

**Minutes  
ACBL Board of Directors  
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel  
Washington, DC  
July 15 - 18, 2002**

The meeting was called to order by President George Retek on Monday July 15 at 9:00 am.

Present: George Retek #1, Jonathan Steinberg #2, Joan Levy Gerard #3, Don Swan #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, Phyllis Harlan #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; Jay Baum, CEO; Jack Zdancewicz, CFO; Gary Blaiss, Executive Administrative Officer; Brad Holtsberry, Chief Tournament Officer; and staff Nancy Foy, Rena Hetzer, Brent Manley, Jim Miller, Jean Patterson, Carol Robertson and Kelley McGuire.

**Approval of Houston 021 Minutes**

The Houston Minutes are approved.

Carried.

**022-260: 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  
May 7, 2002**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the ACBL held a telephonic meeting at 1:00 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, May 7, 2002. Present were President George Retek, Chariman Jim Kirkham, Dan Morse, Roger Smith and Nadine Wood. Also present were CEO Jay Baum, and Counsel, Peter Rank.

Due to the mediation matter involving personnel, the Executive Committee called an executive session and requested that all staff be excused except for ACBL CEO Jay Baum and League Counsel Peter Rank.

Minutes  
Executive Committee of the Board of Directors  
June 18, 2002

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the ACBL held a telephonic meeting at 11:00 a.m. CDT on Tuesday, June 18, 2002. Present were George Retek, Dan Morse, Roger Smith and Nadine Wood. Also present were CEO Jay Baum and Galen Hardy. Executive Committee Chairman, Jim Kirkham, was not present.

Approval of a new one committee nine-member Hall of Fame operation was requested. The nine members of the new committee were proposed. It was moved and seconded that the matter be deferred to the Washington Board meeting.

Carried without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. CDT.

**022-261: Election of ACBL President**

Wayne Hascall, Al Levy and Nadine Wood had previously declared their candidacy. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. By secret ballot AL Levy was elected to the office of ACBL President for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2003.

**Non-Agenda Items**

WBF Country Representation Regulations and Drug Use Policy is assigned to International Events Committee as Item 022-100.

**Emergency Item**

ACBL Board of Directors Fall 2002 Board meeting will be held in Phoenix, AZ dates to be determined by the President.

Note: The meeting will be November 23 - 26, 2002 finished by noon on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Carried. Nay: 3, 4, 11, 13, 14, 16, 19, 25. Abstain: 5, 8.

**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)

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The meeting was called to order by President George Retek on Wednesday July 17 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Monday, July 15

Also Present: Same as Monday July 15 plus Julie Greenberg.

**Masterpoint Committee**

The Masterpoint committee's report, given by Chairman DeMartino, is received.

Carried.

<b>APPEALS and CHARGES</b>	
<b>Reeve, Chair</b>	<b>Morse, Vice Chair</b>
<b>Anderson, R., Buckman, Fairchild, Raskin, Smith, R, Steinberg</b>	

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 022-01: Disciplinary Cases**

In the matter of the discipline of Jack Borrell, player # 809077 of Somis, CA: On June 14, 2002, Mr. Borrell was suspended from participation in all ACBL sanctioned events by the Disciplinary Committee of Unit 547. Mr. Borrell did not appeal this matter. It was reviewed by the Committee, because discipline was for a one year or greater suspension. After review of the matter, the Appeals and Charges Committee found the member was accorded due process and the decision of the Unit 547 Disciplinary Committee was reasonable for a member who was not a first time offender.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 022-02: Code of Disciplinary Regulations**

The Committee is in the process of reviewing an extensive revision of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations. Chairman Bruce Reeve, Peter Rank, Brad Holtsberry and Gary Blaiss presented the rewrite to the committee and a page by page review was undertaken.

Changes were made to the draft by the Committee. The revised draft will be carefully reviewed by each Committee member, and a final draft will be submitted to the full board the first week in October. It is anticipated that final approval will occur at the Board's Fall meeting. The Chair would like to thank staff for their participation in the improvement of this document.

Carried without dissent.

<b>GOVERNANCE</b>	
<b>Anderson R., Chair</b>	<b>Raskin, Vice Chair</b>
<b>Gerard, Harlan, Himel, LeBendig, Levy, Seals, Wood</b>	

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 022-40: Board of Governors NABC Hotel Accommodations (013-48)**

ACBL will notify by mail (at least one month prior) all Board of Governor members of their ability to make their NABC host hotel reservation in the week before the official opening of the general reservation period.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 022-42: Membership Data Fee (021-45)**

Management's report is accepted. There will be a charge of \$.02/name with a \$12 minimum through the first 2,000 names and \$.01 name for any names over 2,000. There will be an additional charge for any materials used (labels, envelopes, etc).

Carried without dissent.

**Item 022-43: Bulletin for International Members (021-45)**

ACBL members residing outside of Zone 2 shall pay an additional amount per year for *The Bridge Bulletin* postage if such member requests the publication to be sent to an address outside of Zone 2.

Item 842-64 is rescinded.

Carried. Nay: 14

**Item 022-44: NABC Tournaments Non-Member Fees (021-47)**

Effective January 1, 2003 at all NABCs, entry fees for non-members and unpaid Life Masters will be \$2.00 per player per session higher than for ACBL members and Life Masters who have paid their service fee. Charity events and events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints are exempt from this requirement.

Note: Signage will post this as a discount to Members. When an NABC is held in Canada the additional fees will be \$2.00 CDN.

Carried. Nay: 3, 7, 11, 18, 20

**Item 022-45: Reconsideration Policy**

For purposes of reconsideration, the Board of Directors will follow the suggestions contained in Roberts Rules of Order. In the future, reconsideration of any issue will occur if one-half of the Board Members voting approve the reconsideration. The motion to reconsider must be made by a member of the prevailing side.

Deferred to Spring 2003

Carried. Nay. 2

Note: The Committee will be appointed to study Board procedures & Roberts Rules of Order and bring recommendations to the Board at its Spring 2003 meeting.

**Item 002-47: NABC Survey**

ACBL will survey its membership regarding the scheduled dates for the Fall NABC.

Note: This is a year long process.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 022-48: Board of Governors Electronic Information**

ACBL will send the Board of Governors information electronically when possible.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 022-49: Sternberg Trophy**

The Coffin Trophy for the Women’s Board-a-Match Team game will be replaced with the Marsha May Sternberg Memorial Trophy effective with the Fall of 2002.

This is contingent upon a contribution of \$50,000 being made by Dr. Jim Sternberg prior to September 1, 2002. Dr. Sternberg will also provide the trophy for this event. Replicas of the trophy will be given to the winners and paid for out of ACBL funds for 20 years. The trophy will be of Dr. Sternberg’s choosing.

This trophy will be retired in 20 years as provided in motion 911-93 unless renewed by the ACBL Board of Directors. If the trophy is retired at that time all remaining funds will revert to the ACBL General fund.

Carried. Nay: 8, 10, 12, 15, 18, 20, 21, 24.

**Item 022-50: Rescinded Board Regulations**

Items 971-64, 973-69, 823-65, 731-34, 863-22, 943-55, 871-95, 872-112, 873-102, 742-85, 821-51, 901-85, 902-73, 981-48, 733-3, 801-101, 933-13, 941-12, 953-34, 961-33, 971-91, 972-90, 771-103, 821-62, 822-61, 951-29, 931-43, 861-38, 972-124, 971-144, 931-21, 963-107, 871-93, 981-36, 711-51, 971-46, 783-21A are rescinded. (*Exhibit 4*)

Carried without dissent.

**Item 022-51: Hall of Fame Procedures**

The ACBL Board of Directors accepts the revised Hall of Fame procedures except the Board of Governors will be retained as voters. (*Exhibit 5*)

The combined committee will be:

	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Michael Becker, Chairman	2003 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Bill Passell.	2003 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Cecil Cook	2004 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Jo Morse	2004 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Mike Passell	2004 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Eric Kokish	2005 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Jill Myers	2005 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Roy Green	2005 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Jan Martel	2005 (1 <sup>st</sup> )

Carried without dissent.

**Item 022-52: ACBL Hall of Fame Life Members**

Members of the ACBL Hall of Fame are designated as ACBL Life members and are not required to pay a basic service fee or membership dues.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 022-53: Bridge Bulletin**

The size of *The Bridge Bulletin* will be determined by Management.

Carried. Nay 4, 5.

**Item 022-54: Computer Championship Regulations**

The President will appoint a sub-committee to write rules and regulations and define relationships for ACBL-managed Computer Championships. This will include but is not limited to disciplinary procedures for the Championships.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 022-55: Disbursement of Trophy Funds**

Item 911-93 is amended as follows:

The amount of \$50,000 for trophies will be accepted by the ACBL into general funds with the obligation that the ACBL shall provide replica trophies for the next 20 years.

Carried. Nay: 12, 21, 24, 25. Abstain: 3, 8.

<b>FINANCE</b>	
<b>Smith, G, Chair</b>	<b>Lix, Vice Chair</b>
<b>DeMartino, Fleming, Hascall, Nist, Reiman, Wilkinson</b>	

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 022-15: 2003 Preliminary Budget Assumptions**

Management's preliminary budget assumptions for 2003 are approved. (*Exhibit 6*)

Carried without dissent.

**Item 022-16: Volunteer Dinner**

The Board of Directors and spouses/significant others are welcome to attend the Volunteers dinner at each NABC. Attendance is not required. One-half of the per diem for that day will be deducted from each Board member who attends the dinner. The balance will be paid for by the ACBL. Seating assignments will be encouraged.

Carried. Nay: 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 17, 24. Abstain: 15.

**Item 002-17: Family Membership**

The ACBL resolves to reduce the family membership fee by \$5.00 regardless of their point holding status.

Deferred to the Fall 2002 Board meeting.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 022-19: Summer 2003 NABC Entry Fees**

Entry fees at the 2003 Summer NABC in Long Beach will be adjusted to cover expenses associated with convention center rental.

Not Carried. Unanimous

**Item 022-20: Sectional Surcharge**

Item 003-21 is amended as follows:

Increase in sectional surcharge from \$90 to \$110 effective 1/1/01.

\_\_\_\_\_ Management has the authority to negotiate the transportation cost when a Unit requests to have an employed tournament director assigned to a sectional that consistently averages fewer than 17 tables per session and the transportation is in excess of 1 ½ times the amount of the sectional surcharge.

Not Carried. Unanimous

**Item 022-21: Competition & Conventions / Laws Commission Compensation**

Effective immediately, members of the C & C Committee and members of the Laws Commission who are not otherwise compensated will receive a token of appreciation from the Board of Directors at the conclusion of their meetings at each NABC. Only those in attendance for all required meetings will be compensated.



(Otherwise compensated means Board of Directors, employees, and heads of committees who might already be compensated).

- A. For members of the Laws Commission, a two session entry to an NABC+ event or lower. Good for one year from date of receipt.
- B. For members of the C & C Committee, two (2) session entries to an NABC+ event or lower. Good for one year from date of receipt.

Effective July, 2002.

Carried. Nay: 1, 2, 4, 8, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22. Abstain: 16

<b>AUDIT</b>	
<b>Wilkinson, Chair</b>	<b>Reeve, Smith, R.</b>

**Item 022-310: Competitive Bidding Policy Guidelines**

The competitive bidding policy guidelines were received and approved. (*Exhibit 7*)

Carried. Nay: 17. Abstain: 12, 20

**Item 022-311: Audit Committee Charter**

The Audit Committee charter is adopted. (*Exhibit 8*)

Carried without dissent.

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The meeting was called to order by President George Retek on Thursday July 18, at 9:00a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday July 17

Also Present: Same as Wednesday July 17

<b>BRIDGE</b>	
<b>Gerard, Chair</b>	<b>Reiman, Vice Chair</b>
<b>Anderson R., Anderons V., DeMartino, LeBendig, Levy, Morse, Reeve, Wood</b>	

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 022-90: Conditions of Contest**

I. The following Conditions of Contest are approved as attached, effective immediately:

- A. ACBL General Conditions of Contest
- B. David Bruce and Sally Young Limited LM Pairs (Mini-LM pairs)
- C. General Conditions and Guidelines for STaCs

II. The Conditions of Contest for 2002 are reaffirmed for 2003 (Management is permitted to change dates and/or wording as required without changing the intent of the content) with the following changes:

**A. Appendix G is amended as follows:**

The opening leader is permitted to ask for clarification in writing from his or her opponent on the other side of the screen, and third hand is permitted to ask for clarification in writing after the screen is raised.

Prior to the opening lead, the declaring side may, on its own initiative, confirm explanations given on the other side of the screen and is encouraged to do so for complex and potentially ambiguous auctions.

**B. Appendix C is amended as follows:**

The present four-way matches with one survivor are amended to be the appropriate number of all day three-way matches with one survivor and head to head matches. (Note: see example in backup.)

**C. The Board-a-Match (BAM) General Conditions are amended as follows:**

**ADJUSTED SCORE**

A strong effort must be made to achieve a valid table result at each table. When both tables achieve a valid result and they have played the identical deal, then the results are compared in the normal manner, with a BAM score for each team of zero, half, or one.

A score assigned by a director or a committee is considered a valid result if it is assigned in total points prior to matchpointing (140, 400, etc.) The scores awarded to each side need not balance. The assigned score or scores are then compared against the result at the other table in the normal manner to reach a BAM score of zero, half, or one. When the scores assigned to the opposing sides are different, the BAM matchpoints for that

deal need not total one. NOTE: Directors and committees shall assign adjusted scores only to the table at which an irregularity occurred, NOT to the whole team. An adjusted score at one table shall not invalidate a legitimate result at the other table.

If a board is unplayable for any reason, then:

1. If the board has not yet been played at the other table, the director shall substitute a new board if practical.
2. If the board has already been played at the other table, or if substituting a new board is not practical, the director shall assign percentage scores to the pairs at the affected table, as follows:
  - a. If neither side is responsible for the irregularity, each pair receives a matchpoint score of 50%.
  - b. If only one side is responsible, that pair receives 40% and their opponents receive 60%.
  - c. If both sides are responsible, they both receive 40%.

These percentage assignments are NOT Average-Plus and Average-Minus. A 60-40 assignment is exactly that.

3. The result obtained at the other table is matchpointed across the field of pairs in the same comparison group who played the same board. The matchpoint percentage scores achieved by the pairs at that table are added to the assigned percentage scores at the table with the irregularity, and:
  - a. A team that totals 120% or more receives a win.
  - b. A team that totals 80% or less receives a loss.
  - c. A team that totals more than 80% and less than 120% receives a half.
4. If a board is unplayable at BOTH tables, then:
  - a. If both teams are responsible, they both receive zero.
  - b. If neither team is responsible, they both receive half.
  - c. If one team is responsible, it receives zero, and their opponents receive their TEAM percentage of game. This is the ONLY case in which percentage of game (of any kind) is used.
5. Any team or teams responsible for an irregularity requiring the assignment of an

artificial adjusted score (percentage) shall be penalized ¼ board.

### FOULED BOARD

Handling of a fouled board is similar to the handling of an adjusted score. When both tables achieve a valid result and they have NOT played the identical deal, then:

1. The director shall determine a matchpoint percentage score for the result at each table:

a. If the board has been played at least six times in an identical condition, then the board is matchpointed across the field of pairs who played the board in that condition to produce a matchpoint percentage.

b. If the board has been played fewer than six times in an identical condition, the director shall assign percentages, from best to worst, as follows:

(1) Five times: 60, 55, 50, 45, 40

(2) Four times: 60, 55, 45, 40

(3) Three, two, or one time: 50% to each pair

Any pairs tied at a particular score receive the average of the appropriate percentages.

2. The percentages of the two pairs on each team are added together, and:

a. A team that totals 120% or more receives a win.

b. A team that totals 80% or less receives a loss.

c. A team that totals more than 80% and less than 120% receives a half.

D. The General Pair Conditions of contest are amended to include the formula for scoring a fouled board which is:

### FOULED BOARD OR BOARDS WITH AN ARTIFICIAL SCORE

$$M = N \times S/n + N - n/2n$$

Where:

M = final matchpoints on the board

N = number of scores on the board

S = matchpoint score within own group

n = number of scores within own group

Note this formula is used only when there are four or more scores within the same comparison group. The formula is also used on groups of three scores when it is the larger group (e.g., a board is played five times, three times fouled and twice unfouled). Otherwise the scores in a group of three are awarded matchpoint scores of 70%, 60%

and 50% of top. In groups of two, the better score receives 65% of the matchpoints and the worse receives 55% of the matchpoints. A single score is awarded 60% of top for each direction. Scores are rounded to the nearest hundredth,.005 is rounded up.

Note: This method is used anytime one or more real scores are missing from a comparison group.

### **STaC Conditions of Contest**

The STaC COC are modified as follows:

#### I. Sponsoring Unit

- a. No STaC may be sanctioned to conflict with any ACBL-wide event. (However Management may grant an exception for cause.)

#### II. Participating Clubs

- f. Non-playing directors are encouraged but not required for games with no more than one section of 17 tables or fewer. Non-playing directors are required in games larger than 17 tables, or with two or more sections, or if the director pre-duplicated the boards.
- g. Each club must report its results to the (DIC) within the designated time limit. The time limit is 36 hours from the end of its game unless the sponsor specifies an earlier time limit. In no case may this time limit be less than 24 hours from the end of the game. Club games not reported within the time limit will be scored, ranked, and issued masterpoints as a sectionally rated side game if received prior to the final reporting period.
- h. Reporting will be by e-mail attachment of the gamefile. Arrangements may be made with the DIC to report by FAX or voice. Reporting procedures will be distributed to the clubs with the STaC Conditions of Contest.
- i. The final reporting period for the STaC ends 24 hours after the last event ends. Later reports will be returned to the club, to be reported as a regularly scheduled club session.
- j. The correction period at each club is 24 hours after the completion of the session. A club must post a copy of the recap for inspection at the end of each session.

Carried without dissent.

Conditions of Contest for all qualifying Swiss Teams of four sessions (two qualifying and two final) and six sessions (two qualifying, two semi-final, two final) are amended to reflect the following carryover formula with no limitation as to spread between the top and bottom qualifier:

$$C = S * (Q/E + 1)/2$$

Where C = carryover

S = raw score

Q = # of qualifiers

E = # of entrants

Deferred to the Fall 2002 meeting.

Carried without dissent.

#### **Item 022-91: Unseeded KO's:**

The General KO Conditions of Contest are amended as follows:

#### SEEDING

1. There are no seeding rights. Should a seating disagreement arise:

a. At the start of a match: There is a coin flip. The winner of the coin flip selects either the first half or the second half to have seating rights (the team with seating rights sits down last). The loser of the coin flip has seating rights in the other half.

b. If there was no disagreement at the start of the match but there is one at the half: The team that is behind has the seating rights. If the match is tied, there will be a coin flip with the winner of the coin flip getting the seating rights.

Carried. Nay: 14

#### **Item 022-93: Mid-Chart Addition**

The Mid-Chart is amended to permit:

A transfer opening bid at the two-level or higher showing a weak bid in the suit being transferred to or a type or types of strong hand.

Carried without dissent.

**BRIDGE - International Events**

**Morse, Chair**

**Levy, Wood, Anderson, V., Anderson, R.**

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 022-115: Zone II Representations in International Competition**

The ACBL will request that the WBF requirement that representatives of a particular country be a national of that country be interpreted to allow legitimate residents (as determined by Zone Two individual NBOs) as well as citizens to be eligible for participation in the 2003 Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup. The ACBL WBF Representatives will request this of the WBF on behalf of Zone Two.

Carried. Nay: 12

**Item 022-116: Eligibility for WBF Championships**

An ACBL NBO is encouraged to nominate a player for invitation to play in a WBF Championship only if he or she:

1. is a citizen of the United States or a resident of the United States according to ACBL Management criteria or a citizen or resident of Canada, or Mexico, as appropriate,
2. is a member of good standing in the USBF, CBF or Mexican Bridge Federation,
3. meets WBF criteria and/or conditions for nomination, ignoring participation in multinational events,
4. will not, at the time of the event, be under ACBL suspension,
5. will not, at the time of the event, be under ACBL probation where the period of such probation was more than 90 days,
6. has not been specifically excluded from playing in such event by an appropriate disciplinary body under ACBL jurisdiction,
7. has not been refused nomination by the Board of Directors for reasons of personal hygiene, dress, deportment or ethics,
8. has not played in events in more than one NBO, in which he or she was eligible for qualification to represent that NBO in the same WBF Championship (same event and year),
9. has submitted a signed and dated certification statement, provided by management of the applicable NBO concerning the use of illegal drugs and inappropriate behavior during the course of any event requiring nomination and approval by the applicable NBO credential committee,

Deferred to Fall 2002 meeting.

Carried: Abstain: 7

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 022-145: Convention Card Laws**

Effective January 1, 2003, Clubs (for club games) are given the option of allowing players to refer to their own convention card in games under their jurisdiction.

Deferred to Club Committee at the Phoenix 2002, Fall meeting.

Carried. Nay: 2, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 21, 22.

**Item 022-146: 0 - 99 Sectionals**

A Unit not running at least two 99er Sectional tournaments per year is encouraged to grant approval to any club within its jurisdiction that applies for a sanction to run such a tournament. Sanction notification/application per existing regulations will be forwarded to the District's tournament coordinator for his or her approval.

Note: Current Sectional scheduling and conflict regulations apply.

Carried. Nay: 3, 25

**Item 022-147: TD Table Rulings**

Management is instructed to develop and implement procedures which will give the Director-in-Charge of a tournament (or his or her designee) the responsibility for making a final adjudication of an appeal of a director's ruling at that tournament. Such procedures will be consistent with the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge.

To be implemented January 1, 2004,

Carried. Nay: 1, 3, 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25. Abstain: 15

**Item 022-148: No Trump Announcements**

No trump announcements will be required if the range is outside the 15 - 18 limit. If there is no announcement, a player is to assume that the lack of an announcement WAS an announcement. Therefore, the assumption should be that the NT was indeed a strong one. Questions pertaining to the range in the immediate seat will be deemed disruptive and dealt with as such. If the range turns out to be weaker than 15 -18, the director should make every reasonable attempt to protect the opponents from possible damage.

Not Carried. Aye: 5, 9, 12, 14, 17, 18, 22, 23.



**Item 022-149: District and Continent-Wide Charity Games**

Item 021-131 is amended as follows:

- A. 1. 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.
- 2. Overall masterpoints will be awarded in District-Wide Charity Games that use hand records and for which District winners are determined.
- B. In addition to District overall awards, Continent-wide overall winners will be determined and overall masterpoints awarded.
- C. 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.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 022-150: District 9 Regional Tournament**

District 9 is allocated one additional permanent site Regional to be held in Orlando, FL.

Not Carried. Aye: 2, 5, 8, 9, 12, 15, 22, 23, 24. Abstain: 3, 4.

**Item 022-151: 299er Sectional**

Item 911-118 is amended as follows:

With Management approval, a Sponsoring Organization may run a limited sectional with a maximum of 299 Masterpoints using local Directors.

Carried without dissent. Absent: 6

**Item 022-152: Tournament Events and Restrictions**

Items (952-112) (961-99) (973-204) (992-132) (992-133) (992-141) are combined into Item (942-78) and that (942-78) is amended to clarify the permissible method to ensure that a Flight or Flights of a Flighted KO end after no more than four sessions. The upper limit for Flight/Strat B for Regional/Sectional events is raised to 2500. The upper limit for Flight/Strat C for Regional/Sectional events is raised to 1000 as below:  
(additions = underline, deletions = strikeout)

Events and Restrictions for ACBL Sanctioned Tournaments (942-78) (952-112) (961-99) (973-204) (992-132) (992-133) (992-141)

The following event types and restrictions are authorized for ACBL Sanctioned Tournaments. Management is authorized to sanction other events on an experimental basis:

EVENTS AND RESTRICTIONS:

I TYPE

- A. Individual
- B. Pair
- C. Team
  - 1. Swiss
  - 2. Board a Match
  - 3. Knockout
  - 4. Any combination of 1, 2, and 3 above.
- 4- Pair/Team (one session event with masterpoints to be the greater of the pair or team event)

II GENDER

- A. Open
- B. Men's
- C. Women's
- D. Mixed
- E. Unmixed

III AGE

- A. Open
- B. Junior (25yrs and younger)
- C. Senior (55 ,65 & 75 yrs and over) (any 2 separate events may be scheduled)

IV EVENTS

- A. Open
  - 1. No masterpoint restriction
- B. Flighted (by masterpoints only)
  - 1. Two or three flights
    - a. The lowest Flight may be stratified with up to 3 Strats
    - b. Flight A may have A and Ax
  - NOTE: Flighted KO events at Regionals may be bracketed (may not be randomly grouped) to finish in 4 sessions.
- C. Stratified (by masterpoints only)
  - 1. Two or three strats (up to five strats in a 300 mp or less IN event)
- D. StrataFlighted (by masterpoints only)
  - 1. Flight A separate and unlimited (may have A and AX)

2. Two or three strata (up to five strats in a 300 mp or less IN event)  
NOTE: Only Flight A, AX and Strat B of 750 masterpoints or greater are eligible for Gold points

- E. Handicapped
  - 1. Based on masterpoint holding of entrants
- F. Bracketed (KO and Swiss teams)
  - 1. Based on masterpoint holding of entrants
- G. Masters
  - 1. One member of each partnership must meet minimum limit
- H. Non-Masters
  - 1. All entrants must be under maximum limit
- I. Life Masters
  - 1. All entrants must meet life master requirement
- J. Restricted
  - 1. Upper masterpoint limit
    - a. All entrants must be under maximum limit
- K. Side Game Series (former Continuous pair)
  - 1. Open Pair game only
    - a. May not be restricted by age, gender, or masterpoint holding (may not be stratified for single session side game awards)
- L. Choice
  - 1. Pair game only
    - a. Scheduled for three sessions in one day, player chooses any two

## V SCORING METHODS

- A. Individual
  - 1. Matchpoint
  - 2. Imp
- B. Pair
  - 1. Matchpoints
  - 2. Imp
  - 3. Victory Points (Homestyle game)
- C. Team
  - 1. Win-Loss
  - 2. Victory point
  - 3. Total Points
  - 4. Board-a-match
- D. Pair/Team
  - 1. Matchpoints plus one from C. above (must be one session event only)

## VI REGIONAL STRAT/FLIGHT UPPER MASTERPOINT LIMITS

PAIR	FLT	A	0-INF ( <u>AX must be at least 500 higher than upper limit for B, maximum 5000</u> )
		B	0-750,1000,1250,1500, <u>1750,2000,2500</u>

- C 0-100,200,300, NLM, ~~<less than NLM(max 500)-Mps>~~, ~~0-500, 0=750,1000 (MAY BE STRATIFIED)~~
- STRAT A TOP "B"-UNL  
 B TOP "C"-750,1000,1250,1500,1750,2000,2500  
 C 0-100,200,300, NLM, ~~<less than NLM(max 500)-Mps>~~, ~~0-500, 0=750,1000 (OPTIONAL)(IF NO "C"=0)~~
- A Both over 300,LM,500,750,1000,1250,1500,1750,2000,2500  
 B One over & one under  
 C Both under
- STRFLT A UNLIMITED (STAND ALONE)(AX must be at least 500 higher than upper limit for B, maximum 5000)  
 B TOP OF "C"-750,1000,1250,1500,1750,2000,2500  
 C TOP OF "D"-300, NLM,NLM(max 500),500,750,1000  
 D 0-100,200,300, NLM, ~~<less than NLM(max 500)-Mps>~~, 500 (OPTIONAL)(IF NO "D"=0, C is 0-5-, 100, 200)
- K.O. FLT A 0-INF  
 B 0-750,1000,1250,1500,1750,2000,2500  
 C 0-100,200,300, NLM, ~~<less than NLM(max 500)-Mps>~~, ~~0-500, 0=750,1000~~  
 NOTE: May be bracketed to finish in 4 sessions
- BRKT ~~May be b~~Bracketed by: Average MP's all team members  
~~Average MP's top two team members~~
- SWISS FLT A 0-INF (AX must be at least 500 higher than upper limit for B, maximum 5000)  
 B 0-750,1000,1250,1500,1750,2000,2500  
 C 0-200,300, NLM, ~~<less than NLM(max 500)-Mps>~~, ~~0-500, 0=750,1000 (MAY BE STRATIFIED &/or 1 SESS)~~
- STRAT A TOP "B"-UNL  
 B TOP "C"-750,1000,1250,1500,1750,2000,2500  
 C 0-200,300, NLM, ~~<less than NLM(max 500)-Mps>~~, ~~0-500, 0=750,1000 (OPTIONAL)(IF NO "C"=0)~~
- STRFLT A UNLIMITED (STAND ALONE)(AX must be at least 500 higher than upper limit for B, maximum 5000)  
 B TOP OF "C"-750,1000,1250,1500,1750,2000,2500  
 C TOP OF "D"-300, NLM,NLM(max 500),500,750,1000  
 D 0-100,200,300,NLM, <less than NLM(max 500)-Mps>, 500 (OPTIONAL)(IF NO "D"=0, C is 0-200,300)

BRKT Bracketed by average MP's of all team members.

VII. SECTIONAL STRAT/FLIGHT UPPER MASTERPOINT LIMITS

PAIR	FLT	A	0-INFINITY ( <u>AX must be at least 500 higher than upper limit for B, maximum 5000</u> )
		B	0-300,500,750,1000,1250,1500, <u>1750,2000,2500</u>
		C	0-50,100,200,300, NLM, <del>&lt;less than</del> <u>NLM(max 500)</u> , <del>Mps</del> , $\theta=$ 500, $\theta=$ 750, <u>1000</u> ( <del>MAY BE STRATIFIED</del> )
STRAT	A	TOP "B"-UNLIMITED	
		TOP "C"-300,500,750,1000,1250,1500, <u>1750,2000,2500</u>	
		0-50,100,200,300, NLM, <del>&lt;less than</del> <u>NLM(max 500)</u> , <del>Mps</del> , $\theta=$ 500, $\theta=$ 750, <u>1000</u> (OPTIONAL)(IF NO "C"=0)	
A	Both over		
	300,LM,500,750,1000,1250,1500, <u>1750,2000,2500</u>		
	One over & one under		
C	Both under		
<u>STRFLT</u>	A	UNLIMITED (STAND ALONE)( <u>AX must be at least 500 higher than upper limit for B, maximum 5000</u> )	
		TOP OF "C"-500,750,1000,1250,1500, <u>1750,2000,2500</u>	
		TOP OF "D"-200,300,NLM,NLM(max 500),500,750,1000	
		0-50,100,200,300,NLM,NLM(max500), <u>500</u> (OPTIONAL)(IF NO "D", C=0) is $\theta=$ 50,100,200)	
K.O.	FLT	A	0-INFINITY
		B	0-300,500,750,1000,1250,1500,1750,2000,2500
		C	0-100,200,300, NLM, <del>&lt;less than</del> <u>NLM(max 500)</u> , <del>Mps</del> , $\theta=$ 500, $\theta=$ 750, <u>1000</u> <u>NOTE: May be bracketed to finish in 3 sessions.</u>
<u>BRKT</u>		<del>May be b</del> Bracketed by: Average MP's all team members Average MP's top two team members	
SWISS	FLT	A	0-INFINITY ( <u>AX must be at least 500 higher than upper limit for B, maximum 5000</u> )
		B	0-300,NLM<less than,500),500,750,1000,1250,1500, <u>1750,2000,2500</u>
		C	0-100,200,300, NLM, <del>&lt;less than</del> <u>NLM(max 500)</u> , <del>Mps</del> , $\theta=$ 500, $\theta=$ 750, <u>1000</u> ( <del>MAY BE STRATIFIED</del> )
STRAT	A	TOP "B"-UNLIMITED	
		TOP "C"-300,NLM,NLM(max 500),500,750,1000,1250,1500, <u>1750,2000,2500</u>	

C 0-100,200,300, NLM, ~~less than~~ NLM(max 500),Mps, ~~0=~~  
 500, ~~0=~~ 750,1000 (OPTIONAL)(IF NO "C"=0)

- STRFLT A UNLIMITED (STAND ALONE)(AX must be at least 500 higher than upper limit for B, maximum 5000)  
 B TOP OF "C"-500,750,1000,1250,1500,1750,2000,2500  
 C TOP OF "D"-200,300, NLM,NLM(max 500),500,750,1000  
 D 0-50,100,200,300,NLM,NLM(max 500),500 (OPTIONAL)(IF NO "D"=0, ~~C is 0-50,100,200~~)

BRKT Bracketed by average MP's of all team members.

Carried . Nay: 5, 7, 14. Absent: 6

<b>MASTERPOINT COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>DeMartino, Chair</b>	<b>Kirkham, Vice Chair</b>
	<b>Gerard, Reeve, Reiman, Weinstein</b>

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 022-312: ACBL Masterpoint Regulations**

- A. Reisinger BAM and Spingold/Vanderbilt KO masterpoint awards are changed as follows:

<u>Reisinger</u>		<u>Spingold/Vanderbilt</u>	
<u>Rank</u>	<u>MPs</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>MPs</u>
1	200.00	1	250.00
2	150.00	2	180.00
3	112.50	3-4	125.00
4	92.31	5-8	80.00
5	85.72	9-16	50.00
6	80.00	17-32	25.00
7.	75.00		
8	70.59		
9	66.67		
10	63.16		
11	60.00		
12	57.15		
13	54.54		
14	52.18		

- B. Awards for NABC events when the field size is below a minimum threshold is reduced as follows:

### 1. Senior and Women's KO's

32 or more teams	140
Event comes to 16 teams after first day head-to-head and 2/3 or 3/4 survivors usually 24-31 teams, 5 days	120
Event comes to 8 teams after first day head-to-head and 1/3 or 1/4 survivors usually 16-23 teams, 4 days	100
Event comes to 8 teams after first day head-to-head and 2/3 or 3/4 survivors usually 15 or fewer teams, 4 days	80

### 2. Four Session Swiss and BAM Events

32 or more teams	Full Award
Fewer than 32 teams	75% of Full Award

### 3. Pair Games

48 or more tables	Full Award
Fewer than 48 tables	75% of Full Award
Fewer than 24 tables	50% of Full Award

#### C. Section awards are modified as follows:

1. Increase Flight A section awards by 10% for separate Flight A events
2. Increase section awards by 10% when there is one cut in the field and by 20% when there is a second cut.
3. A less steep award scale (to be determined) will be used to increase section awards when multiple sections are combined for scoring purposes.

#### D. For all Club/Internet games with 30 or more tables, awards for positions lower than first will be determined using the scale for overall awards for 4 session events.

#### E. For Continent-Wide Charity games, International Fund games and District-Wide Charity games, overall and district awards will be determined as follows (official hand records must be used):

Overall: First Place:	20 points	Depth of awards:	10 places
District: First Place:	10 points	Depth of awards:	5 places

Winners will receive the greater of the nationwide and the district awards, in addition to masterpoints won at the game itself.

#### F. The formula for KO's is modified:

1. Top Bracket Only: # in bracket + 1/2 x (# in lower brackets up to 16 teams)  
+ 1/3 x (number after first 16 up to 50 teams) +  
1/5 x (remaining teams)

Brackets Below Top: # in bracket + 1/3 x (number up to first 50 but decrementing for brackets already counted) + 1/5 x (remaining teams).

2. When 300 points is reached (average of top team in bracket), the number of tables in lower brackets derived from the above formula is reduced by 50%. When the top team average becomes lower than 100 points, there is no credit for tables in lower brackets. {Replaces overly complex reduction table now used for brackets where the top team has less than 500 points.}
3. The winning team in a bracket cannot receive more than 90% of the award for the bracket immediately above.
4. Provided there are at least 18 teams (the minimum required for two brackets), the minimum award for the top bracket will be equal to the award for a 16 table bracket (19.93 masterpoints).
5. The MP awards for any KO bracket where the average of all players in the bracket exceeds 7500 MP's is increased by 10%.

Effective January 1, 2003.

Subject to second reading at Fall 2002 Board meeting.

Carried without dissent: absent: District 6

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Non-Committee Reports  
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Jim Priebe President of the Canadian Bridge Federation presented his report.

Barbara Nist gave the NABC Strategic Planning report.

Richard Bowling President of the ABA spoke to the Board of Directors.



<b>SPONSORSHIP</b>	
<b>Levy, Chair</b>	<b>Fleming, Hascall, Lix, Smith, R., Swan</b>

**Item 022-300: Sponsorship Committee Action Item**

ACBL will develop an NABC sponsorship package to be used by local organizations.

Carried without dissent. Absent: 6

<b>CANADIAN AFFAIRS</b>	
<b>Buckman, Chair</b>	<b>Anderson, R., Fleming, Kirkham, Steinberg</b>

**Item 022-305: 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 Phoenix Fall 2002 NABC.

Carried without dissent: Absent: 6

NOTE: Management accepts as an action item to consider developing French/Spanish speaking material on the ACBL web-site including material from the *Bridge Bulletin*.

Carried. Nay: 10 Abstain: 8. Absent: 6

**Item 022-306: ACBL/CBF Review**

The Canadian Affairs Committee will review ACBL/CBF issues and consider recommendations.

Carried without dissent.

<b>MARKETING</b>	
<b>Buckman, Chair</b>	<b>Fleming, Vice Chair</b>
<b>Fairchild, Gerard, Hascall, Himel, Lix, Nist, Raskin, Seals,</b>	

**Smith R., Steinberg, Wilkinson, Wood,**

**MARKETING -Education**

**Smith, R, Chair**

**Hascall, Fairchild, Himel, Steinberg, Wilkinson**

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 022-215: Bridge Education Status Report**

Management's Bridge Education Status Report is received.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 022-216: Intermediate / Novice Status Report**

Management's intermediate/novice status report is received.

Carried without dissent.

**MARKETING - Member Services**

**Fairchild, Chair**

**Hascall, Himel, Lix, Nist, Seals, Smith, R., Wilkinson**

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 022-245: Marketing & Publicity Report**

Management's Marketing & Publicity Report is received.

Carried without dissent.

**Item 022-246: Easybridge Report**

No report on Easybridge! was submitted at this meeting. No report will be required at future board meetings.

Carried without dissent.

**Closing Remarks**

It was moved by Gerard and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 6 and its units, including District Director Nadine Wood and Roland Wood, Tournament Chairman Margot Hennings, and all the other chair persons and numerous volunteers, plus a thanks to the Marriott Wardman Park hotel for their fine cooperation.

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