

Minutes
ACBL Board of Directors
Las Vegas Hilton
Las Vegas, NV
November 28 - December 1, 2001

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Kirkham on Wednesday November 28 at 8:00 am.

Present: George Retek #1, Jonathan Steinberg #2, Joan Levy Gerard #3, Ray Raskin #4 Sharon Fairchild #5, Nadine K. Wood #6, Bruce Reeve #7, Glenn Smith #8, Phil Altus #9, Charles D. Wilkinson #10, Jim Reiman #11, Wayne Hascall #12, Harriette Buckman #13, Sue Himel #14, Virgil V. Anderson #15, Dan E. Morse #16, Jerry Fleming #17, Richard G. Anderson #18, Barbara Nist #19, Robert E. Lix #20, Roger Smith #21, James H. Kirkham #22, Alan LeBendig #23, Alvin Levy #24, Richard DeMartino #25.

Also

Present: Don Mamula, Chairman Board of Governors; Peter Rank, League Counsel; Shirley Seals, District #9 Elect; Jack Zdancewicz, CFO, Gary Blaiss, Chief Tournament Director, and staff Nancy Foy, Jim Miller, Julie Greenberg and Rena Hetzer.

Approval of Toronto 012 Minutes

The Toronto Minutes are approved.

Carried without dissent.

012-260: Ratification of Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting are ratified.

Carried. (Minutes of meeting follow)

MINUTES
Executive Committee of the Board of Directors
August 9, 2001

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the ACBL held a telephonic meeting at 4:00 p.m. CDT on Thursday, August 9, 2001. Present were President Jim Kirkham, Chairman Glenn Smith, Dan Morse, Roger Smith and Nadine Wood. Also present were CEO Wayne Hascall, Jack Zdancewicz, Gary Blaiss, Don Mamula, Board of Governors Chairman, Rena Hetzer and Kelley McGuire.

1. Approval of two Senior Teams from Zone II: It was moved and seconded that Zone II would select two Senior teams to go to Bali.

Carried without dissent.

2. Selection 2nd team: It was moved and seconded that the second team be selected using a double elimination format starting at the round of eight. (Additional entries for the Senior event will be allowed only if there are three or more, i.e., not 9 or 10 total teams.)

Carried without dissent.

3. Entry fee for Second Team. It was moved and seconded that the second team's entry fee will be paid from the 2002 International Senior funds.

Carried. Nay: Nadine Wood

President Kirkham spoke of two additional items for information purposes only.

1. That any complaints the Board of Directors have shall be given to CEO Hascall and not to Individual Managers.

2. Unit 128 request to appeal the decision handed down in Toronto by the Appeals & Charges Committee. League Counsel was advised and stated that the decision of the Appeals and Charges Committee was final with no further appeal available to either Unit.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MINUTES

Executive Committee of the Board of Directors
September 6, 2001

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the ACBL held a telephonic meeting at 3:30 pm CT on Thursday, September 6, 2001. Present were President Jim Kirkham, Chairman Glenn Smith, Dan Morse, Roger Smith and Nadine Wood. Also present were CEO, Wayne Hascall and Galen Hardy.

- A. Approval of USA I Senior Team: It was moved and seconded that the USA I Senior Team will consist of Betty Ann Kennedy, NPC, Bobby Wolff, Dan Morse, Steve Robinson, Kit Woolsey, John Sutherlin and Fred Hamilton.

Carried without dissent.

- A. Approval of USA II Senior Team: It was moved and seconded that the USA II Senior Team will consist of Gene Freed, Grant Baze, Chris Larsen, Joseph Kivel, John Onstott, and Garey Hayden.

Carried without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm CT.

012-261: Election of ACBL President

George Retek's election to the office of ACBL President for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2002 was unanimously confirmed.

Carried without dissent.

Non-Agenda Items

- A. The following are approved for consideration:
1. Senior Event Age Classifications & Stratum: Referred to Tournament Regulations as I tem 013-151.
 2. Annual Senior Masterpoint Race: Referred to Tournament Regulations as I tem 013-152.
 3. Mini Life Masters' Pairs: Referred to Tournament Regulations as I tem 013-153.
 4. ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations: Referred to Governance as I tem 013-62.
 5. District 16 Unit Transfer: Referred to Governance as I tem 013-63.
 6. NABC Site Selection: Referred to Full Board as I tem 013-267
- B. Ethical Oversight Committee: Not accepted for consideration at this meeting.

ACBL Treasurer's Report

The report of ACBL Treasurer Bob Lix is received. *(Exhibit 1)*

League Counsel Report

Peter Rank, League Counsel, reported on the status of litigation. *(Exhibit 2)*

Charity Foundation Membership Meeting

The membership meeting of the ACBL Charity Foundation convened. Charity Foundation President Jayne Thomas spoke about the Red, White and Blue Bash special games at clubs to benefit the victims of 9/11/01 terrorist attack on the USA encouraging all to promote and participate in these games. Thomas was optimistic that revenues would reach \$100,000 and due to the Foundation's commitment to match up to \$100,000 that the total going to the victims would reach a minimum of \$200,000. Thomas also stated that the Foundation would be certain that the monies in their entirety would be put in the hands of the victims even if that meant a Foundation representative had to travel to New York himself.

Thomas then reminded the Director's that many of them had not yet designated

the recipient charity for their annual \$1,000 discretionary donation and to please do so as soon as possible.

In conclusion, the election to fill the expired term of Foundation trustee Don Moeller was held. There were two declared candidates – Don Moeller and Jerry Fleming. Jerry Fleming was elected to a four-year term beginning January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2005.

The meeting adjourned.

Educational Foundation Membership Meeting

The membership meeting of the Educational Foundation convened. Barbara Nist, Educational Foundation Vice-president recited recent actions of the Foundation which included approval of a \$10,000 annual fee to the ACBL to cover overhead cost of administrative assistance to the Foundation.

A motion to amend the Bylaws to restrict meeting attendance to current trustees, appropriate staff and those invited by the president was defeated.

A motion to define the role and term of advisors was passed.

Trustee elections proceeded. Complying with bylaws that dictate the election of 1 ACBL Board member at each annual election, Barbara Nist, being the only candidate from the ACBL Board, was re-elected. Barbara Vann was re-elected as a trustee elected from the general ACBL membership population. Christopher Shaw was elected replacing Arlette Schutte.

The meeting adjourned.

Executive Session

At approximately 9:00 a.m. the Board went into Executive Session League Counsel and Hascall (interim CEO) remaining.

The following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of Chief Executive Officer;

WHEREAS, the Corporation has appointed a search committee to recommend a CEO candidate to the Board and such committee has presented the name of Jay Baum to the Board;

NOW THEREFORE, after interview of Mr. Baum and discussion by the Board, the Board resolution follows:

That Jay Baum be employed by the Corporation as its Chief Executive Officer, effective January 1, 2002 and that Jim Kirkham and Wayne Hascall are authorized to negotiate and finalize an employment agreement with Mr. Baum under general parameters provided by the Board with input and review by League Counsel.

Carried without dissent.

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The meeting was called to order by President Jim Kirkham on Thursday November 29 at 8:00a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday, November 28

Also Present: Same as Wednesday, November 28

Proposal for Duplicate Gin Rummy

Mr. Chuck Sanberg and Mr. Joshua Sacks, of American Duplicate Gin Rummy, presented a proposal for the Board's consideration whereby their company and the ACBL would become strategic partners. The ACBL would provide record-keeping capabilities presently programed and in place to track the standings and accomplishments of their online duplicate gin rummy membership.

The Board approved the investigation of this proposal.

Action Items

Jim Miller was appointed to follow-up on items which were not formal motions of

the ACBL Board of Directors but items which require action by the ACBL headquarters staff. Miller will monitor and report back to the Board on any such items.

(Exhibit 3)

APPEALS and CHARGES		
Reeve, Chairman	Morse, Vice Chairman	
Buckman	Fairchild	Levy Smith, R.
Steinberg		

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 013-01: Disciplinary Cases

1. The request from Allan Siebert, ACBL #L384802, for relief from the prohibition of playing in partnership with his brother David is denied.
2.
 - A. The appeal from John Lyddon, ACBL #R087591, of the discipline issued by the Anaheim NABC Tournament Disciplinary Committee in August, 2000 and confirmed by the District 22 Appellate Committee is denied.
 - B. The committee reviewed John Lyddon's violation of ACBL probation pursuant to ¶5.2 of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations. This violation was caused by the discipline issued by the Disciplinary Committee of Unit 542 in March of 2001 and confirmed by the District 22 Appellate Committee. In addition to the mandatory 60 day suspension issued by Management for the violation, John Lyddon is placed on a two year suspension to be followed by a five year probation, effective December 1, 2001. These disciplines supercede and replace all disciplines in effect on Mr. Lyddon prior to the start of this NABC, November 18, 2001, except that Mr. Lyddon is still considered to be on ACBL probation as a multiple offender.

Received without dissent.

3. In the matter of Robert Kent's request that the Board take action under ¶11.2 of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations in the District 22 GNT 2001 matter, the committee unanimously recommends that the ACBL Board of Directors take no action. The reasons for this recommendation are that

the 2000/2001 GNT is completed, that California Superior Court has ruled adversely to Kent on this matter and the GNT Conditions of Contest for 2001/2002 presently do not encompass Mr. Kent's request and this committee suggests that the Conditions should not be altered.

Carried. Abstain: 22

Consultant's Report to ACBL

The Board went into executive session to hear the Bryant report.

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The meeting was called to order by President Jim Kirkham on Friday November 30 at 8:00a.m.

Present: Same as Thursday November 29

Also Present: Same as Thursday November 29

FINANCE			
Lix, Chairman	Retek, Vice Chairman		
DeMartino	Fleming	Gerard	Nist
Reiman	Wilkinson		

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 013-15: 2002 Budget

The 2002 budget as presented at the Board meeting is approved.

Carried. Abstain: 8, 12

Item 013-16: World Bridge Federation Membership Dues

The ACBL WBF representatives will bring forth and support a motion at the WBF Executive Council Meetings which would reduce the WBF membership dues from \$.50 per member to \$.30 per member.

Not Carried. Aye: 7, 8, 12, 17, 22

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Item 013-267: NABC Site Selection

- 1. 2006 Spring - Dallas, Texas March 29-April 9 at the Hyatt Regency

Carried without dissent.

- 2. 2008 Fall - Boston, Massachusetts November 20-30 at the Marriott Copley Place and the Westin Copley Place

After an initial vote in favor of deferral to Houston, this site was reconsidered and approved.

Carried. Abstain: 1, 2, 8, 18

BRIDGE			
Reiman, Chairman Gerard, Vice Chairman			
Anderson, R.	Anderson, V.	Levy	Retek Hascall
Wood	LeBendig	DeMartino	Reeve Morse

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 013-75: Club Masterpoints

Masterpoint awards for all club games that start at 6:00 p.m or later will be increased by 20%.

Not Carried. Aye: 9, 10, 15, 18, 23

Item 013-76: ACBL Recorder & NABC Appeals Book

- A. The employee position of ACBL Recorder/Appeals Administrator is eliminated.
- B. The ACBL Recorder and Appeals Administrator are volunteer positions appointed by the ACBL President with terms of three years and one year respectively.

Not Carried. Aye: 8, 15, 20 Abstain: 12

- C. NABC Appeals Casebooks will not be printed. The write-ups will be posted to the ACBL web site with or without commentary.

Not Carried. Aye: 1, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

BRIDGE - Special Events

Anderson, V., Chairman

Hascall

Levy

MorseRetek

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 013-130: GNT and NAOP Competitions

The lowest flight for GNT and NAOP is changed to 0-500 MP's with no designation or reference to Non Life Masters.

Not Carried. Aye: 2, 5, 6, 8, 16, 18, 19, 23, 24

Item 013-131: Flight A Grand National Teams

The change to 4 flights for the GNT, done for 2 years on an experimental basis, is now a permanent feature of the GNT.

Carried. Nay: 4, 14, 15

Item 013-132: Instant Matchpoint Game

- A. Games meeting open standards will be considered in the open contest. (Note: ½ table games will be included.)
- B. Minimum boards to be played by any pair in the open contest is 20.
- C. Howell movements meeting open standards will award a Gold Point for first place.

Effective date: September 12, 2002

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-133: Inter-Club Championship Games

- A. ACBL Management is authorized to sanction and conduct inter-club championships which are administered online but played "live."
 - 1. ACBL may sanction and conduct the event.

- 2. ACBL may hold the sanction and sublet the administration of the event.
- 3. If requested by a group of clubs, ACBL may authorize (grant a sanction to) a qualified person to administrate such an online-administered, inter-club championship for those clubs.
- 4. ACBL may also authorize (grant a sanction to) a qualified person to conduct an online-administered inter-club championship or sanction the event

The masterpoint awards for this event are the same as inter-club championships administered manually.

- B. In addition to a club's regular club championships, the club may participate in an additional four (4) inter-club championships administered online. A club may not use one or all of its regular, quarterly club championships to participate in inter-club championships administered electronically.

(Note: Item 962-69 is amended to reflect the above.)

Carried. Nay: 2, 5, 8, 9, 13, 15, 20

BRIDGE - Tournament Regulations			
Wood, Chairman			
Anderson, R.	DeMartino	LeBendig	Reeve

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 013-145: NABC Bridge Appeals Report

The appeals process report for handling of appeals at NABCs is received.

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-146: Multi-Flight Event Awards

No player(s) scoring 50% or less, based upon the method of scoring, in flights A and AX of a multi-flight event is eligible to win overall awards. These players are restricted to Section awards only.

Not Carried. Aye: 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 16, 25

Item 013-147: Mini-Spingold

- A. The masterpoint awards for the Mini-Spingold will be:
1. 75 points for first place in the 0-1500 category.
 2. 100 points for first place in the 0-5000 category.

Carried. Nay: 8, 10, 14, 17

- B. The restriction that the event be completed in five days is removed from the Conditions of Contest. The event will end as dictated by the total number of entries and Appendix C. (Note: Appendix C establishes how the bracket is constructed.)

Effective Date: 01/01/2002

Carried. Nay: 3, 4, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 24

Item 013-148: Red Ribbon Pairs

In 2002 the Red Ribbon Pairs will be conducted on the 2nd and 3rd full day of the Summer NABC concurrent with the second and third day of the Life Masters' Pairs.

Effective Date: 01/01/2002

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-149: Rank of Players from Non-ACBL Organizations

Members who have had memberships in other bridge organizations or continue to hold membership in other bridge organizations MUST report both that affiliation and the rank achieved. Failure to report these will result in loss of any points or titles won that were not won in open events. Such members will not be eligible for events or races which are below the comparable rank that they have achieved in other organizations.

Effective Date: Immediately

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-150: ACBL Alert Procedure

- A. Alert procedure is approved as attached. (*Exhibit 3*)
- B. Management is authorized to make changes to the convention card to maintain agreement with the alert procedure.
- C. It is expected that there will be no further changes to this alert procedure

Effective Date: 03/01/2002

Carried. Nay: 2, 5, 7, 10, 14, 17, 20, 22, 23

Item 013-151: Senior Event Age Classifications & Strata

Senior events may be stratified by age (55-65-75) or masterpoints but not both. Stratification is limited to not more than 3 stratum. If stratified by age, the age of the younger person of a pair or the youngest member of a team will determine the strata. If stratified by age, the masterpoint awards will be 80% for 55+, 70% for both 65+ and 75+.

Senior events may be held with minimum age restrictions of 55, 65 or 75. Such events may be stratified by masterpoints. The masterpoint awards will be 80% for 55+ and 70% for both 65+ and 75+. Any two age limited events may be held simultaneously.

Deferred to Houston Spring 2002

Carried. Nay: 2, 4, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 24

Item 013-152 : Annual Senior Masterpoint Race

The Annual Senior Masterpoint Race shall be determined by points won in regionally-rated or higher Senior events for which any portion of the masterpoint award is red, gold and/or platinum.

Item 902-111 is rescinded

Effective Date: 01/01/2001

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-153: Mini-Life Masters' Pairs

Management shall make arrangements to add two events to the Summer NABC schedule. Each event will be conducted concurrent with the six-session Life Masters' Pairs.

- A. One event is limited to Life Masters with no more than 1500 masterpoints and the other is limited to Life Masters with no more than 5000

- B. Except for the masterpoint restrictions, the conditions of contest of each event will be identical the six-session Life Masters' Pairs that has no upper masterpoint limit.
- C. The masterpoint award for both events will be calculated using the current formula for a Nationally-rated event that has no pre-determined masterpoint award. There is a cap on the first place award of 50 masterpoints for the LM to 1500 event and 75 masterpoints for the LM to 5000 masterpoints event.
- D. Management shall determine appropriate official names for this event.

Deferred to Houston Spring 2002

Carried. Nay: 21

MARKETING			
Buckman, Chairman	Steinberg, Vice-Chairman		
Altus	Fairchild	Fleming	Himel
Lix	Nist	Swan	Smith, R.
Wilkinson			

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 013-185: Marketing & Publicity Report

Management's marketing & publicity report is received.

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-186: Easybridge Report

Management's Easybridge/Marketing report is received.

Carried without dissent.

MARKETING - Member Services	
Fairchild, Chairman	

Wilkenson	Smith	Himel Nist
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Committee Report by Chairman

Item 013-245: Goodwill Member of the Year

Kay Afdahl and Sheena Raynor are received as the 2001 Goodwill Members of the Year.

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-246: Member's Unit Affiliation

- A. Management will actively publicize a snowbird's option to remain a permanent member of one of the units in which he resides.
- B. Management will provide and publicize a simple procedure for recording this choice.

Effective Date: As soon as possible

Carried without dissent.

MARKETING -Education			
Smith, R, Chairman			
Fairchild	Altus	Lix	Himel

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 013-215: Bridge Education Status Report

Management's Bridge Education Status Report is received.

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-216: New Member Rebate

New member rebates for the 1st and 2nd year are canceled.

Effective Date: 01/01/02

Carried. Nay: 3, 6, 7, 23 Abstain: 12

Item 013-217: Collegiate Championship Game

The Collegiate Bridge Championship is discontinued.

Carried. Nay: 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 15, 21, 22, 23, 25

MARKETING - Juniors			
Wilkinson, Chairman			
Altus	Nist	Raskin	Fleming

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 013-230: Junior Coupons at NABCs

Student coupons will be given to those who have not had their twenty-second birthday or those that have offered proof that they are full time students and have not reached their twenty-sixth birthday. Such proof will be given before discounted entries can be purchased. The cost of entries purchased using student coupons will be a \$5.00 discount from the regular entry fee.

Effective Date: 01/01/2002

Carried. Nay: 2, 3, 5, 6, 24

013-232: Junior Participation in Salt Lake City Grand Prix

Expenses for a junior team NPC to accompany the junior team to SLC for the attraction arranged by the WBF to promote the entrance of bridge as a sport to the 2006 Olympics will be paid from the Junior Fund monies.

Carried. Nay: 2, 10 Abstain: 18

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The meeting was called to order by President Jim Kirkham on Saturday December 1 at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Friday, November 30

2001 Reisinger Appeal

CASE

WHEREAS, 2001 Reisinger team captain, George Jacobs, has appealed the decision of the Appeals Committee in regards to Board 14 of the 2001 Reisinger BAM Team, Final Session, November 28, 2001 based on bias of the Appeals Committee.

THEREFORE, it is resolved that, pursuant to Law 93C of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, the matter of whether the Appeals Committee was so biased that it could not render a fair and unbiased judgment be referred to the Appeals and Charges Committee for final decision.

It is further resolved that if the Appeals and Charges Committee finds such bias existed, that a new hearing shall be ordered by a newly convened appeals committee.

DECISION

In the matter of the George Jacobs appeal of the decision of the Las Vegas NABC Appeals Committee in regards to Board 14 in the second final session of the 2001 Reisinger BAM Teams on November 28, 2001, the ACBL Board of Directors finds as follows:

1. A member of the Las Vegas NABC Appeals committee had a potential bias which was not disclosed per section II . E. of the ACBL Handbook for Appeals Committees .
2. No evidence is found that such potential bias resulted in a biased or unfair committee decision, nor that such potential bias affected the member's discussion and/or decision.

THEREFORE, it is the decision of the ACBL Board of Directors that no further action be taken and that the decision of the Las Vegas NABC Appeals Committee stands.

The ACBL Board of Directors' decision is made after recommendation from the Appeals and Charges Committee which investigated, reviewed, discussed, and

deliberated this appeal fully in arriving at its recommendation for that body.

Carried. Abstain: 10, 17

GOVERNANCE			
Anderson R., Chairman	Altus, Vice Chairman		
Anderson, V.	Hascall	Himel	LeBendig
Swan	Wood		

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 013-40: Board of Directors Appeals & Charges Committee

In addition to those responsibilities of hearing appeals and reviewing cases, the Appeals & Charges committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for any agenda items dealing with conduct, deportment and ethics and any regulations involving same.

Carried. Nay: 8, 10, 14, 20, 24

Item 013-41: Board of Directors' Expenses Reimbursement

The stipend paid to Board of Director Members and the Chairman of the Board of Governors will be \$750 per trimester starting January 2002.

Carried. Nay: 3, 5, 11, 12, 15 Abstain: 9, 16, 24

Item 013-42: Redistricting of ACBL Districts

Redistricting or reorganizing of the ACBL Districts or Board of Directors may be considered only when a district asks to be dissolved, two or more districts request they be allowed to merge or a majority of the districts request this. All regulations requiring a five-year review are deleted.

Not Carried. Aye: 4, 10

Item 013-45: ACBL Board GNT Participation

Members of the Board may not represent their districts at the National level of the GNT while they are actively serving at the National Board meeting of an NABC. Such restriction is waived for the evening sessions of the event when the Board of Directors has no official scheduled function where attendance is not expected.

Item 982-39 is rescinded.

Carried. Nay: 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 19, 20, 23

Item 013-46: ACBL Elections

- 1) rule XX. NULLIFICATION OF ELECTION FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR is rescinded and replaced by the following:

XX. RESIGNATION OF CANDIDATE(S) DURING ELECTION PERIOD (JUNE 01-SEPTEMBER 30)

- A. Resignation of Candidate(s) for District Director, First and Second Alternate Director or Board of Governors Representative during the election period (June 01-September 30)

If a candidate(s) withdraws in an election where there are three or more candidates, the election will continue with the remaining (two or more) candidates. If a candidate withdraws in an election with only two candidates, the remaining candidate will be declared elected. If the sole candidate resigns, the election-in-progress will be nullified.

The Director of Elections will then set new dates for the District election in order to allow an appropriate amount of time for candidates to file and campaign. A candidate who resigns from the nullified election may not declare his/her candidacy in the new election.

- B. Death of Candidate(s) for District Director, First and Second Alternate Director or Board of Governors Representative during the election period (June 01-September 30)

If a candidate dies during the election period of June 01-September 30, the election will be nullified and the Director of Elections will set new dates for the District election in order to allow for an appropriate amount of time for candidates

Not Carried. Aye: 1, 2, 4, 16, 17 Abstain: 25

Item 013-48: NABC Hotel Accommodations for Board of Governors

The members of the Board of Governors receive the same consideration for hotel room reservations at the NABC's as for Patron Members.

Deferred to Summer 2002.

Carried. Nay: 2, 11, 13, 15, 16, 24

Item 013-49: Sale of Membership Information

A check off box will be established on the membership forms to offer members the option of opting out of the selling of personal information to outside organizations.

Not Carried. Aye: 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 17

Item 013-51: ACBL Associate Membership

Management will develop a class of membership for persons who are not residents or citizens of an ACBL country and who do not reside in the geographical area of a chartered ACBL Unit or who are members of a National Contract Bridge Organization in a non-ACBL country. Such members will have no "political" rights and may incur additional fees for some membership services.

Carried. Nay: 2

Item 013-53: NABC Free Plays

Item 983-37 is amended as follows:

Anyone entitled to free plays will receive totally free plays including surcharges for the entirety of each NABC except for the Educational Foundation game.

Effective Date: 01/01/2002

Carried: Nay: 2, 3, 5, 11, 15, 17, 23 Abstain: 9

Item 013-54: ACBL Bridge Bulletin

ACBL members who reside in Mexico or District 1 may opt out of receiving The *Bridge Bulletin* as part of their membership benefit with a corresponding decrease of US \$5.00 in their annual dues.

Deferred to Houston Spring 2002

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-55: Junior Memberships

Reduced price student membership and benefits will be available only for students who reside in Zone 2 on a full time basis. Exceptions are residents living abroad for full time schooling or children of parents who are full time residents living abroad.

[Note: No action taken on this item. Junior memberships will be considered within Item 013-51.]

Item 013-56: Bulletin Advertising Rates

Tournament bulletin advertising rates will be pegged to a base year of 2000. Any increase of rates may only be attributed to direct cost increases. Prices for ads will be reduced by one percent for every 1500 members who elect not to receive the *Bulletin*. The base for membership used shall be the average membership for the year 2000.

Not Carried. Aye: 3, 6, 7, 13

Item 013-57: ACBL Housing Bureau

The ACBL Board of Directors will review the housing contract with Mega Housing with a recommendation from the Board of Governors that the contract should not be renewed.

Not Carried. Abstain: 22

Item 013-58: Masterpoint Recording Errors

As soon as an error in crediting masterpoints has been discovered and/or brought to management's attention (the error must have occurred within 36 months of notification), corrections shall be made as soon as possible. This will not affect masterpoint races already completed or rank achieved and already recognized. A letter to the player(s) involved shall accompany the change if the adjustment is greater than ten masterpoints.

Carried. Nay: 8, 15

Item 013-59: District 21 Unit Transfer

ZIP Codes 95476, 95487, 95416, 95433, 95431, 95442, and 95452 of Sonoma County in California are permitted to transfer from Unit 509, District 21, to Unit 512, District 21.

Effective Date 01/01/2002

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-60: ACBL Board of Directors' Meetings

For the year 2002:

- A. All Fall meetings of the ACBL Board of Directors will be held in the headquarters city of ACBL rather than at the site of the Fall NABCs.
- B. All attendees to the BOD meeting will be reimbursed for expenses according to regulations in place at the time of the meeting.
- A. If a Fall meeting of the ACBL Board of Directors is held at the headquarters city of ACBL, board members will not be reimbursed for attendance to that Fall NABC unless they are receiving authorized reimbursement for other services provided at that NABC.

Deferred to Washington DC Summer 2002.

Carried. Nay: 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 20

Item 013-61: Goodwill Committee Appointment

The President of the ABA will be appointed to the Goodwill Committee during the

first year of his or her presidency. The appointment will be shown in the district of residence but not count toward the district's quota.

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-62: ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations

The ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations is amended as follows:

11. Disciplines Involving Units or Districts

11.1 When it is alleged that a Unit has violated ACBL, District or its own bylaws or regulations, has acted in an illegal or improper manner, or has improperly failed to act upon a complaint, a member, or group of members, or Unit or District may bring the matter directly to the District Disciplinary Committee to request a hearing. The District Disciplinary Committee may decide not to conduct a hearing for reasons, including but not limited to: the case does not warrant any action; the matter was dealt with in a reasonable manner at the Unit level; or the matter lacks significance to warrant a hearing.

11.2 When it is alleged that a District has violated ACBL or its own bylaws or regulations, or has acted in an illegal or improper manner, or has improperly failed to act upon a complaint, a Unit, a member or group of members may bring the matter directly to the ACBL Board of Director's Appeals and Charges Committee to request a hearing. The Appeals and Charges Committee may decide not to conduct a hearing for reasons, including but not limited to: the case does not warrant any action; the matter was dealt with in a reasonable manner at the District level; or the matter lacks significance to warrant a hearing.

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-63: District 16 Unit Transfer

Young County, Texas is permitted to transfer from Unit 183 in District 16 to Unit 353 in District 16.

Carried without dissent.

FULL BOARD ITEMS

Item 013-261: WBF Representative

Dan Morse is elected as ACBL representative to the World Bridge Federation for a three-year term beginning January 2002 through December 2004.

Carried. Abstain: 16

Item 013-262: ACBL Executive Committee

- A. The Western Zone reported the election of Roger Smith as Western Zone representative on the Executive Committee for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2004.
- B. The Western Zone reported the election of Barbara Nist as Western Zone alternate representative on the Executive Committee for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2004.

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-263: 2002 ACBL Honorary Member of the Year.

Eric Kokish is approved as ACBL's Honorary Member of the Year for 2002.

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-264: Appointments to the Laws Commission

President Jim Kirkham's appointment of Jon Brissman, Bob Friend and John Solodar to the Laws Commission for the terms of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2006 is approved.

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-265: Pension Plan Trustee

Don Moeller is elected as Pension Plan Trustee for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2005.

Carried without dissent.

Item 013-266: Bridge Hall of Fame Nominating Committee

- A. The Western Zone reported the election of Jill Meyers as Western Zone representative on the Bridge Hall of Fame Nominating Committee for the three-year term beginning August 1, 2001 through July 31, 2004.
- B. The Central Zone reported the election of Betty Ann Kennedy as Central Zone representative on the Bridge Hall of Fame Nominating Committee for a three-year term beginning August 1, 2001 through July 31, 2004.

Effective date: August 1, 2001

Carried without dissent.

Audit Committee Report

Jerry Fleming reported that the E-Bridge contract is being reviewed.

Closing Remarks

It was moved by Retek and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 17, its units, District Director Jerry Fleming, Tournament Chairmen Mary Ellen O'Brien and Deborah Bronaugh as well as all the other chair persons and numerous volunteers. We are grateful to the Las Vegas Hilton for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned *sine die* at 1:00 p.m.