

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION

august 4, 2010

9pm edt
Via Conference Call

Directors Present: Steve Beatty, Joan Gerard, Sylvia Moss, Howie Weinstein,
Cheri Bjorkin, Mike Passell, George Jacobs

Others Present: Bill Pollack, president, Jan Martel, Barbara Nudelman, Marty
Harris, Joe Stokes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Bill Pollack, president, at 9:10PM EDT.

I. ATTENDANCE: ESTABLISH QUORUM

The chairman 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.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MEETING OF August 4, 2010

The minutes were accepted and approved as submitted.

I. Update on usbf regional at sea

Joan reported that Bill and Larry Cohen negotiated an increase per table rate for the 2010 At Sea Regional and at a future time negotiate a rate for 2011

V. WBF PLAYERS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Bill reported that the USBC is working with the CBF president to make suggestions for representatives to the Players Commission for the ACBL Board to approve. These 3 representatives will serve with other representatives from the rest of the world and will elect two of these people to be members of the WBF Executive Council. Howie, Cheri and Bill are the sub-committee making these recommendations to the USBF Board and then to the ACBL Board. It was suggested that Bill send an e-mail to all the US Grand Masters asking if they would be willing to serve. Diana Gordon is the only Grand Master from Canada, Nick Nickell and Jill Meyers have been suggested as possible representatives.

VI. UPDATE ON WORLD BRIDGE SERIES

Joan reported on pens and notepads printed with USBF and possibly with WBF name for inclusion in the registration attache case and for use on the bridge tables during play. A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to spend up to \$3000 for these items.

A USBF Party was discussed to thank our sponsors. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to go forward with this party and up to \$5000 was allocated.

A USBF/ACBL Party to honor Jose Damiani for his 16 years of leadership as president of the WBF was discussed. Jay Baum has agreed to co-host this party with the USBF. A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to go forward with this party and up to \$10,000 was allocated.

VII. NON-PLAYING CAPTAINS FOR JUNIOR TEAMS IN PHILADELPHIA

There have been some concerns with Mike Cappelletti Jr. as a captain for the Junior team. He is now the captain of our team for Taiwan. We will discuss this again after the tournament in Taiwan.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that Sharon Men-Horton be approved as a captain of one of our U21 teams.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

USBF Elections – Steve Beatty and George Jacobs are not eligible to serve. Bill will appoint a Nominating Committee for 2011.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. International Mind Sports Games

Bill reported that Jose Damiani, president of the International Mind Sports Games, wants Duplicate Poker to be one of the Mind Sports games along with Bridge, Chess, Go and Chinese Checkers. A discussion followed and the USBF Board was in favor of this. Bill also mentioned that Jose is hopeful that the USBF will attempt to form a US Mind Sports Organization and Bill has a contact name to open discussions.

B. Corporate Registration

Barbara reported that the Corporation is currently registered in the state of Tennessee. Our Registered Agent is Galen Hardy, who was an employee of the ACBL and is no longer there. We need to change our Agent. Marty Harris said that it usually costs about \$300 to have an Agent. Barbara suggested that Rena Hetzer would be willing to be our Registered Agent and suggested that we offer Rena a token of \$100 to do this for us. The Board agreed that Barbara should check with Rena and see if she was willing to do this.

X. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the USBF Board will be by conference call on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 9:00PM EDT.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50PM EDT.

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