mosher of the Today Show was pleased. Meyers also was interviewed at an LA bridge club and reported that it went well. After the interview, Mosher asked others in the room if they thought bridge was a sport and some answered "no." Kearsse is to be interviewed in her chambers later this week.

It was agreed that the foreign players likely to be interviewed in SLC should be added to the 4:30 Saturday media lecture. Rank mentioned that perhaps the husband/wife aspect of bridge should be covered. Kiedan brought up that while boxing increases the likelihood of senile dementia, bridge reduces it.

Charity suggested that there should be a short-version one-page handout for the players so that they would not have too much material to try and remember thereby increasing the consistency of the answers given. Kiedan stated that answers should be informal and not studied.

The word should be gotten out to the locals that the Today Show would be filming and perhaps this would increase the body count at the Vugraph show. Kiedan stressed that the Vugraph room must not be empty!

SLC - General

The USOC representatives are expected about 6:30 P.M. on Saturday. Sunday won't be a good day for spectators due to the Super Bowl.

It is not known where the player meeting will be held. Folks will try and congregate in the lobby of the Hilton.

Donations

Nickell reported on donations expecting at least another \$38,000 and perhaps 60-70,000 from five or so people he is yet to speak with. A "tax letter" will be sent to all contributors. Nickell still needs names for the next wave of solicitations. Nickell requested that the names of those making donations to the USBF remain private amongst the USBF Board members. He also believes that no special show of gratitude to large contributors should be made public or is necessary. Nickell has sent a personal note to all contributors of \$1,000 or more.

Rank suggested that a more detailed budget is now a must! Nickell offered to work with Jack Z on producing a better budget.

Miscellaneous

Becker suggested that the USBF has much work to do and thought needs to be given to what staff is required to get all projects underway and moving in a timely manner. He will discuss the Board's needs with Jay Baum.

Future Items for Consideration

1. Manned USBF booth at Houston NABC
2. Removal of USBF members and refusal of membership
3. Selection method for international play.
4. USBF Drug Policy
5. Election Procedures
6. Criteria for residency
7. Junior Team Trials COCs
8. Web Site - link off the ACBL front page
9. Charity event planning
10. 2002 Trials - Monitors? Hospitality? Appeals?

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Board will meet Tuesday, February 12 at 8:00 am CST. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.