

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018
11:00 AM EDT
PHILADELPHIA

Directors Present: Dave Caprera, Marty Fleisher, Bob Katz, Brad Moss, Beth Palmer, Josh Parker (by phone); absent: Greg Humphreys,

Others Present: Jeff Aker, Jan Martel, Joe Stokes, Stan Subeck, Howard Weinstein, Gianarrigo Rona, WBF President, David Harris, WBF Counsel, Yves Aubry, EBL President, Simon Fellus, WBF Secretary, Howard Weinstein, Marcin Waslowicz

ACBL Representatives: Al Levy, Suzi Subeck

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Marty Fleisher at 11:00 am EDT.

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 FROM 1/10/2018

The Minutes of 1/10/2018 were unanimously approved

IV. APPROVAL OF RESIDENT MEMBER APPLICATIONS

The Resident Member applications of Dan Korbel and Shan Huang had previously been discussed by email and were unanimously accepted.

V. 2018 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DISCUSSION

Al Levy reported that things are moving along. WBF have added a 2-day Swiss opposite the third and fourth days of the Rosenblum. Teams eliminated from the Rosenblum will be eligible to play in the Swiss with no additional entry fee. Other teams may also enter the Swiss. Hotel reservations are on track.

Discussion of WBF System card requirement. It is required by the WBF Conditions of Contest, but there isn't clear information about how well the requirement will be enforced.

VI. 2019 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Giannarigo Rona reported that the 2019 World Championship will be held in Sanya, China, but at a different location from the one in 2016 (nearer downtown, airport and with more nearby restaurants). WBF has added a Mixed Team event to the schedule to be held concurrently with the Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup & D'Orsi Bowl.

VII. NEW ZONAL ORGANIZATION

Marty reported that work is proceeding to form the new Zonal Organization (ZO). The ZO will have a 9-person Board (4 USBF, 2 ACBL, 2 CBF, and 1 MBF), The main job of the ZO will be to select the 5 Zone 2 representatives to the WBF Executive Committee, subject to restrictions that 1 will be nominated by ACBL, 1 will be nominated by CBF, 1 will be nominated by MBF and 2 will be nominated by USBF.

VIII. HOUSTON USBC REPORT

Paul Cuneo reported that things are on track with the hotel. Jan reported that entries are good for this early, and that the Houston people are doing a great job of helping us plan hospitality and finding volunteers for hospitality and Vugraph.

IX. USBC CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Jan explained the revisions to the General Conditions of Contest and Special Conditions of Contest for 2018. The Board unanimously approved the 2018 Conditions of Contest.

X. JUNIOR USBC REPORT

Joe Stokes reported that we had a very successful Junior USBC, and are sending 30 juniors and 5 NPCs to the World Junior Championship in China in August. Joe is working on travel arrangements for the players.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be by conference call at a time to be scheduled online.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session and invited Stan Subeck & Jan Martel to remain. The Board discussed the addition of a Mixed Team event to the 2019 World Championships and decided to send 2 teams to that event and instructed Jan to organize a Mixed USBC for 2019.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm EDT.