

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION**

**February 20, 2002
8:00 A.M. CST - Via Conference Call**

Directors Present: Michael Becker, Shawn Quinn, Dan Morse, Alan Popkin, Jay Baum,
Arnold Jones, Bruce Reeve, Bob Friend, Nick Nickell

Others Present: Rena Hetzer, Peter Rank, Jack Zdancewicz

Call to Order and Quorum Established

Mike Becker called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 12, 2002 meeting were approved after an amendment adding Nickell to the list of those thanked for their generous support of the SLC efforts.

Salt Lake City Review - Additional Comments

Captains Rosen, Jacobs and Meltzer were thanked for their time. It was a better event because of them. It was noted that the members of the junior team were gracious despite the change in conditions and were always well-behaved.

Large Donations and Crediting of Active Member Dues

The possibility of creating a lifetime membership for those making large donations was discussed as well as the logistics of tracking those who pay for multiple years.

No motion was made granting special membership status to any person making large donations to the USBF. It was suggested that the presence of a highly visible and accessible USBF "booth" in the area of the Vanderbilt Teams will prompt payment of USBF dues even by those who have previously made donations.

Tournament Committee

Not discussed at this meeting.

Web Site Update

Quinn reported that the site needs a webmaster to update site with current events. An Active Member form is needed to accept applications from ABA, ACBL, citizens and residents. Professional help is needed to complete the site. Baum was asked if the ACBL could provide

help. Baum reported that this department does not have the time to work on the USBF site. Quinn will look outside the ACBL for a webmaster. The pros and cons of publishing the minutes on the web site was discussed but no conclusion was reached.

USBF Budget

Nickell and Jack Zdancewicz will fine tune the budget. Board members will study the items in the budget and suggest any changes to them.

There was a discussion of what ACBL will charge USBF for services they provide to USBF. The budget presently shows \$18,000 for ½ of an ACBL worker providing about 20 hours of work a week. This was agreeable to the Board with the knowledge that this number may be adjusted as warranted.

SLC Expenses

Jack Zdancewicz and Nick Nickell will discuss participant's expenses.

USBF Booth at NABCs

The Board felt there should be a one-page handout with Active Member dues payment at the nationals. The handout should contain the location of the web site (and bylaws), a contact list of Board members and chairperson, trials information and whatever else can be squeezed into one page.

The ACBL will staff a desk to collect dues. An Active Member reminder announcement will be made before the start of the first and second quarters. The ACBL staff person will maintain an up-to-date list as well as a list of those who have played in previous trials and attempt to remind those who have not paid yet.

Drug Certification Statement

Rank and Popkin will review the old ACBL certification form that trials winners had to sign after winning. The Conditions of Contest should contain a notice that the winners will have to sign a statement against the use of illegal drugs (include specimen). The Active Member application blank and Trials Application blank will not contain such notice.

Formation of USBF Sub-Committees

Each Board member was asked to consider which committees they would like to chair or be members of and then report their decision at the next Board meeting.

Continuing Contact with USOC

Not discussed at this meeting.

SLC Media Happenings

Jean Patterson is putting together a composite of all media coverage. USBF will be given a copy.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Board will meet Wednesday February 27 at 8:00 am CST. As to the meeting in Houston, it was agreed that food would be provided.

There being not further business, the meeting adjourned.