

Minutes
ACBL Board of Directors
Hilton Suites
Phoenix, AZ
November 22 - 26, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President George Retek on Saturday, November 23, 2002 at 9:00 am.

Present: George Retek #1, Jonathan Steinberg #2, Joan Gerard #3, Ray Raskin #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Nadine Wood #6, Bruce Reeve #7, Georgia Heth #8, Shirley Seals #9, Chuck Wilkinson #10, Jim Reiman #11, Tom Gardner #12, Harriette Buckman #13, Sue Himel #14, Phyllis Harlan #15, Dan Morse #16, Jerry Fleming #17, Richard Anderson #18, Barbara Nist #19, Robert Lix #20, Roger Smith #21, Jim Kirkham #22, Alan LeBendig #23, Al Levy #24, Richard DeMartino #25.

Also

Present: Don Mamula, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Peter Rank, League Counsel; Craig Robinson, District #4 Elect; Jade Barrett, District #20, First Alternate; Jay Baum, CEO; Jack Zdancewicz, CFO; Gary Blaiss EAO; Rick Beye, CTD; and staff Bruce Keidan, Linda Granell, Cherie Turman, Carol Robertson, Jim Miller and Kelley McGuire.

Approval of Washington Minutes

The Washington, DC minutes are approved.

Carried.

Certification of Election

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for a three-year term, January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005:

Jonathan Steinberg, District 2; Joan Gerard, District 3; Craig Robinson, District 4; Georgia Heth, District 8; Sue Himel, District 14; Dan Morse, District 16; Roger Smith, District 21; Jim Kirkham, District 22.

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected as First Alternate to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for a three-year term, January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005:

Darwin Afdahl, District 6; Jeff Overby, District 9; Bill Cook, District 10; Nancy Sachs, District 11; William Arlinghaus, District 12, Gerene Gluckson, District 17; Jeffrey Taylor, District 20; John Solodar, District 24.

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected as Second Alternate to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for a three-year term, January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005:

Steve Robinson, District 6; Muriel Altus, District 9; Coley McGinnis, District 10; Bob Stitt, District 11; Barbara Jur, District 12; Elsie Matthews, District 17; Irene Pickett, District 20.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-191: ACBL Representatives to the WBF

Joan Gerard, Jim Kirkham, Nadine Wood and Jonathan Steinberg are declared candidates. Having no other declarations of candidacy, nominations were closed. Joan Gerard and Jim Kirkham were elected by secret ballot as ACBL representatives to the World Bridge Federation for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005.

Item 023-193: 401k Trustee

Dan Morse is a declared candidate. There being no other declarations of candidacy, Dan Morse was elected as 401k Trustee for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2006.

Item 023-197: ACBL Laws Commission Appointments

President Retek appointed Jeffrey Polisner, Chip Martel and Ray Raskin to the ACBL Laws Commission for a five-year term beginning January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2007.

Item 023-194: ACBL Honorary Member of the Year

Frank (Nick) Nickell is selected as the 2003 ACBL Honorary Member of the Year.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-195: ACBL Masterpoint Regulations (Second Reading)

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

<u>Reisinger</u>		<u>Spingold/Vanderbilt</u>	
Rank	MPs	Rank	MPs
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		

First overall in the US Team Trials is also changed to 250 masterpoints.

B. Awards for NABC events when the field size is below a minimum threshold is are 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 (Note: Only for Sectionals and higher.)
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 will be used to increase section awards when multiple sections are combined for scoring purposes. (Note: Only for Sectionals and higher.)

Note: The added formula to accomplish this change is as follows:

For combined sections of 26 or more tables, the number of tables is determined as follows: $T = 2 \times \text{Square Root} [13 \times (T-13)]$.

Second place = 70% of first; third = 50% of first; fourth = 35% of first. ~~The remaining positions are determined using the above formula to derive the number of tables.~~

For lower positions, the following formula is used: ~~$A(p) = A/\text{sprt}(2^{*(p-1)})$~~
 $A(p) = A/\text{SquareRoot}(p \times \text{SquareRoot}(2 \times (p-1)))$.

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)

Note: The above applies only for Flight A KO's and KO's where there is no upper masterpoint limit.

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%.

G. For determining the M factor, the following formula will be used (the current values are from a table):

_____ L = upper MP limit M = M factor

_____ Upper limit 0-499 masterpoints:

_____ $M = (\text{Log}_{10}(L) / 5.00) + \underline{\underline{= 0.1102}}$

_____ Upper limit 500 or more masterpoints

_____ $M = (\text{Log}_{10}(L) / 3.11) - 0.218$

_____ Maximum M value of 1.0000 is reached for an upper limit of 6136 or higher.

Note: The Masterpoint Committee presented and received approval for this change in Washington. This is simply an administrative change suggested by Management. M values are essentially the same but will be derived by formula

rather than being looked up in a table.

H. For section awards in Side Game Series, section awards should be computed at 80% (the same factor that applies to overall awards).

Note: For side game series, the 80% factor is not currently being applied to Section awards (The result is that a section awards are the same as for an open regional pair game of the same size.) The Masterpoint Committee discovered this error after the Washington Nationals.

Effective date: January 1, 2003.

Carried without dissent.

Non Agenda Items

1. Election of ACBL Treasurer assigned to Full Board.
2. Junior Fund assigned to Marketing/Juniors.
3. Resignation of Bob Lix assigned to Full Board Executive Session.
4. 2002 Main Frame assigned to Finance.

ACBL CEO Report

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

ACBL CFO Report

The report of 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 Saturday, November 23, 2002 at 4:30 pm.

Present: Same as Sunday, November 24

Also

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Charity Foundation Membership Meeting

The membership meeting of the Charity Foundation convened. Jerry Fleming, Charity Foundation Trustee recited recent actions of the Foundation which included the announcement of the 2003 Charity of the Year, National Hospice Foundation.

In conclusion, the election to fill the expired term of Foundation trustee Jayne Thomas was held. Ms. Thomas stated that if anyone would like the open position she would not run for re-election. Georgia Heth was elected to a four-year term beginning January 1, 2003 and ending December 31, 2006.

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.

In conclusion, the election to fill the expired terms of Foundation trustees was postponed until Monday, November 25.

GOVERNANCE	
Anderson, R., Chair	Raskin, Vice Chair
Gardner, Gerard, Harlan, Himel, LeBendig, Levy, Seals, Wood	

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 023-35: ACBL Presidential Election (021-46)

Item 021-46 is rescinded and the presidential election is returned to the fall meeting.

Effective date: Immediately

Motion defeated. Aye: 3, 4, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 25. Abstain: 7, 10.

Item 023-36: ACBL Bylaws Committee

The ACBL Board of Directors will establish a permanent bylaws committee. The

purpose of this committee is to review the ACBL Bylaws as needed and suggest appropriate revisions.

The committee will consist of seven people appointed as follows:

- Four members (one of whom will be the chairman) to be selected by the ACBL President and approved by the full Board;
- One member to be selected by the Board of Governors;
- Two members to be selected by the ACBL CEO from among ACBL staff.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-37: Ethical Oversight Committee

- A. The membership of the Ethical Oversight Committee will be increased from 15 to 20.

Motion defeated. Aye: 2, 3, 5, 10, 13, 15, 16, 20, 21, 24, 25.

- B. Term of office will be increased from 3 years to 5 years beginning with the January 2003 terms and appointments.

Motion defeated. Aye: 2, 21.

Item 023-38: ACBL Mailing List

The regulation covering the use of the ACBL mailing list is amended as follows:

ACBL Mailing Lists (913-103) (942-44) (973-68) (003-195)

Effective immediately, the policy regarding lists, mailing labels, and discs shall be as follows:

A. **LISTS PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE:**

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. ACBL Board of Directors | Any name, address, M.P. list available |
| 2. Chairman, Board of Governors | Any name, address, M.P. list available |
| 3. Unit/District Board | His/Her Unit or District Directors Board Members names and addresses |

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| 4. Candidates for ACBL Elections | Unit/District Board Members names and addresses |
| 5. Unit Membership Chairman | Unit Members names, addresses, and masterpoints (Once a year) |
| 6. Club Manager | Unit Members names, addresses, and masterpoints (Once a year, upon request, for local units) |
| <u>7. Unit, District or Conference Publication</u> | <u>Names and addresses of all members receiving publication*</u> |

*Must be published at least twice a year, and all incidental costs (postage, materials) will be the responsibility of the user.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-39: Computer Bridge Competition and Demonstration

The ACBL's annual computer-bridge competition and demonstration, established by Board Directive 963-69, will be conducted at a site and time designated by Management. The format and Conditions of Contest will be determined by Management.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-40: Transfer of Unit 438 and Dissolving of Unit 494

- A. Unit 438 Longview, District 19, is transferred to Unit 452 Vancouver, District 20.
- B. Unit 494, Pendleton, is dissolved and its membership is distributed as determined by Management into one of Units 442, 453 or 485 by zip code.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-41: Hall of Fame Charter

Sections 7, 8, and 9 of the Hall of Fame Charter is approved.

Deferred to Philadelphia Spring 2003. Without dissent.

Item 023-43: CEO Review Committee Term of Office

The term of office for each CEO Review Committee shall be from the end of the Spring Board of Directors meeting to the end of the Spring Board of Directors meeting of the following year.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-44: Hall of Fame Committee Appointments

ACBL members Roy Green of Carlisle, Massachusetts and Jan Martel of Davis, California are approved as members of the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame Committee.

Their terms will expire December 31, 2005.

Carried. Nay: 23.

APPEALS AND CHARGES		
Reeve, Chair		Morse, Vice-Chair
Anderson, R., Buckman, Fairchild, Raskin, Smith, R., Steinberg		

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 023-01: Disciplinary Cases

In the matter of the request of Marianne Keller of Reno, Nevada, ACBL number J752774, to lift her permanent probation: Her request was approved. Her permanent probation is lifted immediately.

The matter of the appeal by the ACBL of a Decision of the District 16 Appellate Committee which reversed the Decision of a NABC Disciplinary Committee of March 11, 2002 suspending and placing on probation Dr. M. L. Ginsberg, of Eugene, Oregon, Player #0791239: The Decision of the Appellate Committee is reversed and the Decision of the NABC Disciplinary Committee is reinstated. Findings of the Appeals and Charges Committee: (1) the complaint in this matter was made within the 60 day Statute of Limitations; and (2) although technical errors were made in receipt of the complaint and documentation of the charges, Dr. Ginsberg's opportunity to receive a fair hearing process was not jeopardized.

Item 023-02: ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations

- A. The revised ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations is approved as attached.
- B. An ACBL Disciplinary Committee will be established with the Board approval of the amended Code of Disciplinary Regulations in Section 1.9. The Committee will consist of nine members appointed by the President for three year staggered terms. Initially this will be done by giving 1,2 or 3-year terms to those appointed. The Chair of the Committee will be selected by vote of the Committee each year in January.

Should there be a need for this Committee to hear a case per the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations, management shall notify the Committee Chair. The Chair will seat a committee of five or seven members from among the membership of the Disciplinary Committee to hear the case.

Carried. Nay: 17. Abstain: 3

FINANCE	
Lix, Chair	Wilkinson, Vice Chair
	DeMartino, Fleming, Heth, Nist, Reiman

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 023-20: 2003 Budget

The 2003 budget as presented at the Board meeting is approved. (Exhibit)

Carried. Nay: 1, 16.

Item 023-21: ACBL Household Membership Fees (022-17)

The ACBL resolves to discount the household membership as shown below:

Membership Status	Current Membership	Current Household Membership	Proposed Household Membership
2 Non LM's	\$32 \$32	\$58	\$58
1 LM & 1 Non LM	\$29 \$32	\$58	\$55
2 LM's	\$29 \$29	\$58	\$52

Motion defeated. Aye 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24.

Item 023-23: Annual Marketing & Education Budget

For the Marketing and Education expenditures, the ACBL CEO has authority to direct funding authorized in the annual budget from existing there Marketing and Education programs to new or other existing programs. This would not include funding in those areas specifically mandated by the Board of Directors regulations.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-24: Main Frame Computer Upgrade

Management has the authority to purchase an upgrade to the existing mainframe computer as a 2002 capital expenditure. The costs are not to exceed \$115,000 before taxes.

Note: There will be an increase of \$20,000 for the software maintenance and an increase of \$30,000 in depreciation for the 2003 operating budget.

Carried. Nay: 6.

MARKETING		
Buckman, Chair		Fleming, Vice Chair

Committee Report by Chairman

MARKETING - CLUBS		
Fleming, Chair	Buckman, Fleming Gardner, Heth, Lix, Nist, Raskin, Seals, Smith, R.	

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 023-145: Convention Card Laws (022-145)

The Board of Directors recommends that the ACBL Laws Commission give sponsoring organizations more latitude in deciding their own rules.

NOTE: Specific concerns it to allow players at clubs to refer to their convention cards.

Carried. Nay: 16, 21.

MARKETING - EDUCATION	
Smith, R., Chair	Buckman, Fairchild, Fleming, Gardner, Heth, Himel, Steinberg, Wilkinson

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 023-155: Bridge Education Status report

Management's education status report is received.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-156: School Lesson Memberships

ACBL will offer a School Lesson Membership (current price of \$5.00) to students until the age of 19 who are graduates of, or enrolled in, a School Bridge Lesson Series program funded by the ACBL and/or the ACBL Educational Foundation.

Carried. Nay: 10, 15, 22.

Item 023-157: Club Director's Course

A Spanish translation of Club Director's seminar materials as used by Guillermo Poplawsky is authorized.

NOTE: No vote was taken.

MARKETING - JUNIORS	
Steinberg, Chair	Buckman, Fairchild, Fleming, Gerard, Heth, Nist, Raskin, Wood

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 023-165: Junior Fund Money

Effective immediately, all Junior Fund Money collected in the U. S. shall be treated as funds specifically targeted for ACBL Junior programs and ACBL junior players. ACBL

management shall have discretion over how the money is spent. Any unused Junior Fund money will be carried forward to the next year.

Deferred to Philadelphia Spring 2003. Nay: 10. Abstain: 8.

Item 023-166: The Junior Fund Report

The Junior Fund report from Joan Gerard and Jerry Fleming is received. (Exhibit)

Carried without dissent.

MARKETING - MEMBER SERVICE	
Fairchild, Chair	Buckman, Fleming, Gardner, Heth, Himel, Lix, Nist, Seals, Smith, R., Wilkinson

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 023-175: Marketing & Publicity Report

Management's marketing & publicity report is received.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-176: 2003 Goodwill Member of the Year

William Breeze, District 19 is received as the 2003 Goodwill member of the year.

Carried without dissent.

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

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 023-10: 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 Philadelphia Spring 2003. Nay: 3, 14, 17, 22.

BRIDGE	
Gerard, Chair	Reiman, Vice Chair

BRIDGE - CONDITIONS OF CONTEST	
LeBendig, Chair	DeMartino, Gardner, Gerard, Levy, Morse, Reiman, Wood

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 023-86: Conditions of Contest (022-90)

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 limitations to spread between the top and bottom qualifier:

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

Where C = carryover

S = raw score

Q = # qualifiers

E = # of entrants

In addition, there is a cap of 1 ½ matches (of Victory Points) for Swiss Teams of four sessions (two qualifying and two final) and from the two qualifying to the two semi-final of six session events. For six session events there is a cap of 2 matches (of Victory Points) from the two semi-final sessions to the two final sessions.

Effective date: 1/1/2003

Carried: Nay: 8

BRIDGE - INTERNATIONAL EVENTS	
Morse, Chair	Anderson, R., Gerard, LeBendig, Levy, Reiman, Wood

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 023-90: Eligibility for WBF Championships (022-116)

A. An ACBL NBO is encouraged to nominate a player for invitation to play in all

WBF Championships only if he or she:

1. is a citizen 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 of 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 an 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,
- B. Attached are residency requirements for world competition that have been received by the ACBL as the Zonal Organization. (Exhibit) We are sending them as information to our NBOs so that they may prepare for International competition accordingly.

Carried. Nay: 9, 20.

BRIDGE - SPECIAL EVENTS	
Morse, Chair	Gerard, Levy, Nist Reiman

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 023-105: NAP and GNT Events

The ACBL President shall designate a committee which should include Board of Directors' members, Board of Governors' members and Management. The function of this committee is to evaluate the NAP and GNT events and determine what, if any, changes shall be made to bring them, or their replacement events, back to what was originally intended.

The committee shall have a preliminary report with some potential ideas available for the Board of Directors to review and comment on at the Summer 2003 meetings and shall have a final report, including proposals, available for the Fall 2003 agenda.

Carried. Nay: 8, 10.

Item 023-106: NAP (North American Pairs) Event

The proposal of creating a new flight of 2000 - 5000 mp is referred to the committee established by resolution 023-105.

Carried without dissent.

BRIDGE - TOURNAMENTS	
LeBendig, Chair	DeMartino, Gardner, Gerard, Levy, Morse, Reiman, Wood

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 023-115: Mini Spingold KOs (003-128)

The mini-Spingold KOs are approved as permanent National Events. There will be a scheduled review by the ACBL Board of Directors at the 2005 Fall meeting.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-116: NABC Fast Open Pairs Championship (003-121)

The National Fast Open Pairs is approved as a permanent National Event scheduled to be played the last two days of the Summer NABC. There will be a scheduled review by the ACBL Board of Directors at the 2005 Fall meeting.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-117: Appeals of Table Rulings by TDs

Item 022-147, Appeals of Tables Rulings by TDs is amended as follows:

- A. This item will be reconsidered upon recommendation of Management to the Board of Directors. Such recommendation will include confirmation that the Tournament Directors are ready to accept full responsibility for all rulings as

proposed in the motion.

- B. The Tournament Director Education and Training Committee (a Management committee to be appointed by Management to include members of the Board of Directors) will serve as a focal point for input, suggestions, complaints, and information connected with this program. When Management determines that sufficient progress has been made in TD training and performance, they may recommend establishment of a new trial implementation date. Such implementation is subject to Board of Directors approval.

Carried. Nay: 8, 11, 17, 20.

Item 023-118: Handicap Requirements

The following shall be added as Item 4 under “Requirements for NABC Site Selection” found in Appendix 6 of Chapter 8 in the Codification of Minutes.

Accessibility

All host facilities for North American Bridge Championships held in the United States must adhere to the Americans with Disabilities Act. During negotiations, a checklist (see attached) of handicap needs will be given to the hotel and/or convention center so they may indicate which of these needs are available. In addition, accessible transportation at rates commensurate with standard shuttle or taxi fares should be made known. When an NABC is held outside the United States, a description of accessibility concerns should be included with the recommendation to the board.

And this shall be added as Item 7 under NABC Site Selection Guidelines:

7. Mobility-impaired and other disabled players are a growing percentage of ACBL membership. Special attention should be paid to **access for disabled players** and part of NABC tournament promotion should include “Disability Access Alerts”. This will be particularly important in destinations where disabled players might face barriers to accessibility in transportation, lodging or playing space. Handicap information will be posted and updated on the ACBL website.

NOTE: Management is encouraged to place notices that players needing special accommodations should purchase their entry early and/or notify the tournament organizer beforehand of the events in which they will be playing along with the special accommodations they need (such as special lighting).

Carried without dissent.

**Item 023-119: Conversion to ACBL Masterpoints from Montreal Championships
WBF Championships**

- A. WBF points won by ACBL members at the World Championships in Montreal are converted to ACBL Masterpoints according to the formula in Item 943-33.
- B. Only the following events will award ACBL points for overall placing:
Rosenblum Teams, McConnell Cup Teams, Open, Women's and Mixed Pairs.
No other conversions will take place.
- C. These points will count towards the Barry Crane Top 500 Race in 2002.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-120: World Junior Individual Bridge Championship

- A. The ACBL Board of Directors approves a World Junior Individual Championship to be held every other year in North America at the site of the summer NABC.
- B. This will be held on the final Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the NABC preceding the junior camp in North America.
- C. This will be a World Bridge Federation Event. The ACBL will cover the costs and supply personnel where necessary.

Deferred to Philadelphia Spring 2003. Without dissent.

Item 023-121: Ribbon Qualification Appendix R

Appendix R is approved as attached.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-122: ACBL Masterpoints for European Open Bridge Championship

- A. ACBL Board of Directors authorizes Management to issue a sanction to the European Bridge League to issue ACBL masterpoints to ACBL members attending the European Open Bridge Championship in Menton, Cote d'Azur, France, June 14-28, 2003.
- B. Sanction fee will be \$500 or \$5 per table of ACBL players whichever is greater.

- C. Points will be sectionally-rated red points.
- D. This will be reviewed after the Menton Tournament to see if it is of value to the ACBL.
- E. EBL will provide the ACBL with a disc of ACBL members who attended and won masterpoints.
- F. EBL will provide the ACBL a promotional booth without charge.

Carried. Nay: 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 17, 22, 25.

Item 023-123: Non- NABC+ Nationally-rated Knockouts

The first round bracketing for non-NABC+ nationally-rated Knockout events will be adjusted such that with odd numbers of teams there will be no bye. The bracket will have one all day three-way match with two survivors in place of the bye.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-125: X Strat for Flight B Events

An X-Strat within Flight B, either in a flighted or strati-flighted event is approved.

Motion failed. Aye: 1, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 23. Abstain. 24

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The meeting was called to order by President George Retek on Saturday, November 23, 2002 at 4:30 pm.

Present: Same as Sunday, November 24

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Present: Same as Sunday, November 24

Executive Session

At approximately 9:15 a.m. the Board went into Executive session with Peter Rank, League Counsel and Jay Baum, ACBL CEO.

The following resolution was reported:

That the Board of Directors declare the first sentence of Article VIII, Paragraph E of The ACBL Bylaws, "ambiguous" as the term is used in Roberts Rules of Order.

Motion defeated.

As a result of action taken in Executive Session, the incumbent District 20 First Alternate Director is recognized as the District 20 Director for the remainder of the resigning Director's term beginning December 3, 2002 through December 31, 2004.

Item 023-126: Masterpoints Earned in WBF Events

Items 943-33 and 961-78 are replaced with the following motion:

- A. Effective immediately, WBF masterpoints won at WBF Championship Events will be converted to ACBL masterpoints for ACBL members using a conversion factor.*
- B. WBF masterpoints will be converted only for overall placings
- C. These WBF converted points will count towards the Barry Crane 500 Race of the year in which they were earned.
- D. The events that currently will be counted for the conversion are:
The Bermuda Bowl; the Venice Cup; the Senior Bermuda Bowl; the Rosenblum Teams, the McConnell Cup Teams; the Open, Women's and Mixed Pairs held at the World Championships; the Olympiad Open and Women's Team World Championships.

*Committee will insert revised conversion formula here.

Deferred to the Masterpoint Committee to report back with a proposal at the Philadelphia Spring 2003.

Carried. Nay: 17, 22. Abstain: 25.

Item 023-127: Medals for NABC Events

Medals will be provided at all NABCs for the first three placings in each event. Events must be at least two-session and regionally rated.

Medals will be gold, silver and bronze color in four different sizes. NABC+; NABC Secondary; NABC Limited Event; and Regionally rated event. About 2,000 of the medals will be regionally rated.

Motion defeated. Aye: 4, 5, 7, 9, 16 19, 21, 23.

Item 023-128; North American Bridge Championships - Appendix 6

The newly amended Appendix 6 to the North American Championship Guidelines are approved as a living document with periodic changes being made as new information becomes available.

Deferred to Philadelphia Spring 2003. Without dissent.

Item 023-129: Regional Tournament Allocations

- A. A Regional Allocation Committee will be appointed to review a proposal to change the membership numbers required for additional Regionals as well as the entire Regional Tournament Allocation Regulations and report recommended changes, if any, at the Summer 2003 meeting.

Carried: Nay: 10.

- B. District 9 is granted one additional Regional sanction each year for the years of 2004 and 2005.

Carried. Nay: 7, 10, 21. Abstain: 13.

Educational Foundation Membership Meeting

Trustee elections: Complying with bylaws that dictate the election of one ACBL Board member at each annual election, Richard Anderson and Sharon Fairchild declared their candidacy. By secret ballot Richard Anderson was elected to serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005. Eugene Kales, Dewitt Hudson, Don Mamula and Nell Cahn announced their candidacy for Trustee. By secret ballot Eugene Kales and Don Mamula were elected to serve a three-year term beginning January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005.

Item 023-191: Executive Committee Member and Alternate

- A. The Central Zone reported the election of Jonathan Steinberg as Central Zone Representative on the Executive Committee for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005.
- B. The Central Zone reported the election of Harriette Buckman as Central Zone Alternate Representative on the Executive Committee for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005.

SPONSORSHIP		
Levy, Chair		Fleming, Lix, Smith, R.

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 023-70: Sponsorship Committee Report

- A. Management shall continue to develop a sponsorship package for NABC local sponsoring organizations. This is to include promotional material including demographics, as well as ideas, pricing guides, and past successes on obtaining sponsorship from clubs, individuals, and local business.
- B. Management shall develop a sponsorship package for clubs, units and districts. This is to include promotional material as well as ideas, pricing guides, and successful experiences on obtaining sponsorship from individuals and local business.

Carried without dissent.

AUDIT		
Wilkinson, Chair		Fleming, Reeve

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 023-03: Audit Committee Report

Audit Committee report as presented is received.

Carried without dissent.

Election of ACBL Treasurer

Jerry Fleming and Jim Reiman announced their candidacy for the unexpired term of Bob Lix. By secret ballot Jerry Fleming was elected to serve as ACBL treasurer for the unexpired term beginning December 4, 2002 through April 2003.

Carried without dissent.

Item 023-196: 2007 and 2010 Site Selection

Management's recommendation for the site of the 2007 Spring NABC to the Renaissance Grand Hotel and Americas Convention Center in St. Louis, MO March 8 - 18 is approved.

Management's recommendation for a change in location of the 2010 Fall Orlando, FL NABC to the Orlando World Center Marriott November 25 - December 5, 2010 is approved.

2003 ACBL Goals

1. Adhere to board approved established financial guidelines and annual budgetary constraints.
2. Grow net membership by 3,000.
3. Increase corporate sponsorship and advertising.
4. Document dramatic progress in Education, Training and Certification of ACBL Tournament Directors.
5. Substantially improve the technological capabilities of ACBL operations.
6. Develop and implement a comprehensive marketing plan that includes intermediate goals and timelines.

Non-Committee Reports

The Board was privileged to hear remarks from:

Gonzalo Herrera, President of the Mexican Bridge League.

Gianarrigo Rona, President of the European Bridge League.

José Damiani, President of the World Bridge Federation.

Closing Remarks

It was moved by Gerard and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 17 and its units, including District Director Jerry Fleming and his wife Marion, Tournament Co-Chairman Jill Flower Miller and Marianne Spanier, and all the other chair persons and numerous volunteers, plus a thanks to the Hilton Suites hotel for their fine cooperation.