

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009
9:00PM EDT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Directors Present: Bill Pollack, Steve Beatty, Joan Gerard, George Jacobs, Mike Passell, Bob Hamman, Sylvia Moss

Others Present: Marty Harris, Barbara Nudelman, Jan Martel

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pollack, president, at 9:05 pm EDT

II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM

The chairman noted that at least a majority of the directors were present at the meeting, thus establishing a quorum for the purpose of transacting business by the Board.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETING OF 3/25/09

Minutes were approved as amended. The change was that the next meeting was originally scheduled for April and then rescheduled for May 29, 2009

IV. UPDATE RE BBO TRIALS FOR TURKEY

The Board thanked Jan, Joan, Barbara and BBO for the successful Trials that were held. 18 pairs competed, 12 pairs qualified. The Board will need to decide if we want to send a chaperone with the teams. All the players have been sent "participation letters" Pairs 4, 5, and 66 are under 21 years of age.

V. BRAZIL PER DIEM

It was determined that we can only afford to give \$225 per person. A motion to that effect was made, seconded and carried.

Barbara suggested that we give the players \$600 per person in advance. This was moved, seconded and carried.

VI. SITES FOR 2011 OPEN TRIALS

Several sites were contacted. Nothing has been determined as yet.

VII. 2010 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was determined that the USBF wants to host this Event with the WBF without the support of the ACBL, except for the \$100,000 that the ACBL has pledged.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the USBF would commit to \$200,000 in addition to the \$100,000 pledged by the ACBL to the USBF. It was further hoped that another \$50,000 could be raised for unforeseen happenings.

A vote was taken as to the Board's preference for Las Vegas or for Philadelphia. There were 4 votes for Las Vegas and the rest, including the non-voting members present, had no preference. One person voted for Philadelphia.

VIII. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

It was decided that Bill would let the Board know by e-mail when the next meeting would be. It is likely to be held at the Washington NABC.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 pm EDT.