

**MINUTES**  
**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**  
**THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION**  
**8/19/08**  
**8:30PM CDT**  
**VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

Directors Present: Joan Gerard, Bob Hamman, Jan Martel, Rose Meltzer, Bill Pollack

Others Present: Barbara Nudelman, Gary Blaiss, Marty Harris (after 9:00pm)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Jan Martel at 8:30PM CDT.

**II. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM**

The chairman noted that five members of the board of 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 JULY 19, 2008**

The minutes were accepted and approved as submitted.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MARTY HARRIS AS USBF COUNSEL**

Moved, seconded and approved to accept Marty Harris as our new counsel. Jan will sign a letter of agreement. Since Steve Beatty was not on our conference call, we were unable to know the details at this time. Marty was then called and invited to join the conference call which he did.

**V. FISU TEAMS AND NPC'S**

We are sending two teams to Poland. Shawn Quinn has agreed to serve as captain of one team and Justin Lall has agreed to captain the other team. Moved, seconded and approved both captains.

USAI – Victor Chubukov, Eric Mayofsky, Jared Fournier, Jeremy Fournier, Roger Lee, Mark Dean (the last two were added to the 4 person team that won the Trials)

USAI – Owen Lien, Kevin Dwyer, Andre Asbury, Bryan Delfs, Will Engel (the last two were added to the 4-person team that won the Trials)

Shawn has agreed to chaperone these teams for two days prior to the Bridge event for sightseeing. They will stay in a youth hostel. At the tournament we are

paying \$60pp a day which includes room and board. Transportation will average \$1400pp. The funds for this will come out of our Junior Fund.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to allocate up to \$50pp a day or more if deemed necessary by Jan, plus cost of the hostel. Jan will communicate this to Shawn.

## **VI. AUDIT**

Motion made, seconded and approved to pay the Audit Fee. Barbara has received the audit report and will send a copy to those that request it. Bob Hamman and Marty Harris requested the report.

## **VII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Jan reported that this year's nominating committee will be:

Marty Fleisher, Chair, continuing from last year

Bart Bramley, continuing from last year

Steve Beatty, will serve this year and next

Peter Boyd, will serve this year and next

Jan Martel, will serve this year and next

The committee will meet by conference call within the next few weeks and have a slate to present at our next meeting.

## **VIII. 2009 TRIALS**

Jan reported that she has signed a contract with the Sacramento Doubletree for the Women's Trials on May 23-27, 2009. This is before and during the Regional held there at that time. If there are enough teams to require a RR1, the event will start on May 21.

Joan reported that we are in the final stages of negotiation with the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas for the Senior Trials. The dates will be July 6-12, 2009.

## **IX. 2010 TRIALS**

Barbara and Tom Sucher are looking at Chicago area hotels for June 17-27. The reason the dates are so late in June is because the Las Vegas Regional in 2010 is the second week in June and we don't want to conflict with the Regional or the Memorial Day Regionals that run during the first week in June. Barbara has looked at a Sheraton, a Hyatt and a Renaissance and will decide in the next few months,

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

We have two Insurance quotes. One is from the person we have been doing business with for \$1400 – Chubb. The other is a quote that Steve Beatty obtained for us for \$1180 – Philadelphia Insurance Company. A motion was made, seconded and carried that Barbara will ask our agent to get a definite quote and that Barbara and Steve will make the decision

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Moved, seconded and carried that Ron Smith will be Coach of the Under 28 team for The Mind Sports Games in Beijing in October, 2008. He will also act as the Captain in the event that Bob Rosen is unable to attend.

**XII. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 8:00pm CST.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm CDT.