

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE USBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Thursday, October 18, 2007 – 5:00 pm – Pacific Time

The USBF Board of Directors met by conference call on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 5:00 pm Pacific Time.

Jan Martel, president of the USBF called the meeting to order

Present: Jan Martel, president; Steve Beatty, Joan Gerard, Bob Hamman, Rose Meltzer, LouAnn O'Rourke, Bill Pollack

Also present: Peter Rank, Gary Blaiss

Present for part of the meeting: Jillian Levin

A quorum was established. Peter Rank, legal counsel for the USBF, stated that according to the USBF By-Laws a board meeting can be called without proper notice and be official if all members of the board are present and do not protest the lack of notice. All members were present and no one protested the lack of notice.

The Board invited Jillian Levin to appear. Jillian Levin joined the meeting. Peter Rank informed Levin that this meeting was being held to determine whether to bring a disciplinary proceeding because of the actions of her Venice Cup team at the closing ceremonies in Shanghai and that her statements to the Board might be used at such a hearing. Levin stated that she understood and would not make a formal statement and would reserve her right not to answer questions if she thought that the answers would be damaging to her or to her teammates. Levin then answered questions from Board members. The board then went into Executive Session.

The board came out of Executive Session at 6:15 pm Pacific Time and went back into Open Session.

By a 4-0 vote with Bill Pollack, Jan Martel and Rose Meltzer abstaining, the Board passed the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the United States Bridge Federation ("USBF") make a complaint against the members of the 2007 Venice Cup USA 1 team (Hansa Narasimhan, Jill Levin, Irina Levitina, Jill Meyers, Debbie Rosenberg, JoAnna Stansby and Gail Greenberg, non-playing captain) regarding their behavior at the Closing Ceremonies of the World Bridge Federation World Championships in Shanghai, China. Such complaint shall be forwarded to the USBF President requesting that she charge the members with violation of Section IV.A.10 of the USBF Grievance, Appeals and Disciplinary Procedures ("Actions unbecoming a member...") and requesting that a timely hearing on the charge be held under Section IV.B.2 of the Procedures.

The Board agreed that a hearing committee of non-board members should be appointed and that these charges should be heard, if at all possible, at the 2007 Fall NABC.

The board agreed that these Minutes could be approved by e-mail vote and they have been so approved.

The President made note of the regular meeting of the Board scheduled for Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm PDT and the subject of the Venice Cup team will be on the Agenda for that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm Pacific Time.

Attachment: Letter sent to José Damiani and Xiang Huai Cheng.