

**MINUTES**  
**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**  
**THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION**  
**THURSSDAY, DEC. 6, 2018**  
**9:00 PM EST**  
**BY CONFERENCE CALL**

Directors Present: David Caprera, Marty Fleisher, Bob Katz, Brad Moss, Beth Palmer, Josh Parker

Others Present: Julie Arbit, Marty Harris, Jan Martel, Stan Subeck

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Marty Fleisher at 9:00 pm EDT.

**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 OF 10/31/2018**

Minutes of 10/31/18 were unanimously approved.

**IV. THANKS TO BOB KATZ AND WELCOME TO KATE AKER & MARK AQUINO**

Marty Fleisher expressed the Board's thanks to Bob Katz for his service on the Board over the last 6 years and welcomed Kate and Mark who will be joining the Board next year.

**V. USBC ELIGIBILITY RULES**

Based on discussions of the ITTC Technical Committee and the whole ITTC, the Board reconsidered its vote on the question of whether a player who has qualified to represent the USBF in a World Championship is eligible to compete in a subsequent USBC. The vote in the ITTC Forum was 10 yes and 17 no. An additional 6 ITTC Forum members who were not eligible to vote under the rules of the ITTC, voted yes and 3 such voters voted no.

The Board members present did not change their votes from the October 31 meeting. With Greg not at this meeting, the vote was therefore a tie. The Board members present agreed to email Greg and if he responded that he would vote yes

or abstain, then the motion that was passed on October 31 would remain in force, and if he responded that he would vote no, then the October 31 motion would be reversed.

The Board discussed what rules would be used to determine whether a qualified team that lost 1 or 2 players was still eligible to represent the USBF in the World Championship and what team would replace a team that was eliminated. The Board will ask the TAC to develop proposed Conditions of Contest for those and will meet soon to discuss them.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm EST.