

**Minutes
ACBL Board of Directors
New York, Hilton
New York, NY
July 5 – 8, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Reeve on Monday, July 5, 2004 at 8:35 a.m.

Present: George Retek #1, Jonathan Steinberg #2, Joan Levy Gerard #3, Sharon Fairchild #5, Nadine K. Wood #6, Bruce Reeve #7, Georgia Heth #8, Shirley Seals #9, Charles D. Wilkinson #10, Jim Reiman #11, Thomas Gardner #12, Harriette Buckman #13, Sue Himel #14, Phyllis Harlan #15, Dan E. Morse #16, Jerry Fleming #17, Richard Anderson #18, Barbara Nist #19, G. S. Jade Barrett #20, Roger Smith #21, Jim Kirkham #22, Alan LeBendig #23, Alvin Levy #24, Richard DeMartino #25.

Absent: Craig Robinson #4

Also

Present: Don Mamula, Chairman Board of Governors; Peter Rank, League Counsel; Jay Baum, CEO; Jack Zdancewicz, CFO; Rick Beye, Chief Tournament Director; Gary Blaiss, EAO; and staff Charlotte Blaiss, Nancy Foy, Linda Granell, Julie Greenberg, Jim Miller, Carol Robertson, and Kelley McGuire.

Approval of Reno, NV Minutes

The Reno, NV minutes are approved.

Carried.

Item 042-175: Election of ACBL President

Roger Smith and Chuck Wilkinson had previously declared their candidacy. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. By secret ballot, Chuck Wilkinson was elected to the office of ACBL President for a one-year term beginning January 1, 2005.

ACBL CEO Report

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

League Counsel Report

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

ACBL CFO Report

The report of CFO Jack Zdancewicz is received. (Exhibit C)

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The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Reeve on Tuesday July 6, at 11:00 a.m.

- Present: Same as Monday, July 5
- Absent: Same as Monday, July 5, Jim Kirkham #23
- Also Present: Same as Monday, July 5

Jonathan Small, President of the New York Non-profit Coordinating Committee spoke with the ACBL Board of Directors.

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The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Reeve on Wednesday July 7, at 8:30 a.m.

- Present: Same as Tuesday plus Craig Robinson District 4 and Jim Kirkham District 23, July 6
- Also Present: Same as Tuesday, July 6

Mike Passell of the Hall of Fame Committee spoke to the Board.

APPEALS & CHARGES
Kirkham (C) Steinberg (VC) Anderson, Buckman, Heth, Morse, Smith Committee Report by Chairman

Item 042-02: Recorder Regulations and Procedures

The changes to Recorder Regulations and Procedures are approved as amended. (Exhibit D)

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-03: Changes to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations

The following amendments to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations are approved:

Definitions:

- Complaint** A written accusation by an ACBL member, a non-member playing in an ACBL sanctioned event, ACBL management or a Unit or District alleging conduct in violation of CDR 3 that requests that charges be made to the appropriate disciplinary body.
- Incident** An occurrence of conduct or actions by a player or ACBL member which may be the basis for a player memo or complaint.
- Player Memo** A written document informing the Recorder about an incident. This is not a complaint but may be used as the basis for a complaint.

1.5 The Ethical Oversight Committee shall, upon charges being brought by ACBL Management, hear original cases of alleged cheating. Forms of cheating include but are not limited to: signals, use of unauthorized information or serious breaches of ethics. League Counsel, the ACBL President and District Director of the person charged shall be notified of a decision to hold an Ethical Oversight Committee hearing. The results of its hearings shall be reported to the parties, the Board of Directors and ACBL Management.

2.2.2 In addition to its appellate jurisdiction, Districts have original jurisdiction in the following cases:

- (a) Cases involving complaints against a person arising from that person’s participation in a sanctioned event sponsored by the District.

4.1
Discipline imposed shall be subject to ACBL rules and regulations in effect at the time during which incident(s) occurred which led to the discipline.

5.2.2 An initial charge based upon a complaint must be brought expeditiously by the charging party (for example, the president) of the organization having jurisdiction. (See CDR 2.) If the organization has failed to designate an individual (who may not be the recorder), the president is the charging party.....

5.3.8 Unless an incident reported on a player memo is included in the complaint and/or the charge(s), neither a player memo nor evidence regarding the incident noted on a player memo may be considered by the hearing

committee in establishing guilt. In determining the severity of the discipline, a player memo within the past ten years may be used.

Appendix A
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The chairperson should begin the hearing by reading the complaint. At a tournament, a tournament director who might also be a witness in the case, presents most cases to the committee. At a Unit or District hearing, the case will have been referred to the committee by the charging party (the President or a designee).

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-04: Videotaping

A. Item 972-11 is rescinded.

B. The ACBL Recorder may videotape in conjunction with an investigation with the concurrence of the ACBL CEO.

C. Recorder Regulations are amended as follows:

B. ADDITIONAL ACBL RECORDER DUTIES

- a. Advise Unit and District recorders as necessary.
- b. Conduct seminars for recorders at NABCs as appropriate.
- c. Supervise the National Office of Recorder as necessary concerning files.
- d. Determine whether to videotape in conjunction with an investigation with the concurrence of the ACBL CEO.

Effective date: As soon as can be implemented.

Carried. Nay: 1, 10, 14.

GOVERNANCE

Fairchild (C) LeBendig (VC)
Barrett, Gardner, Gerard, Harlan, Himel, Wood
Committee Report by Chairman

Item 042-45: ACBL President’s Term of Office

No person shall be elected to more than one-term as President of the ACBL.

Motion failed. Aye: 1, 2, 8, 12, 13, 17, 19, 22, 23.

Item 042-46: Disciplinary Administrative Policies

I. Item 033-02 is amended as follows:

- C. Notices of discipline shall be sent routinely to:
1. The person disciplined.
 2. The ACBL Board of Directors.
 3. The President, Secretary and Recorder of the District in which the disciplined person is a member.
 4. The President, Secretary and Recorder of the Unit in which the disciplined person is a member.
 5. The appropriate Federation.
 6. The ABA.
 7. ACBL CEO.
 8. ACBL staff as determined by the ACBL CEO.
 9. The complainant.
- F. Upon request from the Chairperson or Chairpersons of the Hall of Fame Committee, a list of previous ACBL disciplines, if any, issued by an ACBL disciplinary committee with an explanation of what each discipline involves for each prospective nominee shall be given to the Hall of Fame Committee.

II. The Hall of Fame Charter is amended as follows:

3. Nomination Criteria, Rules and Procedures (continued)

A proposed nominee's ACBL disciplinary record may be reviewed as a part of the process of determining whether that person meets the criteria to be nominated for admission into the Hall of Fame. Upon request, the committee will be provided with information as authorized by Board Resolution 033-02 as amended.

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-47: Goodwill Member of the Year

The ACBL Goodwill Member of the year shall receive reimbursement for roundtrip air travel from his/her home to the fall NABC at a supersaver rate, 2 room nights at the host hotel, 1 day of free plays, and 3 days of per diem. The reimbursement will come from the Norman Kay Fund which will be supplemented by the ACBL general fund as needed.

Effective date: Immediately

Carried. Nay: 12.

Item 042-48: Office of ACBL President Vacancy

If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Board of Directors shall expediently elect a replacement from among its members, either at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, or through other means including, but not limited, to elections conducted by conference call, e-mail or regular mail.

If a vacancy occurs in the office of President-elect after the election for President but prior to the conclusion of the Fall BoD meeting, the Board of Directors shall elect a replacement from among its members at the Fall BoD meeting. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President-elect after the conclusion of the Fall BoD meeting but before the President-elect begins his term as President, the Board of Directors shall elect a replacement from among its members in an election to be held by alternate means including, but not limited to, elections conducted by conference call, e-mail or regular mail.

Deferred to Fall 2004 meeting. Carried. Nay: 4, 7, 8, 9, 17, 18, 23. Abstain: 10.

Item 042-49: President's Volunteer Member of the Year

A new award will be created and named the President's Volunteer Member of the Year. It will be given to one or two ACBL members, who have exhibited the effort and selfless giving that makes ACBL volunteers the best in the world. Award winners will be selected by the President and announced at the Fall meeting. Management will design and mint medals that commemorate this award.

Presentation of the award will be made to the recipient(s) at the Spring Goodwill meeting that follows. Airfare, at super saver rates, and two (2) nights hotel will be provided. A suitable article will be carried in *The Bridge Bulletin*.

Effective date: Immediately

Carried. Nay: 4, 8, 15, 25. Abstain: 10, 22, 24.

Item 042-50: Presidential Election

The presidential election will be held during the Fall meeting of the ACBL Board of Directors.

Motion failed. Aye: 3, 4, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 25.

Item 042-51: Real Estate

A committee will be formed between Management and the Board to review our office situation and other real estate needs at present and for the foreseeable future. This committee will report at the Fall 2004 meeting and a final report will be issued in the Spring of 2005.

These reports will include but not be limited to the following:

1. Analysis of present space and present needs.
2. Analysis of future space needs.
3. Present location and alternatives in the Memphis market.
4. Economic impact of relocation and any assistance that the local government can provide.
5. Other alternatives the committee should choose to examine.

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-52: Election Procedures

The section of Election Procedures concerning Declaration of Candidacy is amended as follows:

I. DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Each member of the ACBL in good standing, and at least eighteen years of age, desiring to be a candidate for District Director, First Alternate Director, Second Alternate Director, or Board of Governors Representative must file a written Declaration of Candidacy with the Director of Elections prior to June 1 of the year of election. The declaration must be received by the Director of Elections no later than 5:00 PM CT on May 31 (postmarked prior to June 1, but received after May 31 will not be considered as received on time). Delivery may be by mail, fax, hand-delivery, or e-mail.

Effective date: January 1, 2005

Carried. Nay: 2, 3, 9, 16.

Item 042-53: Hall of Fame

The Board of Governors are removed from those who are eligible to vote for the Hall of Fame.

Deferred to Fall 2004 meeting.

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-54: Board Operations Committee

- A. The following board operations documents are approved.
 - 1. Board Member Protocol (Exhibit E)
 - 2. Skills Assessment (Exhibit F)
 - 3. Board of Director’s Job Description (Exhibit G)
 - 4. Board Member Standards of Conduct (Exhibit H)
 - 5. Welcoming Pamphlet for New Members of the Board of Directors (Exhibit I)

- B. These documents shall be reviewed every two years.

Carried. Nay: 7, 8.

JUNIORS
Seals (C) Himel (VC) Barrett, Buckman, Fairchild, Fleming, Gardner, Heth, Himel, Robinson, Smith, Steinberg, Wilkinson

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 042-150: WBF Junior Age

Our Board expresses to our representatives that the WBF age for play in junior competition be changed to allow only those to participate, who have not attained the age of 22 on January first of the year in which the competition is held.

Motion Failed. Yes: 7, 17, 18, 22. Abstain: 1.

Item 042-151: ACBL Junior Player Entry Fee

- A. At all NABCs, the entry fee for all players who have not yet reached their 16th birthday shall be \$1 per session. In NABC-surcharged events the surcharge will be paid in addition to the \$1.

Effective date: Fall 2004 NABC

Carried. Nay: 1, 4, 7, 13, 22, 24, 25.

- B. At all NABCs, the entry fee for paid up ACBL members in good standing who have not reached their 26th birthday shall be no more than 50% of the regional-rated event entry fee.

Effective date: Fall 2004 NABC

Carried. Nay: 7, 22.

C. The ACBL encourages all districts, units and bridge clubs to consider similar policies for its Regional tournaments, sectional tournaments and club games.

Effective date: Immediately

Carried. Nay: 7, 22.

Item 042-152: Youth Camps

Management shall investigate and develop a pilot program for youth camps to be held by Management, Districts, Units or individuals, or in conjunction with other summer camps. These programs would provide for overnight or day camps for youth in the age ranges to be determined but in no case over 21. Preliminary report to be due at the fall meeting of 2004. If approved, the final report is due in the Spring of 2005.

Effective date: Immediately

Carried unanimously.

INTERNATIONAL & ZONAL

Morse (C) Retek (VC)
Anderson, DeMartino, Gerard, Kirkham, LeBendig, Nist, Reiman, Wood
Committee Report by Chairman

Item 042-65: Zone II Regulations

Item 033-65: Zone II Regulations are amended as follows:

Part One: The following items are rescinded: 751-54D, 903-55, 952-81, 991-99, 992-99, 022-116, 023-90, 032-70, plus any other previous Zone 2 regulation except for 033-65.

Part Two: The following resolutions are rescinded: CNTC Fees (821-26), Sanction Fees for Canadian Team Championships (863-63), Canadian International Fund Games (912-23), Sanction Fees for Canadian Team Championships (863-63), Sanction Fees for the COPC, CNTC and CWTC (922-103), National Team Championships for Bermuda and Mexico (852-34), NCBO Open Pairs Championship (832-26) (862-11), CBF Requests (862-12), CBF Requests (862-12), Canadian International Fund Games (912-23), Sanction Fees for the COPC, CNTC and CWTC (922-103), Flight B of the CNTC (992-111), plus any other previously approved item relating to Federation events sanctioned by ACBL.

Part Three:

A. Zone 2 International Regulations

1. The ACBL Board of Directors will act as the Zonal Conference for Zone 2, which consists of the following for International WBF Play:
 - a. United States Bridge Federation (USBF)
 - b. Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF)
 - c. Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF)
2. Bermuda Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 by virtue of the following, ACBL approves BBF's request to compete internationally as a member of WBF's Zone 5 while maintaining ACBL affiliation as Unit 198 in District 2 is approved.
3. The Virgin Islands Bridge Federation competes through Zone 5 per its request to become an NCBO of the WBF as a member of Zone V while maintaining ACBL affiliation is approved.
4. The authority to approve a player and NPC from Canada, Mexico and the US participating in World Bridge Federation or other international competition is delegated to the Canadian Bridge Federation, Mexican Bridge Federation and United States Bridge Federation respectively. The player may be approved only if the player meets all Zonal Conference requirements as well as Federation requirements.
5. Zone 2 requirements for nomination are as follows:
 - a. When an on-site accreditation committee is needed in the future, the ACBL WBF representatives shall automatically assume this responsibility. The most senior representative will serve as the chair.
 - b. An ACBL NBO may nominate a player for invitation to play in a WBF Championship only if he or she:
 - 1) is a citizen or a resident (per the appropriate Federation's regulations) of the United States, Canada, or Mexico as appropriate,
 - 2) is a member in good standing of the United States Bridge Federation (USBF), Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) or Mexican Bridge Federation (MBF) as appropriate,
 - 3) meets WBF criteria and/or conditions for nominations,
 - 4) will not, at the time of the event, be under suspension from ACBL or any other NCBO or NBO,
 - 5) will not, at the time of the event be under ACBL or ABA 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 or ABA jurisdiction,
6. The authority for selecting and subsidizing athletes who represent an ACBL country in international bridge competition rests with that country's Federation.

B. International Fund Monies

1. All international fund monies collected from ACBL-sanctioned events conducted by ACBL in the United States for the specific purpose of subsidizing United States athletes in international bridge competition will be forwarded to and retained by ACBL. Upon request of the USBF, the ACBL will disburse funds to the United States athletes. International Fund monies collected at NABCs shall be apportioned to the appropriate International Fund in proportion equal to that country's percentage of ACBL membership. International Funds collected in Canada shall be sent to the CBF to be disbursed at its discretion.
2. Money raised by and from ACBL-sanctioned events for the benefit of the International Fund shall be divided among and disbursed to members of all teams representing that Federation at the sole discretion of the Federation.

A. Junior Monies

1. Junior Fund money collected at ACBL-sanctioned Junior Fund games shall be:
 - a. Submitted to ACBL from Junior Fund games conducted in the United States and to the Canadian Bridge Federation from Junior Fund games conducted in Canada.
 - b. Disbursed or used by ACBL Management at its sole discretion for the United States and by the CBF for Canada.
2. ACBL is responsible for determining how much, if any, of the Junior Fund monies may be used by the USBF for subsidy of its International Junior Team.
 - a. In order for USBF to receive funds from ACBL for subsidy to juniors, any junior receiving such subsidy must meet the following minimum criteria:
 - (1) Any junior under the age of 19 receiving subsidy must be a high school graduate, have received a high school equivalency certificate or be a student attending school and making orderly progress toward graduation.
 - (2) All such juniors shall be held to the Code of Conduct developed by ACBL Management and League Counsel.

- b. Junior Fund monies collected by the ACBL in the United States determined by the ACBL to be for the purpose of subsidy or training of USBF junior athletes representing the United States in international bridge competition will be dispersed or used by the ACBL for those purposes at ACBL Management's discretion. ACBL will make every effort to comply with the wishes of the United States Bridge Federation in which the funds were collected.
- c. Teams receiving subsidies from the Junior Fund must ensure that all members of the team play sufficient boards to be eligible for medals won by the team unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Part Four:

- A. 1. The Bermuda Bridge Federation, Canadian Bridge Federation, the Mexican Bridge Federation and the United States Bridge Federation may hold an annual ACBL-sanctioned, national championship in each of the following categories:
 - a. Open team
 - b. Women's team
 - c. Senior team
 - d. Open pairs
 - e. Women's pairs
 - f. Junior team
 - 2. The national finals shall be regionally rated (Regionally rated red and gold points unless otherwise indicated in the ACBL Masterpoint Plan). Qualification events, if any, shall be sectionally rated (black points).
 - 3. Sanction fees shall be as follows: (a) the then current Regional sanction fee for the national finals and (b) \$1 US/table/session for any stage of the championship conducted prior to the national final.
 - 4. If the national finals of any of the championships listed in B. 1. above are not held concurrent with an ACBL Regional or Sectional tournament, each NBO may conduct ACBL-sanctioned sectionally rated black-point events concurrent with the national finals. The sanction fee for such an event(s) is \$1 US/table/session.
 - 5. The Federation is responsible for applying for the sanction through and reporting the results to the ACBL Tournament Department.
 - 6. The championship may be flighted by ACBL masterpoints.
- B. Each National Contract Bridge Federation in WBF Zone 2 may conduct an ACBL-sanctioned event (Trials) to qualify a team or teams to represent the Federation's country at a World Bridge Federation or Olympic Championship in an appropriate category such as Open, Senior, Junior, Women or Men, etc.
 - 1. The sanction fee for any such event is \$2 US per entered team except that such fee is waived for Junior Trials.
 - 2. The masterpoint award is determined by the ACBL Board of Directors.
 - 3. Should a National Championship as provided in section A above be used to determine the Federation's representative, section A fees shall not apply. The fees and masterpoint award in accordance with section B (this section) will apply.

4. The Federation is responsible for applying for the sanction through and reporting the results to the ACBL Tournament Department.
- C. ACBL shall be solely responsible for establishing sanction fees for International Fund games sanctioned by ACBL.
- D. Upon request, ACBL will sanction one regional per year to the ACBL District of the USBF's and/or the CBF's choice.
- E. Miscellaneous Regulations
1. At the sole discretion of Management, dues to or donations for an ACBL Federation can be placed on the ACBL membership and renewal forms.
 2. A summary of disciplinary action(s) previously made public is available upon request to NCBO governing bodies.

Effective date: As soon as can be implemented by Management.

Carried. Nay: 3, 10. Abstain: 20.

MARKETING

Buckman (C) Himel (VC)
 Anderson, Barrett, Fairchild, Fleming, Garnder, Harlan, Retek, Seals, Smith, Steinberg
 Committee Report by Chairman

Item 042-135: Marketing/Publicity Status Report

Management's marketing/publicity status report is received enthusiastically.

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-136: Bridge Education Status Report

Management's education status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-137: Intermediate / Newcomer Status Report

Management's Intermediate / Newcomer status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-138: Life Master Categories

- A. Item 863-51A, Current Master Program is rescinded.
- B. Item 853-51D, ACBL Masterpoint Plan is amended as follows:

Two new categories, Emerald Life Master and Platinum Life Master, are added between Diamond Life Master and Grand Life Master. These categories will require 7500 for Emerald and 10,000 for Platinum masterpoints.

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Requirement</u>
Bronze Life Master	500 Masterpoints
Silver Life Master	1,000 Masterpoints
Gold Life Master	2,500 Masterpoints
Diamond Life Master	5,000 Masterpoints
Emerald Life Master	7,500 Masterpoints
Platinum Life Master	10,000 Masterpoints
Grand Life Master	10,000 Masterpoints – Win a North American Bridge Championship with no upper masterpoint restriction or its equivalent or any of the following WBF events: Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Rosenblum Cup; McConnell Cup, Open Pairs, Women’s Pairs, Olympiad, Women’s Team Olympiad, Senior Pairs, World Swiss Teams, World Mixed Teams and Senior Teams. Effective immediately and retroactively

- C. Requirements for Category of Grand Life Master also include the World Mixed Pair Event.

Effective date: As soon as can be implemented by Management.

Carried. Nay: 9, 16, 23, 24. Abstain: 20.

Item 042-139: Special Games at Clubs Committee

The Special Games at Clubs report is approved. (Exhibit J)

Changes to current policy are:

1. April is designated as Charity month.
2. September is designated as International Fund month.
3. Any and all ACBL sanctioned sessions may be held as a Junior Fund game, Charity game or International Fund game, except February is reserved for Junior Fund games, April is reserved for Charity games and September is reserved for International Fund games.
4. The masterpoint rating for Charity games, International Fund games and Club Appreciation Pair games (October) is increased to 100% Sectional Black points.
5. The masterpoint rating for the ACBL-wide Senior Pairs is increased to 80% Sectional rating and the sanction fee is increased to \$4.00 per table (from \$2.25).
6. The NABC Fund Raiser is now the NABC Promotional Game. The district sets the promotional fee if any.

Effective date: January 1, 2005

Carried. Nay: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 13, 24, 25.

Item 042-144: Suspension of the Rules

Moved that we suspend the rule that requires a change in masterpoint awards to receive favorable action by the Board of Directors at two meetings. This rule requires favorable action at two meetings. The suspension is to permit favorable action twice at the same meeting. The suspension is to expedite implementation of item 042-139 Special Games at Clubs which has been approved once at this meeting. The change in rule shall apply only to a second vote on item 042-139.

Carried. Nay: 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 24, 25.

Item 042-141: Goodwill Committee 50th Anniversary

All Goodwill Committee Members of the Year are invited to the meeting that is in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Goodwill Committee in the Spring of 2005.

The ACBL will pay for transportation at super saver rates and two nights' accommodations at the host hotel. A *Bulletin* article will feature the recipients and the event.

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-142: Renewal Fees

When members pay their renewal fees within 90 days of their expiration date, the term for which they are paid up will begin from the date that their membership originally expired.

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-143: Patron Member

A. The following items are rescinded: 941-54, 973-67, 003-22

B. Patron Membership Status

1. Dues (in US dollars)
 - a. Individual = \$250
 - b. Household = \$350
2. Benefits as below:
 - a. Advance hotel reservations at host hotel at NABCs.
 - b. Daily Bulletin delivered to the member's room at the NABC host hotel.
 - c. A complimentary set of Daily Bulletins from all three North American Bridge Championships will be mailed.
 - d. Express entry for Patron Members only at NABCs.
 - e. A gift certificate of \$50 in merchandise (\$75 certificate for a patron household membership) for any patron member renewal or initial sign-up at the new membership rate. The certificate may be used to purchase merchandise at the NABC ACBL Product Store or from the ACBL Sales Department.
 - f. A complimentary subscription to the World Bridge News.
 - g. A special ACBL membership badge that identifies this member as a Patron Member.
 - h. A special drawing for ACBL Patron Members only to win an opportunity to play with a top bridge star at a Educational Foundation game during an NABC.
 - i. Fifty percent (50%) discount off the price of a ticket (household 50% off of two tickets) to the Hall of Fame Dinner.
 - j. Patron Members cocktail party in the President's Suite at NABCs.
 - k. Free membership in Hertz Corporation's #1 CLUB Gold.
 - l. Names published annually in The Bridge Bulletin.

Management may at its discretion, from time to time eliminate or add benefits as it determines appropriate.

Effective date: August 1, 2004

Carried. Nay: 4, 5, 9, 25. Abstain: 20

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The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Reeve on Thursday July 8, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday, July 7

Absent: Same as Wednesday, July 7

Also Present: Same as Wednesday, July 7

BYLAWS

Wood (C) Heth (VC)

Buckman, Himel, L. Mamula, Rank

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 042-20: ACBL Bylaws

The proposed ACBL Bylaws changes are approved as amended. (Exhibit K)

Carried unanimously.

BRIDGE

Reiman (C) Robinson (VC)

DeMartino, Heth, Gerard, Kirkham, LeBendig, Morse, Nist, Wilkinson, Wood

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 042-80: Tournament Status Report

Management's tournament status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-82: Rescinded items

The following Board of Director regulations are rescinded: 881-105, 872-98, 873-89, 872-122, 902-46, 903-53, 953-94, 762-103, 763-53, 821-102, 852-94, 863-66, 901-111, 993-85, 901-113, 943-69, 771-105, 782-85, 711-75, 781-96, 871-109, 943-65, 943-69, 962-175, 971-140, 963-167, 971-115, 022-90, 032-88, 032-92, 831-62, 872-129, 873-114, 881-71, 883-72, 003-83, 032-102, 951-55, 962-105, and 972-211.

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-83: ACBL Standard Yellow Card System

With the advice of the Competitions and Conventions Committee, Management may modify the ACBL Standard Yellow Card System, convention card and booklet as Management deems necessary and appropriate.

Effective date: Immediately

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-84: ACBL Convention Chart Amendments

A. The General Convention Chart is amended to permit:
Jump responses to an opening bid of one in a suit that show one known suit with a minimum of five cards and one other known suit with a minimum of four cards.

B. The Mid-Chart is amended as follows:

A pair may only use a method permitted by the Mid-Chart but not by the General Convention Chart when the approved defense is rated as approved for the length of the segments being played in that Mid-Chart event. This approval and rating will be done by the Competitions and Conventions Committee. Defenses are rated by stating a minimum number of boards played per segment/round. The defense (and therefore the method) may be used only in events that play at least that many boards per segment/round. The minimum number of boards is 12, 6 or 2. If an approved defense is not required as stated below, the method may be played in any event authorized by the Mid-Chart.

When using a method permitted by the Mid-Chart but not by the General Convention Chart a pair is required to:

1. Pre-Alert the method(s).
2. Have a written description of the method(s) available for the opponents.
3. Except for those methods authorized by sections below with an asterisk (numbers 2, 3 and 9 under ALLOWED), have a copy of the approved suggested defense available for opponents. Approved defenses are available in the ACBL defense database at www.acbl.org.

A defense to a method that requires the above pre-Alert may be referred to during the auction by both pairs.

Effective date: January 1, 2005

Carried. Nay: 1, 5, 8, 9, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24.

BRIDGE – CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Gerard (C)

DeMartino, Heth, Kirkham, LeBendig, Morse, Nist, Reiman, Robinson, Wilkinson, Wood
Committee Report by Chairman

Item 042-90: 2005-2006 Conditions of Contest

The 2005/06 Conditions of Contest are approved and ratified for 2005 and 2005/06. Management may, at its discretion, alter wording to permit a clearer understanding of the intention of the Conditions and/or adjust dates as appropriate.

Carried. Nay: 21

Item 042-91: NAP Flight B and C

The Finals of Flight B and C NAP qualify closer to 50% of the field as is our custom with other NABC events.

Effective date: January 1, 2005

Carried. Nay: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14, 24, 25.

Item 042-92: Conditions of Contest Amendments

A. The ACBL screen conditions (Appendix G) are amended as follows:

During the auction period, after an opponent has acted quickly, it is proper to adjust the tempo back to normal by either delaying one's own call (place the bidding card faced in front of, but not on, the tray) or by waiting before passing the tray.

Carried unanimously.

B. The 0-5000 Spingold Conditions of Contest are changed to conduct the event under the authority of the ACBL Mid-Chart.

Carried. Nay: 3, 4, 8, 9, 17, 18, 21.

Note: A survey of the participants in the 0-1500 Spingold will be taken to determine their preference of convention chart.

Effective date: January 1, 2005

BRIDGE - TOURNAMENTS

Wood (C)

DeMartino, Heth, Gerard, Kirkham, LeBendig, Morse, Nist, Reiman, Robinson, Wilkinson

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 042-121: Duplicate Hand Records at NABC's

Duplicated hands used in NABC events shall not be used in other events at that NABC including the first day.

Motion Failed. Aye: 7, 15, 18, 22.

Item 042-122: Tournament Assistant Director's Policy

There is no geographic restriction on the use of Tournament Assistants.

Carried. Nay: 7, 14, 20. Abstain: 15.

Item 042-123: NABC Event Schedule

- A. The IMP pairs at the Summer NABC on the second Thursday and Friday is moved to the Spring NABC on the second Thursday and Friday and the Open Pairs II on the second Thursday and Friday at the Spring NABC is moved to Tuesday and Wednesday of the Summer NABC.
- B. The Senior Swiss on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Summer NABC is moved to Monday and Tuesday of the Summer NABC.
- C. The Mixed BAM Teams and the Fast Open Pairs on the second Saturday and Sunday at the Summer NABC is moved to the second Thursday and Friday of the Summer NABC.
- D. A four-session (two qualifying sessions and two final sessions) North American Swiss Team event with Conditions of Contest the same as the Spring Open Swiss will be held on the second Saturday and Sunday at the Summer NABC.
- E. A four session (two qualifying sessions and two final sessions) Mini-Blue Ribbon (for players with a Blue Ribbon qualification with no more than 5000 masterpoints) will be added to the Fall NABC to run concurrent with the first two days (Tuesday and Wednesday) of the Blue Ribbon Pairs.

Note: See amended schedule. (Exhibit L) Effective date: January 1, 2005

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-125: NABC Committee

The ACBL Board of Directors will establish a committee to investigate the procedures and policies for hotel rates at NABCs. This committee will include members of the Board of Governors. The committee will report to both the ACBL Board of Directors and Board of Governors.

Motion Failed. Aye: 1, 2, 4, 5, 20.

FINANCE & BUDGET

Wilkinson (C) Nist (VC)
DeMartino, Fleming, Reiman, Retek, Robinson, Seals
Committee Report by Chairman

Item 042-30: Preliminary Budget Assumptions for 2005

The Finance Committees 2005 preliminary budget assumptions are approved.

Carried. Nay: 3, 4, 5, 7, 12, 14, 16, 17, 20.

Item 042-31: Membership Dues Increase

Membership dues and service fees will increase as follows:

One-year membership from \$32 to \$35
One-year Life Master service fees from \$29 to \$32
New Member from \$24 to \$26
Junior membership from \$12.75 to \$14

Youth membership remains the same at \$5.00 and Patron Membership is increased per item 042-143 Patron Member.

Effective date: January 1, 2005

Carried. Nay: 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 20.

Item 042-32: ACBL Cost Allocations

The finance committee has adopted the following changes to the ACBL fully-allocated cost method:

1. The presentation format will change from five (5) categories to four (4) categories:

Old Presentation -----	New Presentation -----
Membership activities	Membership activities
Club activities	Club activities
Tournament activities	Tournament activities
Product Sales	-
Other non-mission activities	Other activities

- a. Membership will consist of Bulletin, Masterpoint recording and customer service. Customer service is defined as contact with existing members.
- b. Club activities will consist of Rating point games and Special Event games.
- c. Tournament activities will consist of Regional games, Sectional games and NABCs.
- d. Other activities will include Product Sales and Marketing.

2. Allocation procedures will change to include:

- a. After allocation of direct expenses & direct TD expenses to each of the applicable lines of business, each department expense will be allocated based upon the percentage of time spent within each line of business.
- b. All unallocated overhead will then be allocated to each line based upon the sum of ½ of the direct TD expense and the departmental allocations for each line of business.
- c. The other revenue component of other activities (rental & investment income, affinity programs & management fees) will be allocated based upon departmental expenses for each line of business.
- d. Membership dues will then be allocated:
 - i. Based upon the excess expenses in 2003 of Bulletin, MP recording & customer service.
 - ii. Remainder allocated to Rating Point Games, Regional, Sectional & NABC tournaments based upon weighted tournament revenues.
 - A. Weighted tournament revenues defined as number of people playing each type of tournament times that average net fee received by the ACBL for such event.
 - B. NABC revenues will be normalized to average 2 year results.

Carried unanimously.

Item 042-34: Tournament Director Sponsor Rates

Management shall establish two sponsor rates for the ranks of Associate National Tournament Director and National Tournament Director such that the rate for a National Tournament Director is initially \$35 higher than the rate of Associate National Tournament Director.

Deferred to Fall 2004 meeting.

Carried. Nay: 1, 2, 7, 10, 13, 19, 22, 23, 25.

Closing Remarks

It was moved by Retek and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to Districts 3 and 24 and their units, District Directors Joan Gerard and Al Levy and Tournament Co-Chairs Gerry Goodman and Bill Rosenbaum and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the New York Hilton for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned *sine die* at 4:00 p.m.