

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

**May 29, 2002  
8:00 A.M. CST - Conference Call**

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

Others Present: Rena Hetzer

**Call to Order and Quorum Established**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the May 1, 2002 were not available

**Bylaws Amendments**

1. The amendment to *Article III.D. Committees and Subcommittees* was approved unanimously. (*Exhibit 1*)
2. The amendment to the Grievance section of the Bylaws will be approved by email votes June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. The Grievance Procedures were approved. (*Exhibit 2*) Certain items in the Procedures were noted by Becker and will be referred to the Bylaws Committee for discussion.
4. The amendment to the Election and Nomination Procedures was referred back to the Bylaws Committee for discussion. (*Exhibit 3*)
5. The Nominating Committee Procedures were referred back to the Bylaws Committee for discussion. (*Exhibit 4*)

**Elections Timetable**

Becker presented an election timeline.

1. 30 days to amend Bylaws related to the election and then post on to the website.
2. 60 days notice on the website prior to the closing of nominations by the Nominating Committee.
3. 30 days from the time nominations close for petition candidates to file for nomination.
4. 30 days for mailing, return and tabulation of votes

Becker noted that there were few ABA Active Members and their voting turnout would be tiny. Reeve suggested and the Board agreed that newly elected members be invited to the Fall NABC meeting or other meetings prior to their taking office January 1 of the following year. The Board

set a goal to finish the election before the Fall NABC.

Jean Patterson, was appointed as staff to the Nominating and Elections Committees and will be asked to provide ACBL nomination and election procedures to committee members.

### **New Committees**

1. Arnold Jones, Shawn Quinn, Nick Nickell, Bruce Reeve and Jean Patterson, ACBL staff, were appointed to the Elections Committee.
2. The Board appointed three members to the nine person Nominating Committee: Bob Friend, as the ABA Board member, and Mike Becker and Jay Baum as the ACBL Board members. Two ABA members will be proposed by Friend and Jones. The four ACBL and two Athlete candidates will be chosen by an email vote of the complete Board by June 8. The Board agreed that at least one man and one woman be selected from the ACBL and Athlete members to serve on the Nominating Committee.

After the list of potential Nominating Committee members is prepared and voted upon, and a rank order determined, Becker shall invite those selected to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Jay Baum was asked to prepare an on-line notice of election.

### **Web Site**

It was decided that the USBF website would not provide the means to pay dues and make donations using credit cards online. However, the website will have a Membership Application and a USBF Donation form that can be printed and mailed in along with a check to the USBF.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Tournament Committee**

##### **Junior Matters**

1. The junior event held in The Netherlands in early May was won by the US team of Kevin Bathurst, Chris Davis, Joel Wooldridge, John Hurd, Brad Campbell, Kent Mignocchi, Jade Barrett, NPC, The Board recognized and was grateful that an anonymous donor's last minute contribution made the junior's trip possible.
2. The Netherlands junior team met as a "junior committee" and provided input on the 2002 USJBC conditions of contest. The conditions will be written to conform to their preferences and presented to the Board for approval at its next meeting.

## 2002 USBC

Jay Baum reported that Bruce Keidan will be in Memphis from about June 4-13 and is expected to make contact with the press concerning the event.

The Board rejected a suggestion to reduce USBC card fees, or issue a credit for future year's USBCs should the event show a profit.

## Senior International Team Trials Committee (SITTC)

The SITTC will meet Wednesday July 24 at 10:00 am in Washington.

## Grandfathering Residents

It was further resolved that all residents playing in the 2002 USBC would be asked to fill out and sign the resident form. The Board grandfathered those who became residents under ACBL rules for at least two years, regardless of whether they meet the requirements of Appendix P or not. Residents will be informed that if they do not currently meet the requirements of Appendix P, the Credentials Committee may judge their eligibility to represent the US differently than if they do meet the requirements of Appendix P. They will be given a copy of Appendix P.

## Credentials Committee

Possible Credentials Committee members were discussed. It was resolved that the Board shall make the residency rules and that the Credentials Committee will interpret and enforce the residency rules as set out in Appendix P. Becker will seek the input of the WITTC for additional names.

## World Relations Committee

Morse reported that George Retek, ACBL 2002 President as well as ACBL WBF representative, met with Marty Mackenheimer, assistant to USOC Legal Counsel. Mackenheimer suggested we wait to apply to USOC until April of 2003 by which time the USOC will have addressed whether or not a new class of USOC membership will be created for games such as bridge. Morse again suggested that the USBF send observers to the USOC November meeting to maintain a visibility to and contact with the USOC. Morse through Rank will attempt to obtain a list of USOC members – particularly the membership committee members. Also, Morse will determine the date of the November USOC meeting in Colorado.

The World Relations Committee will meet in Washington to discuss the relationship between the ABA and Zone Two. Richard Bowling, President of the ABA will be invited to attend.

## Miscellaneous

1. Becker reported that Fred Gitelman reviewed the USBF website and liked it, but made some suggestions as to content.

2. The Trump Trophy idea has not yet been pursued.

**Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next Board meeting will be held some time after the 2002 USBC.

The USBF Board decided to meet during the Washington, DC Summer NABC Thursday, July 18 at 8:15.

The meeting adjourned 11:25 am CST.