

**MINUTES**  
**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**  
**THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012**  
**9:00 PM EST**  
**BY CONFERENCE CALL**

Directors Present: Cheri Bjerkan, Joan Gerard, George Jacobs, Ralph Katz,  
Sylvia Moss, Howard Weinstein, Jonathan Weinstein

Others Present: Marty Harris, Jan Martel, Barbara Nudelman,

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Joan Gerard, president, at 9:14 pm

**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. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY FOR UNITED STATES IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Board discussed the eligibility requirements for representing the United States in World Championships. Joan read excerpts from the WBF's new Code regarding representation of a country of which a person is not a citizen. The new Code discusses "bona fide resident" but apparently doesn't define it. The Board agreed that USBF should comply with the WBF rules. The Board then discussed what those rules are and whether USBF wanted to be more restrictive.

The Board instructed Jan to draft a procedure for determining, both when someone pays dues and when someone enters the USBC, USWBC or USSBC, that the person is either a US citizen or a resident who is in compliance with the Resident Member rules. Jan will distribute the proposed procedure before the next Board meeting, and the Board will decide exactly what procedures should be implemented.

The Board went into Executive Session to receive legal advice from Marty Harris.

The Board then discussed both what resident member rules should apply and how to make certain that all of our resident members know what the rules are and comply with them. The Board concluded that they should clarify the rules, particularly as they apply to players who competed in a Team Trials before 2004 and that they should require compliance with the clarified rules for players who want to compete in the WBF events in 2015. The clarifications should be adopted and announced promptly, and the Board instructed Marty Harris to draft possible

Bylaws amendments that will make the rules more clear. Possible clarifications were discussed at length and will be considered further at the next meeting.

#### **IV. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm EST by conference call.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 am EST