

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION

1/19/2010
9PM EDT
VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Directors Present: Steve Beatty, Joan Gerard, Cheri Bjerkan. Howard Weinstein, George Jacobs.

Others Present: Bill Pollack, president, Marty Harris, Barbara Nudelman, Jan Martel

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pollack at 9:05PM 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 NOVEMBER 17, 2009

The minutes were accepted and approved as submitted

IV. WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Bill Pollack welcomed Cheri Bjerkan and Howard Weinstein to the USBF Board

V. FINAL APPROVAL FOR NEW BYLAWS AND ELECTION PROCEDURES

A motion was made and carried to approve the new Bylaws and Election procedures.

VI. AIRLINE DISCOUNTS FOR PHILADELPHIA -2010

Bill reported that Continental Airlines is the only airline willing to give a discount on tickets to Philadelphia and Bill has made those arrangements.

VII. SPONSORSHIP UPDATE FOR PHILADELPHIA

Bill reported for Chris Compton that we have \$260,000 in the bank ; we will receive \$50,000 from LouAnn O'Rourke in 2010 and there is \$108,000 in pledges.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on USA Juinor Teams

Joan reported that Bob Rosen has agreed to be the non-playing captain of USA1. We still need a captain for USA2 and we will need captains for the Under 21 teams as well.

Jan announced that the Under 21 Team Trials will be the second weekend of the Open Team Trials in Chicago in June.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Barbara reported that there has been a reduction in income from the ACBL member contributions made through the renewal forms. The normal income we were receiving was between \$20,000 and \$32,000. Now we are getting about \$16,000. Barbara said that she will be looking into this to see if there is any obvious reason.

Bill is sending thank you notes from the USBF to clubs that contributed over \$100 to the USBF in 2009. Enclosed with the note is an applique that says USBF to go on a convention card. Those clubs that contributed less than \$100 will receive an e-mail thank you.

A motion was made and carried to authorize one 6 person FISU team to go to Taiwan this August. A non-playing captain was also authorized. The USBF will pay for this team and their captain. The USBF Board is not supporting a second FISU team or a team to go to Holland for the White House Tournament.

Joan reported that the USBF Regional at Sea run for 6 days in the beginning of December was a huge success. There were 900 tables of bridge in play. Larry Cohen was the lecturer because of Bernie Chasen's death.

Jayne Thomas has asked for this Regional again in 2011 and 2012. A motion was made and carried to give this Regional to the Florida Unit for 2011 and 2012.

X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 9PM EDT by conference call.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10PM