

**MINUTES**  
**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**  
**THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2010 AT 9:00PM EDT**  
**VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

Directors Present: Steve Beatty, Joan Gerard, Howard Weinstein, Mike Passell,  
Geroge Jacobs; Cheri Bjorkan

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The president 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 MAY 25, 2010**

The Minutes were accepted and approved as submitted, with one spelling correction

**IV. TRIALS UPDATE**

The ITT writes the Conditions of Contest for the Open Team Trials and the USBF will be asking them to put in better controls. For example: cell phone penalties for the cell phone regulations.

**V. UPDATE ON PHILADELPHIA WORLD BRIDGE SERIES**

The USBF Board agreed that it is appropriate to host a party in Philidelphia for our sponsors, ACBL Board of Directors, WBF Executive Council and other invited guests. \$7500 was agreed to as the limit to be spent.

Bill mentioned that a letter from Presdient Obama will be forthcoming and will be printed in the Daily Bulletin at the World Bridge Series.

**VI. REGIONAL AT SEA UPDATE**

Joan reported that the ACBL Board of Directors is concerned that the USBF received so little money from the Regional at Sea held this past December. The ACBL Board believes that a Regional a year was granted to the USBF and the

CBF as a fund raiser. If it is not a fund raiser then perhaps the USBF should not be granted any regional in the future.

A long discussion followed with the USBF believing that while raising monies is important – getting the name of the USBF out there is also important.

A motion was made and passed that Bill will contact Jayne Thomas and attempt to negotiate a different rate for 2010 and 2011 for the Regional at Sea.

## **VII. WBF PLAYER'S COMMISSION**

The WBF is forming a Player's Commission . This will be made up of 4 representatives from Zone 1, 3 representatives from Zone 2, at least one man and one woman, 2 representatives from Zone 6 and one from each of the other Zones. These players should be World Grand Masters if possible. Then from this group two players will be seletected by the group to be members of the Executive Council of the WBF Bill will discuss this with the CBF and the two organizations will come up with 3 players and submit their names to the ACBL Board of Directors for approval.

## **VIII. JUNIOR TEAMS AND CAPTAINS**

USBF dues for Juniors is \$20 for 26 and under and \$15 for 21 and under

### **U26 teams are:**

Team 1

Jeremy Fournier, Roger Lee, Jason Chiu, Kevin Fay, Marius Agica, Dan Wolkowitz

NPC – Kevin Wilson

Team 2

Zachary Brescoll, Kevin Dwyer, Dan Goldfein, Sam Katz, Owen.Lien, Matt.Meckstroth

NPC –

### **U21 teams are:**

Team 1

Adam Kaplan, Adam Grossack, Alex Hudson, John Marriott III, Jourdain Patchett, Jesse Stern

NPC – Sharon Meng-Horton

Team 2

Zandy Rizzo, Murphy Green, Andrew Jeng, Richard Jeng, and a third pair to be added

NPC – Tom Carmichael

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

It was noted with great sadness that Aileen Osofsky, chairman of the ACBL Goodwill committee since 1985 passed away on June 22, 2010.

Bill commented that Aileen was a great lady of bridge.

Playing schedule for the 2011 Women's and Seniors Trials will be discussed at the WITTC and SITTC meetings in New Orleans.

**X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the USBF Board will be by conference call on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 9:00pm EDT.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm EDT.