

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
MAY 3, 2004
8 PM CDST
VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Directors Present: Chris Compton, Marvin Comer, Jan Martel, Rose Meltzer
Arnold Jones, Dan Morse, Sharon Osberg and Bill Pollack

Others Present: Michael Becker, Peter Rank, Gary Blaiss, Rena Hetzer, Joan
Gerard and Nadine Wood

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Compton

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

The minutes of March 1, 2004 were revised as shown below (plus one spelling correction) and approved as revised.

POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF 2004 OLYMPIAD

**Taking into account Compton's Report of his discussions with WBF
President Jose Damiani, the USBF Board determined to forego dedicated
fundraising efforts aimed at inducing WBF to relocated the 2004 Olympiad.
It was the collective opinion of the Board that any such efforts would be
highly unlikely to produce the substantial amount of money necessary to
effect such a relocation.**

IV. USBF MEMBERSHIP

The Board determined to follow-up the email solicitation to renew USBF membership by a direct regular mailing to all previous active members who have not renewed for 2004 active membership. Additionally, Blaiss will investigate the possibility of a cost-free ACBL Bulletin announcement urging membership and renewal of membership in the USBF.

V. JUNIOR TRIALS AND USA JUNIOR TEAMS

The USBF Board will convey to USA Junior team members and their NPCs its expectation that all members of a USA Junior team will play the required number of boards

A motion was proposed, seconded and passed as follows:

- A. *The 3rd pair augmented to USA I Junior Team will be selected from participants in the 2004 Junior Team Trials.*
- B. *The initial 4 USA I team members and their NPC will jointly recommend an eligible 3rd pair from amongst the 2004 Junior Team Trials participants at the conclusion of the 2004 Junior Team Trials for final approval and nomination by the USBF Board.*

VI. US TRIALS AND USBF MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT.

A motion was proposed, seconded and passed as follows:

Effective 2005, any participant in the USWBC who has not previously competed in a US Bridge Championship (trials to determine US international representation) will not be required to be a current active member of the USBF upon entering the event at the initial stage. Any such participant advancing beyond the initial stage must become an active USBF member to continue as a participant in the event.

An additional motion concerning trials internet coverage was proposed, seconded and passed as follows:

Live broadcasting of all trials (semi-finals and finals) is approved at a cost including telecommunications not to exceed a total of \$500.

VII. CONDITIONS OF CONTEST APPROVAL

- A. The 2004 USBC Conditions of Contest are approved subject to completion of **Appendix C. Format of Round Robin.**
- B. The 2004 USWBC Conditions of Contest are approved.
- C. The format of the 2004 USSBC (with 16 teams or less the event begins with KO matches and is of four days duration. With more than 16 teams entered a first-day swiss format will reduce the field to 8 teams with the following 3 days of play straight KO matches) as presented by Dan Morse, Chairman of the SITTC Committee, is approved with authorization for written final conditions to be submitted later.

VIII. SPONSORSHIP OF 2005 USBC

President Compton reported that a decision by the potential sponsor had been delayed. There is no action to be taken at this time.

IX. BOARD MEMBER ELECTION NOMINATING PROCEDURES

The Nominating Procedures will be revised to reflect the following:

- A. The Nominating Committee will put forth a slate of candidates not to exceed two candidates per vacant slot.
- B. Once the slate of candidates is complete, including any candidates on the slate via a petition from USBF active members, any unopposed candidate will be declared elected without need for voting by the eligible voters.

X. USBF CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DURING 2004 NEW YORK SUMMER NABC

The USBF will match a private \$2,500 donation specified for use in funding the junior activities during the 2004 New York NABC and this will result in a total of \$5,000 to the local New York committee organizing the events for junior players.

These events include the inaugural WBF Junior Individual World Championship as well as a challenge team event between Zones One and Two of the WBF.

XI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Compton gave a verbal report of the funds available.

XII. AUTHORIZATION OF USA TEAMS TO 2004 OLYMPIAD - ISTANBUL

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XIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

The decision to send no team to the University Championships in Istanbul was confirmed.

XV. SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the USBF Board will be Monday, June 28 8:00 PM CDT.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.