

MINUTES - ACBL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Weston Oaks - Houston, TX- March 4-7, 2002

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The meeting was called to order by President George Retek on Monday March 4 at 9:00 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, Shirley Seals #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; Jack Zdancewicz, CFO; Gary Blaiss, Special Projects Manager; Brad Holtsberry, Chief Tournament Officer; and staff Nancy Foy, Jim Miller, Jean Patterson and Rena Hetzer.

Approval of Las Vegas 013 Minutes

The Las Vegas Minutes are approved.

Carried.

021-260: 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

December 19, 2001

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the ACBL held a telephonic meeting at 11:00 a.m. CDT on Wednesday, December 19, 2001. Present were President Jim Kirkham, Chairman Glenn Smith, Dan Morse, Roger Smith, and Nadine Wood. Also present were CEO Wayne Hascall, George Retek and Kelley McGuire.

1. WBF request for reduced rate on Tournament Director fees for the WBF Championship in Montreal: The Executive Committee refused to hear this agenda item.

Carried unanimously.

2. WBF's request for reduced fees for TD's at the 18 day Regional that will run concurrently with the WBF Championship in Montreal and Foreign Directors: The Executive Committee refused to hear this agenda item.

NOTE: Discussion on the WBF Championship fees (both 1 & 2 above) for Montreal and the use of ACBL Tournament Directors will be placed on the agenda for the Spring 2002 Houston journal.

Carried unanimously.

3. Headquarters Update: Hascall reported that Holtsberry would be mailing to the Board of Directors, District Presidents and Tournament Chairman/Manager a new form which will allow them to rate the Tournament Directors. Hascall also noted that they are in the process of training a TD who can provide on-the-job training during sessions at NABC's, Regionals and Sectionals.
4. Promotion of Salt Lake City: The Executive Committee strongly

encourages Headquarters to concentrate on promoting the Salt Lake City event.

Carried unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Carried. Nay: 10, 17

021-262: Election of ACBL Treasurer

Bob Lix, being the only announced candidate and there being no other nominations from the floor, is elected to the office of ACBL Treasurer for a one-year term beginning May 1, 2002 and ending April 30, 2003.

Carried.

Non-Agenda Items

The following are approved for consideration:

1. Membership Fees & Amnesty Program: Referred to Governance as Item 021-48.
2. Canadian Affairs Policy: Referred to Canadian Affairs as Item 021-306.

Carried.

Reconsideration Item

Junior Coupons at NABC's (originally Item 013-230) is approved for reconsideration as Item 021-230.

Carried.

CEO Report

The report of CEO Jay Baum is received. *(Exhibit 1)*

ACBL CFO Report

The report of ACBL CFO Jack Zdancewicz is received. *(Exhibit 2)*

League Counsel Report

Peter Rank, League Counsel, reported on the status of litigation. *(Exhibit 3)*

Fall 2004 NABC

The Board authorized ACBL Meeting Planner Nancy Foy to finalize negotiations with the Marriott Orlando World Center as the one-site location of the Orlando Fall 2004 NABC and cancel the previous arrangements with the Orlando Peabody. *(Exhibit 4)*

Carried. Nay: 1, 4 Abstain: 8, 17, 20, 25

Fall 2002 Meeting

The Fall 2002 Board meetings will be held in Memphis, TN on dates to be decided by the ACBL CEO and the ACBL President. Dates under consideration are October 23-27, October 31-November 3 and November 13-17 with the Board indicating a preference for October 23-November 27.

Carried. Nay: 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24 Abstain: 16, 23

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The meeting was called to order by President George Retek on Wednesday March 6 at 9:00a.m.

Present: Same as Monday, March 4

Also Present: Same as Monday March 4

<p>APPEALS and CHARGES</p> <p>Reeve, Chairman Morse, Vice Chairman</p>

Buckman	Fairchild	Raskin	Smith, R.
Steinberg	Anderson, R.		

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 021-01: Disciplinary Cases

1. In the matter of John Peters',ACBL# 5609917, request for a hearing for readmittance: the committee reiterated the information sent to John Peters in June of 2000 that he could not reapply until March 23, 2003.
1. In the matter of the review of John Lyddon's violation of ACBL probation due to being disciplined by the Las Vegas NABC Tournament Disciplinary Committee: The automatic suspension of 60 days issued by Management was affirmed and an additional one year suspension was issued by the committee.

Received without dissent.

Item 021-02: Handbook for Appeals Committees

The ACBL Handbook for Appeals Committees is amended as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

This handbook is created to educate our members about Appeals Committees. The process begins with the Tournament Director, who enforces the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge. The Tournament Director can adjust scores (Law 12) and give procedural penalties (Law 90). Each player then has a right to appeal the ruling (Law 92). An Appeals Committee hears that appeal (Law 93).

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..... This committee is not a court of law, but in some ways is similar. It uses principles of equity so no player may gain an advantage by unethical conduct or violation of law. Committee members should hear the whole story and make a fair and reasonable adjudication. They

should

not accept a procedural argument that prevents either side from fully expressing its views. The purpose of this Handbook is to help those who serve on an Appeals Committee and those who appoint committee members. Committee members who follow these guidelines will hold a fair hearing and should reach a fair and reasonable decision. Everyone is entitled to a fair and impartial hearing, no matter the final decision.

NOTE: The Committee Chairperson must be particularly careful in implementing *part III. Procedures, A. Introductions* below with respect to advising committee members and parties to the appeal to air concerns of possible bias.

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III. PROCEDURES

Bridge players are as argumentative as other high level competitors. We need procedures that ensure an orderly and efficient hearing. Committees should follow the procedures described beginning here.

A. Introductions

1. Introductions are the first order of business. The committee chairperson should:

- Give his/her full name and home city;
- State that the chair will function as the presiding officer;
- Request that all questions and comments be directed to the chair;
- Have the other committee members introduce themselves;

2. The parties, including their advocates, introduce themselves;

3. The committee chairperson addresses the committee members as follows:

- a. "If there is any reason why you feel you should not serve on this committee, please recuse yourselves now."
- b. "If you believe you can serve and make an unbiased decision, but you know of conditions or circumstances that may be

perceived as creating potential bias or perceived as such, please disclose those issues now."

4. The committee chairperson addresses the parties to the appeal and the committee as follows:

"If any member of this committee or party to the appeal has cause to believe that a committee member should not serve, you must raise the issue or issues now."

(If there is any objection, see section III. F. below)

5. The Tournament Director:

Gives his or her name and role (e.g., table director, chief director, appeals director);

Introduces any witness, stating if that witness is associated with any party.

Carried. Nay: 8

021-03: USBF Disciplinary Actions

Any discipline imposed by the USBF at a USBF event sanctioned by ACBL shall be referred to:

1. The Ethical Oversight Committee of ACBL for cases of alleged cheating in any form, giving or benefitting from unauthorized information, or serious breaches of ethics,
or
2. The District Disciplinary Committee in whose geographical area the USBF event was held for any other cases of discipline.

The above appropriate disciplinary body will conduct a hearing to affirm or modify the findings and discipline of the USBF Committee in accordance with ACBL Disciplinary Regulations.

Effective Date: Immediately

Carried without dissent

MARKETING			
Buckman, Chairman	Fleming, Vice Chairman		
Fleming	Lix	Nist	Raskin
Seals	Smith, R	Fairchild	Himel
Steinberg	Wilkinson	Gerard	Wood

Committee Reports by Chairmen

MARKETING - Juniors	
Steinberg, Chair	Fairchild, Nist, Raskin, Gerard, Wood

Item 021-230: Junior Coupons at NABC's

- A. Junior/Student Coupons for entry into events at NABC's are restricted to ACBL members residing in Zone Two who are either 21 years of age or younger or full-time students between 22 and 25 years of age. Full-time students must offer proof of their eligibility prior to purchasing their entry.

Carried without dissent

- A. ACBL Board of Directors believes Junior/Student coupons should be set at an affordable price to encourage junior player participation at NABC's. As a guideline, Management should set Junior/Student coupons at approximately 50% of the NABC regional entry fee. For 2002 the NABC entry fee using Junior/Student coupons will be \$6.00 per session.

Effective Date: Immediately

Carried. Nay: 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 17, 22

MARKETING - Member Services	
Fairchild, Chair	Wilkinson, Smith, R., Himel, Nist, Lix, Seals

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 021-246: Easybridge Report

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Management's Easybridge Report is received

Carried without dissent.

Item 021-247: Co-Op Advertising Program

The Board of Directors strongly supports the Co-Op Advertising Program.

Carried without dissent.

Item 021-249: Marketing & Publicity Report

Management's Marketing & Publicity Report is received.

Carried without dissent.

<p>MARKETING - Clubs Fleming, Chair Lix, Nist, Raskin, Seals, Smith, R.</p>
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Committee Report by Chairman

Item 021-200: Club Games

Item 001-171 Club Games is amended as follows:

Sanctioned clubs may hold regular open games (not to include any special games awarding extra masterpoints) with a minimum number of boards played of 12 up to a maximum of 17 boards. The masterpoint awards will be 80% of the award for open games.

Sanction fee for this games are 40¢ (12 to 17 boards) per table.

Effective Date: ASAP

Carried. Nay: 2, 5, 7, 11, 15

Item 021-201: Barred Club Game Players

Item 011-42 is amended as follows:

No open club may bar a player, or players as a class, based upon the player's race, creed, religion, political affiliations, sexual orientation, national origin or on his proficiency at bridge.

Except as detailed in the previous paragraph, a club may bar a player for whatever reason it deems proper consistent with ACBL Rules and Regulations and the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge. An obnoxious or incompatible partnership may be barred as a pair, but each may be permitted to play with other partners.

To bar a player, club management must notify the player in writing and send a copy of the notification to the ACBL Club Membership Department. The notification must include the player's name and player number and the reason for the barring.

A club may extend the barring of a player from Grand National Teams, North American Pair events, STaC's, qualifying session of a progressive sectional, unit or district competitions, such as unit championships, charity games, IMP games, and unit-or-district-wide championships held at the club. In such cases, the written notice to the person barred must include the person's right to appeal the action to the Unit Board in which the club is located. The barred player has 30 days from receipt of the notice to appeal to the Unit in which the barring took place. Such written notice is required, otherwise the barring shall not be effective. The club may not impose partnership restrictions on such players for these events unless the unit, district or ACBL first imposes them.

Carried. Nay: 3, 10, 14

MARKETING -Education

Smith, R, Chair Hascall, Fairchild, Himel, Steinberg, Wilkinson
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Committee Report by Chairman

Item 021-215: Bridge Education Status Report

Management's Bridge Education Status Report is received.

Item 021-216: Teacher Subsidy

Management is authorized and encouraged to develop and implement a program to subsidize teachers who need assistance in order to properly and efficiently instruct new duplicate bridge players and students.

Carried. Abstain: 15

GOVERNANCE		
Anderson R., Chairman	Raskin, Vice Chairman	
Anderson, V.	Gerard	Himel LeBendig
Levy	Seals	Wood

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 021-41: Membership Data Fee

Management will develop and present a sliding price scale (so large users pay less) for providing membership names and addresses for affiliated arms of ACBL.

Deferred to Washington, DC Summer 2002 NABC
Carried without dissent.

Item 021-42: NAOP/GNT Qualifiers List

Management will provide a list of NAOP/GNT qualifiers at the club level to district/unit officials.

Not Carried without a dissent.

Item 021-45: International Membership

- A. An ACBL member who is not a citizen or resident* of a country under ACBL's jurisdiction shall be placed in a non-Chartered Unit for administrative purposes.
- B. An ACBL member as specified in section A above is not entitled to:

1. Participate in the political activities of ACBL (i.e., has no right to vote at a membership meeting, for example).
 2. Receive a financial subsidy (for example, such a person who is a junior member may not receive a subsidy to junior camp). A discount for goods and/or services (including a reduced price for an entry fee for an ACBL member) is NOT a subsidy.
 3. Participate in a grass-root event or program including but not limited to: NAOP and GNT.
 4. Receive a free subscription to any ACBL publication such as the *Bridge Bulletin* or *Play Bridge* with the membership. A subscription may be purchased for a fee determined by Management.
 5. Represent ACBL or an ACBL country in International Competition.
 6. Purchase an ACBL discounted Student membership even if otherwise eligible.
 7. Any junior discount or coupons for entry fees at NABC's or other ACBL junior benefits.
- C. Except for those services and rights noted in section B above, such an ACBL member as specified in section A above is entitled to all other membership rights and assumes all membership responsibilities.
- D. Item 842-64 is rescinded.

*For this purpose, a resident is a person who maintains a mailing address and primary domicile in a country under ACBL's jurisdiction.

Deferred to Washington Summer 2002 NABC
Carried without dissent.

Item 021-46: Election of ACBL President

Elections for the office of ACBL President will be held at the Summer meeting rather than at the Fall meeting of the Board of Directors.

Effective Date: Summer 2002
Carried. Nay: 3, 10, 15, 16

Item 021-47: Membership Requirements for Sanctioned Tournaments

- A. A person must be a member of ACBL whose dues or service fees are paid up in order to participate in any sanctioned play at an NABC unless Management waives the requirement for a specified person or persons or for a specific event. **Note: Management may waive this requirement for visiting dignitaries, special promotional events and/or charity events.**
- A. A person must be a member of ACBL whose dues or service fees are paid up in order to participate in any sanctioned play at an ACBL Regional (of any type) unless Management permits the sponsor to waive the requirement for a specified person or persons or for a specific event.
- C. A person must be a member of ACBL whose dues or service fees are paid up in order to participate in any sanctioned play at an ACBL Sectional (of any type) unless Management permits the sponsor to waive the requirements for a specified person or persons or for a specific event.

Deferred to Washington Summer 2002 NABC

Carried. Nay: 4, 9, 12, 21, 22 Abstain: 20

Item 021-48: Reduced Membership/Service Fees Amnesty Program

The membership dues or service fees for multi-year memberships during an amnesty program period beginning June 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2002 will be as follows:

	<u>1 year</u>	<u>2 year</u>	<u>3 year</u>
New Member	\$24.00	\$48.00	\$72.00
Reinstatement NLM	\$32.00	\$58.00	\$84.00
Reinstatement LM	\$29.00	\$53.00	\$77.00
75 Years or Older	\$24.00	\$45.00	\$66.00

In all categories except New Members, the program applies to anyone whose membership has lapsed or whose service fees haven't been paid for at least 12 months. Any pertinent reinstatement fees are waived.

Carried. Nay: 10

Non-Committee Discussion Item

Michael Becker, President of USBF, has requested the ACBL Board to clarify the responsibilities/relationship between the ACBL and the USBF. The Board has put forth the following resolution.

The USBF will preside over the selection of all USA teams including Open, Women's, Juniors, and Seniors (including the instances where the Senior Team is allowed to be transnational within Zone Two).

Carried. Nay: 8 Abstain: 7, 16

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

Committee Report by Chairmen

BRIDGE - International Events	
Morse, Chair	Levy, Wood, Anderson, V., Anderson, R.

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 021-115: ACBL's World Computer Bridge Championship VI

The ACBL's annual World Computer Bridge Championship may be held as part of the 2002 WBF's World Bridge Championships in Montreal. The current allocation of \$3,000 for this event is continued. The event coordinator selected to represent the ACBL will be reimbursed for personal expenses up to a maximum of \$1,000.

Carried without dissent.

Item 021-116: ACBL Tournament Directors' Fees at Non-ACBL Events

ACBL will charge all organizations the same fees for ACBL tournament directors as we charge for them at the then-current ACBL rate for the tournament director that is being hired.

Effective Immediately.

Carried. Abstain: 1

BRIDGE - Tournament Regulations
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Wood, Chair

DeMartino, LeBendig, Reeve, Anderson, R.

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 021-145: Mini-Life Masters' Pairs

Management shall make arrangements to add a LM to 5000 masterpoint event and a LM to 1500 masterpoint event to the Summer NABC schedule for a two year trial.

- A. Except for the masterpoint restrictions, the conditions of contest will be identical to the six-session Life Masters' Pairs that has no upper masterpoint limit.
- B. The masterpoint award 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 masterpoint event.
- C. Management shall select an appropriate name for this event.
- D. The Board will review the attendance and consider this event for permanent status no later than the 2004 Fall meeting.
- E. The event will be reduced to a 4-session event if table count is below 60. The appropriate adjustments will be made to the overall masterpoint awards with a cap on the 1st place award of 60 MP's for the LM-5000 MP event and 40 MP's for the LM-1500 MP event.

Effective Date: 2003

Carried. Nay: 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 20, 25

Item 021-146: Senior Event Age Classifications

- A. Senior events may be stratified by age (55-65-75) or masterpoints but not

both. Stratification is limited to not more than 3 strata. 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+.

Not Carried. Aye: 1, 2, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23

- B. 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.

Effective Date: Immediately

Carried. Nay: 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 25

Item 021-147: Regionally-Rated KO Events at NABC's

Regionally-rated KO events at NABC's with the possible exception of the first round, will be 26-board matches.

Not Carried without dissent.

NOTE: The Board reaffirms the policy that the number of boards played in regionally-rated KO matches at NABC's is at the discretion of the local committee.

Item 021-149: Bracketed KO's

A team or teams wishing to play up in a Bracketed KO event shall be accommodated unless the upper bracket is full (e.g. 16 teams playing in a 4-session KO).

Effective Date: Immediately

Carried without dissent.

Item 021-151: Red Ribbon Pairs Schedule

The Red Ribbon Pairs will be held concurrently with the NABC+ Open Pairs II (second Thursday and Friday) at the Spring NABC starting in 2003.

Item 021-152: Tournament Director Education, Training and Certification

- A. Management will develop a comprehensive education, training and certification program for all ACBL tournament directors. A component of the program will be training relative to dealing with the public. The program will be developed in 2002 and instituted in 2003. Each Director will be required to be certified in accordance with his/her rank.

- A. The training will include a separate certification for all tournament directors handling appeals at NABC's.

- A. Management will submit an update report to the Board no later than the Spring 2003 NABC.

Effective Date: April 1, 2002
Carried without dissent.

Item 021-155: Tournament Directors' Assignments & Fees

The Board reaffirms that the then-current ACBL policies and regulations regarding tournament directors' assignments and charges apply to all ACBL sanctioned tournaments irrespective of the entity to which the sanction is granted.

Carried. Abstain: 15, 18

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The meeting was called to order by President George Retek on Thursday March 7 at 9:00a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday March 6

Also Present: Same as Wednesday March 6, plus Julie Greenberg

<p>BRIDGE - Special Events Anderson, V., Chair Morse, Levy, Wood</p>
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Committee Report by Chairman

Item 021-130: Special Event Games

Management's report concerning Special Event Games is received.

Carried without dissent.

Item 021-131: Masterpoints for Continent-Wide Game

A. Overall masterpoints will be awarded in Continent-wide Charity Games and in Continent-wide International Fund Games that use hand records and for which National and District winners are determined and published in the ACBL Bulletin.

A. In addition to District overall awards, Continent-wide overall winners will be determined and overall masterpoints awarded.

A. Overall point awards will be red points with amounts and depth of awards as recommended by the Masterpoint Committee and approved by the ACBL Board of Directors.

Effective Date: 01/01/03

Carried. Nay: 8

CANADIAN AFFAIRS			
Buckman, Chairman			
Anderson, R.	Fleming	Kirkham	Steinberg

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 021-305: ACBL Bridge Bulletin Reduced Fee Policy

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 Washington Summer 2002 NABC.

Carried. Nay: 4, 7, 8, 12, 14, 21

Item 021-306: Canadian Regional

1. An annual permanent-site regional is given to the appropriate Canadian district to be held in conjunction with the Canadian Bridge Championships.
2. The CBF is requested to present specific ideas to the ACBL Board of Directors for their consideration.

Carried without dissent.

FINANCE			
Smith, G, Chairman	Lix, Vice Chairman		
DeMartino	Fleming	Hascall	Nist
Reiman	Wilkinson		

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 021- 016 - 2002 Budget

Resolved that the ACBL CEO has authority to direct funding authorized in the 2002 budget under Marketing and Education areas from existing programs to new or other existing programs. Expenditures will not exceed the total approved budget. This would not include funding in those areas specifically mandated by BOD regulations.

Effective Date: Immediately through the end of 2002.

Carried without dissent.

SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE			
Levy, Chairman			
Fleming	Hascall	Lix	Smith, R.

Item 021-300: Action Plan of the Sponsorship Committee

The report from the Sponsoship Committee's inaugural meeting and its plan of action is received. *(Exhibit 5)*

Carried without dissent.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Wilkinson, Chair

Reeve Smith, G.

Item 021-261: Ratification of Audit Firm

The Memphis firm of Jackson, Howell and Associates, P.C. is retained as auditor for the year 2002.

Carried without dissent.

NOTE: The Audit Committee met with Jimmy Adkins of Jackson, Howell and Associates, P.C. to review ACBL's 2001 financial statements, including the management advisory comments. The committee is satisfied with the reports and management's responses to the management advisory comments.

Masterpoint Committee Report

The report of the masterpoint committee is received. (*Exhibit 6*).

CEO Review Committee Report

The CEO Review Committee recommends the following as the ACBL goals for 2002:

1. Adhere to Board approved established financial reserve guidelines and annual budgetary constraints.
2. Grow net membership by 5,000.
3. Develop and implement a program for corporate sponsorships and advertising.

Carried without dissent.

Duplicate Gin Rummy Report

The American Duplicate Gin Rummy organization founders, Chuck Sanberg and

Joshua Sacks, returned and reported, along Jack Zdancewicz, on the progress of ACBL providing record-keeping for tracking the standings and accomplishments of their online duplicate gin rummy membership.

Appeals Committee Proposal

Mike Passell made a presentation on Eliminating Appeals Committees at all levels, including sectionals and regionals.

Duplicate Bridge Laws Revision

John Wignall, World Bridge Federation Executive Council member from New Zealand, addressed the Board as the WBF Chairman of the Laws Commission. Work is beginning now on revising the Laws of Duplicate Bridge (a two to three year project) and he is seeking help from the ACBL Laws Commission.

Bridge at Schools Report

The Executive Director of Bridge at Schools, Beth Maloney-Refaie, presented a progress report.

Closing Remarks

It was moved by Gerard and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 16, its units, District Director Dan Morse and his wife Joan Morse, Tournament Chairmen Eric Snow, Toni Snow and Betty Starzec as well as all the other chair persons and numerous volunteers. We are grateful to the Westin Oaks, Westin Galleria and the Marriott for their fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned *sine die* at 5:00 p.m.