

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE UNITED STATES BRIDGE FEDERATION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019
8:15 PM EST
BY CONFERENCE CALL

Directors Present: Kate Aker, Mark Aquino, David Caprera, Marty Fleisher, Brad Moss, Beth Palmer, Josh Parker

Others Present: Marty Harris, Jan Martel, Joe Stokes, Stan Subeck

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Marty Fleisher at 9:05 pm EST.

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. APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2018

The Minutes of the December 6, 2018 were unanimously approved.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Board unanimously elected the following officers:

President: Marty Fleisher

Vice President: Brad Moss

Secretary & Chief Operations Officer: Jan Martel (not on Board)

Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer: Stan Subeck (not on Board):

Recorder: Jack Oest (not on Board)

V. APPROVE COMMITTEES

The Board unanimously the committee members set forth on Exhibit 1.

VI. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The Board discussed whether to reorganize the Tournament Committees. Jan will send out a proposed reorganization with an explanation of what each of the committees would do.

VII. RULES REGARDING PLAYERS WHO QUALIFY FOR ONE EVENT AND THEN COMPETE IN A LATER ONE

1. The Board reaffirmed its decision that a player who has qualified to compete in an Open World Championship event is not eligible to compete in a subsequent USBC that selects teams for the same World Championship.
2. The Board decided that a player who has qualified to compete in an event other than the Open is eligible to compete in subsequent USBCs, and If the player qualifies for the WC in the subsequent USBC, s/he must compete in the WC on the subsequent team
3. The Board discussed when a team would continue to be eligible to compete in a WC event if one or two players resigned from the team, either because of qualifying in a subsequent USBC or for some other reason. The team will remain eligible if there are 4 players (2 of each gender if the team is competing in the Mixed Teams) from the USBC team on the proposed WC team.
4. If a team is ineligible to compete in a WC event, it will be replaced by the last eligible team that lost in the USBC in which the ineligible team was selected. In that situation, the replacement team will be “eligible” so long as a majority of its USBC players (3 of 4 or 5 or 4 of 6) will be on the WC team.
5. If a team that has qualified in a subsequent USBC is reduced to fewer than 4 players because one or two of its players are members of a replacement team in an earlier event, that team remains eligible for the WC so long as it has a majority of its USBC players.

VIII. ACBL DISCIPLINE

The Board discussed what ACBL discipline should make a player ineligible to compete in a USBC, and concluded that a player who is not eligible to compete in a Nationally-rated ACBL event because the player is under ACBL discipline for a reason other than financial is not eligible to compete in a USBF event. In favor: Aker, Aquino, Palmer, Parker; opposed: Caprera, Fleisher, Moss.

IX. GEORGIA BOTTA RESIDENT MEMBER APPLICATION

The Board unanimously approved Georgia Botta’s application for Resident Membership.

X. BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Deferred to next meeting

XI. NABF DIRECTORS

Deferred to next meeting

XII. WBF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES.

Deferred to next meeting

XIII. SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP

Deferred to next meeting

XIV. 2019 USBCS CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Deferred to next meeting

XV. 2019 IMSA TOURNAMENT

We have been invited to send an Open and a Women's team to the 2019 IMSA tournament, but it is scheduled in direct conflict to the Open & Women's USBCs. Jan will tell the WBF that we are unable to send teams.

XVI. NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be by conference call on February 12th at 8:00 pm EST.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 pm EST.