# ACBL Board of Directors Hyatt Regency Atlanta, GA July 18 – 21, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Smith on July 18, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: George Retek #1, Jonathan Steinberg #2, Craig Robinson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5,

Nadine K. Wood #6, Bruce Reeve #7, Georgia Heth #8, Shirley Seals #9, Bill Cook #10, Jim Reiman #11, Bill Arlinghaus #12, Harriette Buckman #13, Sue Himel #14, Phyllis Harlan #15, Dan E. Morse #16, Jerry Fleming #17, Richard Anderson #18, Barbara Nist #19, Jeffrey Taylor #20, Roger Smith #21, Jim Kirkham #22, Alan

LeBendig #23, Alvin Levy #24.

Absent: Joan Gerard, #3 and Richard DeMartino, #25.

Also

Present: Linda Mamula, Chairman Board of Governors; Peter Rank, League Counsel; Jay

Baum, CEO; Jack Zdancewicz, CFO; Rick Beye, CTD; Gary Blaiss, EAO; and staff

Charlotte Blaiss, Nancy Foy, Linda Granell, Julie Greenberg, Jim Miller, Carol

Robertson, and Kelley McGuire.

#### **Approval of Pittsburgh PA Minutes**

The Pittsburgh PA minutes are approved.

Carried.

#### **Item 052-130: Ratification of Executive Committee Minutes**

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting (s) are ratified.

Carried.

# MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS July 8, 2005

The Executive Committee met today at 11:00 a.m. EST, by conference call to consider bringing charges against Massimo Lanzarotti and Andrea Buratti for unethical behavior in the 2005 European Bridge Championships.

Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee, Roger Smith, President Bruce Reeve, Chairman; Joan Gerard, Alan LeBendig, and Jonathan Steinberg.

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Also present: Peter Rank, League Counsel; Jay Baum, CEO; Gary Blaiss, EAO; and Kelley McGuire.

Roger Smith called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

The following resolution was approved unanimously by the ACBL Executive Committee:

- A. In accordance with section 2.2.3 (f) of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR), the Executive Committee of the ACBL makes charges under CDR 3.17 based upon the discipline imposed on Massimo Lanzarotti, ACBL # 9891560, and Andrea Buratti, ACBL # 9891552 by the Tenerife Championship Appeals Committee of the European Bridge League and refers the matter to the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee for a disciplinary hearing. A report of the Tenerife Championship Appeals Committee is attached to this resolution.
- B. This committee recommends that the chairpersons or chairperson of the Ethical Oversight Committee, in accordance with CDR 6.1, suspend the above members pending the outcome of a hearing. In accordance with CDR 6.2.4 said hearing should be scheduled to take place in 2005 between November 14<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at the Denver NABC and ACBL Board of Directors' meeting.

Carried unanimously.

A new topic was considered that involves legislation about Unlawful Internet Gambling.

It was moved that the ACBL Executive Committee request a letter be sent to Senator Bunning asking that Contract Bridge be exempted from the Unlawful Internet Gambling Legislation.

Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

#### **Item 052-131: Election of ACBL President**

Harriette Buckman is elected as ACBL President for a one-year term January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

Carried.

#### Item 052-134: ACBL Laws Commission Appointment

Robert Friend resigned from the ACBL Laws Commission. Jim Kirkham is appointed to fill the unexpired term ending December 31, 2006.

# **Item 052-135: Hall of Fame Committee Appointment**

Roy Green resigned from the Hall of Fame Committee. John Caruthers is appointed to fill the unexpired term ending December 31, 2006.

# **ACBL CEO Report**

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

#### **ACBL CFO Report**

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

#### **League Counsel Report**

The report of League Counsel Peter Rank on the status of litigation is received. (Exhibit C)

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The meeting was called to order by President Roger Smith on Wednesday, July 20, at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Same as Monday, July 18

Also Present: Joan Gerard, #3 and Richard DeMartino, #25 and Jan Martel, USBF President.

#### **BRIDGE**

LeBendig (C) Robinson (VC)

Arlinghaus, DeMartino, Gerard, Heth, Kirkham, Levy, Morse, Reiman

Retek, Taylor, Wood Staff: Beye

Committee Report by Chairman

#### Item 052-50: Regional / Sectional Tournament Scheduling

The report is received from the sub-committee on regional/sectional tournament scheduling procedures. (Exhibit D)

# **Item 052-51: NABC Site Selection Criteria**

NABCs in certain popular cities greatly enhance attendance, publicity, profits and add to the enjoyment or our players. The criteria for choosing NABC sites are changed to include, as a high priority, the popularity of the city.

Carried. Nay: 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22.

#### Item 052-53: Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Eligibility

Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney eligibility at all levels (overall placements and Unit placements) shall be determined by the player's total masterpoint holding at the start of the year, not the designated rank.

Effective January 1, 2006

Carried unanimously.

# Item 052-54: Bridge Status Report

The bridge status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

#### INTERNATIONAL & ZONAL

Morse (C) Retek (VC)

Anderson, DeMartino, Gerard, Kirkham, LeBendig, Levy, Reiman,

Steinberg, Wood Staff: Beye

Committee Report by Chairman

A motion to suspend the rules was made.

Carried unanimously.

#### Item 052-41: WBF Dues

Management is authorized to comply with the WBF regulation that requires dues be paid on the basis of the current year membership or the year 2000 membership with the proviso that the year 2000 active membership is compared with the current year active membership and the WBF dues paid on the higher number.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Nay: 9, 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 19.

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#### **APPEALS & CHARGES**

Staff: Blaiss, G.

Heth (C) Kirkham (VC) Anderson, Buckman, Fairchild, LeBendig, Morse

Committee Report by Chairman

# **Item 052-01: Report on Hearings**

#### In the matter of Carol Clifford, ACBL number L281671 v District 9:

After review of the evidence presented and the District 9 Bylaws, the committee decided:

- 1. That by conducting the 2005 Southeastern Regional in other than Dade, Broward or Palm Beach County the District did violate its bylaws.
- 2. Since this was a one time violation, which has been corrected for 2006, 2007 and 2008, no sanction is imposed.
- 3. If the intent is to provide flexibility as to the location of the Southeastern Regional depending upon availability of space, then the District is encouraged to revise its bylaws to clearly reflect that intention.

#### In the matter of the request from Dan Requard, ACBL number 1712249:

- 1. If Requard qualifies to represent District 8 in either the NAP or GNT, he may participate in the National finals regardless of the district in which the event is conducted.
- 2. If Requard has submitted a request for full readmission to ACBL (i.e. no restriction of where he may play in ACBL sanctioned events), the request will be heard at the Spring 2007 ACBL BoD meeting.

# In the matter of the request from Howard Piltch, ACBL number N966671:

The request to review Piltch's current discipline for rescission, expungement or modification is denied.

#### In the matter of Maxine Poulton, ACBL number K901722, v District 17 and Unit 351:

The committee found:

- 1. That an impeachment of any unit director is permitted by the Unit 351 bylaws.
- 2. That the process used by Unit 351 to impeach Poulton was fair and reasonable.

The decision of the District 17 Disciplinary Committee is upheld.

Carried.

# **Item 052-02: Member in Good Standing**

# <u>Definition of "Member in Good Standing"</u>

An ACBL member shall be deemed to be in "good standing" when such member's dues, if dues are required, are current and such member is not:

- expelled,
- serving a term of suspension,
- serving indefinite probation,
- serving a probation the initial term of which was twenty-four or more months,
- serving a term of probation following a suspension, the initial term of which was in excess of ninety days.

A member who is not in good standing as defined herein shall not be entitled to serve in any elected or appointed position in ACBL.

Effective immediately.

Items 962-04 and 973-13 are rescinded.

Carried unanimously.

# **Item 052-03: ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations**

Appendices A and B to the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations are amended as attached.

Deferred to Fall 2005 meeting.

Carried unanimously.

#### **Item 052-04: ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations**

CDR section 8.4 is amended as follows:

- 8.4 A stay of execution pending the disposition of an appeal may be granted by:
- 8.4.1 The Chairman of the District Appellate Committee, when the appeal is made to the district.
- 8.4.2 The Chairman of the Appeals and Charges Committee, when the appeal is made to the Appeals and Charges Committee.
- 8.4.3 The Chairman of the ACBL Disciplinary Committee, when the appeal is made to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee.

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Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

#### **Item 052-05: ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations**

The following items are added to CDR section 4.3:

- 4.3.4 ACBL Management shall automatically suspend a person who files a civil action (which may or may not result in arbitration) or submits a dispute to arbitration for damages (the "action") against the ACBL upon the occurrence of any of the following (this does not apply to civil actions brought by ACBL employees for anything concerning their ACBL employment):
- (a) a judgment in the action which is favorable to the ACBL;
- (b) a dismissal of the action by the court with or without prejudice;
- (c) failure by the ACBL member to prosecute the action for any consecutive six month period after filing of the action; or
- (d) a settlement of the action which does not specifically waive the provisions of this paragraph.
- 4.3.5 Such suspension shall be lifted only upon the occurrence of one of the following:
- (a) payment by the ACBL member of costs incurred in the action by the ACBL, its officers, agents, representatives and insurers; or
- (b) resolution by the ACBL Board of Directors absolving the ACBL member of payment of such costs. "Costs incurred in the action" shall mean all lawyers' fees and expenses, witnesses' fees and expenses, court costs and other costs related to the defense of the action. The Appeals and Charges Committee shall make all determinations and decisions relating to the implementation of this section.

Items 012-44 and 033-48 are rescinded.

Effective immediately. Carried unanimously.

#### CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

DeMartino (C)

Arlinghaus, Gerard, Heth, Kirkham, LeBendig, Levy, Morse, Reiman Retek, Robinson, Taylor, Wood Staff: Beye

Committee Report by Chairman

#### <u>Item 052-65: 2006 - 2007 Conditions of Contest</u>

The 2006-2007 Conditions of Contest are approved and ratified. Management may, at its discretion, alter wording to permit a clearer understanding of the intention of the Conditions and/or adjust dates as appropriate.

# **Item 052-66: GNT and NAP Conditions of Contest**

Any player participating in either GNT or NAP events must be a dues-paying or service-fee paid-up ACBL member prior to playing in any level of this event except club qualifying.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Nay: 3, 5, 14.

# Item 052-67: NABC Seniors' Knockout Conditions of Contest

NABC Seniors' Knockout Conditions of Contest is amended as follows.

#### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1. Each contestant . . .
- 5. When it is determined, due to the number of teams entered, that the Final is to be held on the second Friday, the two teams will play one-half of the match Friday morning and one-half Saturday morning concurrent with the regional morning KO. The two teams, with permission of the NABC DiC, may alter these start times.

Motion Failed: Aye: 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 16, 18, 20, 25.

#### **Item 052-68: Conditions of Contest**

Appendix B is amended as follows:

# APPENDIX B SEEDING POINTS...

I. Vanderbilt and Spingold Knockout Teams:

Years previous to current event:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$1^{st}$	10.0	9.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0
$2^{nd}$	7.0	6.3	5.6	4.9	4.2	3.5	2.8	2.1	1.4	.7
3/4	4.6	4.14	3.68	3.22	2.76	2.3	1.84	1.38	.92	.46
5/8	2.7	2.43	2.16	1.89	1.2	1.35	1.08	.6	.54	.27
9/16	1.2	1.08	0.96	.84	.72	.6	.48	.36	.24	.12
17/32	0.5	.45	.40	.35	.30	.25	.20	.15	.10	.05

#### II. Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams:

Years previous to current event:

		2								
$1^{st}$	8.0	7.2	6.4	5.6	4.8	4.0	3.2	2.4	1.6	.8
$2^{\text{nd}}$	5.6	5.04	4.48	3.92	3.36	2.8	2.24	1.68	1.12	.56

$3^{\rm rd}$	4.0	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.0	1.6	1.2	.8	.4
$4^{th}$	2.7	2.43	2.16	1.89	1.2	1.36	1.08	.6	.54	.27
5 <sup>th</sup>	1.7	1.53	1.36	1.19	1.02	.85	.68	.51	.34	.17
$6^{ ext{th}}$	1.4	1.26	1.12	.98	.84	.70	.56	.42	.28	.14
$7^{\mathrm{th}}$	1.2	1.08	0.96	.84	.72	.6	.48	.36	.24	.12
$8^{th}$	1.0	.9	.8	.7	.6	.5	.4	.3	.2	.1
$9^{ ext{th}}$	.9	.81	.72	.63	.54	.45	.36	.27	.18	.9
Other Finalist	.8	.72	.64	.56	.48	.40	.32	.24	.16	.08

Effective January 2006.

Carried unanimously.

#### **Item 052-69: Fouled Board Penalty**

The Conditions of Contest are modified as follows:

#### **PENALTIES**

1. Fouling or Misduplicating a Board - In Individual, Pair and B-A-M Team events, penalties for fouling a board will automatically apply any time the offense causes the board to be scored as a fouled board.

In events that are sectionally or regionally rated, a quarter board penalty for a foul during duplication will apply to all contestants assigned to the table at which the board was "made" unless the director determines that there are mitigating circumstances. In all NABC+ events, a full-board penalty shall apply. A full-board penalty for a foul during play will be imposed on the pairs responsible.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Nay: 12

#### **Item 052-70: North American Pairs**

Items 991-111 and 031-21, NAP National Finals Funding, are amended as follows:

The policy of funding trips for qualifying pairs . . .

- 3. Each district winner who plays in the national final will receive a lodging subsidy equal to three nights lodging at the ACBL host hotel.
- 4. Entry fees will be paid by the contestants.
- 5. Management may use its best judgment in making exceptions to any of the above.

Effective August 1, 2005

Carried. Nay: 1, 4, 25.

#### REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Reeve (C) Wood (VC)

Cook, Kirkham, Morse, Reiman, Smith Staff: Miller/Zdancewicz

Committee Report by Chairman

# Item 052-133: Real Estate Report

The Real Estate committee report is received. (Exhibit E)

Carried.

#### **INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

Retek (C)

Cook, DeMartino, Nist, Robinson, Afdahl Staff: Zdancewicz

Committee Report by Chairman

# **Item 052-20: Insurance Committee Report**

The Insurance Committee report is received. (Exhibit F)

Carried unanimously.

#### **GOVERNANCE**

Fairchild (C) Arlinghaus (VC)

Anderson, Buckman, Cook, Gerard, Harlan, Heth, Himel, Kirkham, LeBendig, Morse, Steinberg, Taylor, Wood

Staff: Miller

Committee Report by Chairman

#### Item 052-21: Hall of Fame

The proposal from the Hall of Fame Committee is accepted.\*\*

- 1. The requirement for a "major" win in order to vote is eliminated.
- 2. Second place finishes in the Vanderbilt, Spingold, Reisinger, Wagar, Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, Rosenblum, McConnell, and World Team Olympiads count as "wins" in the determination of whether a person has five wins.
- 3. Two categories of elector are added WBF and ACBL Grand Life Masters.
- 4. A 50% minimum percentage of ballots cast will be required for a candidate to be elected.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>The Committee expresses its gratitude to the Hall of Fame Committee for its cooperation.

#### Item 052-22: ACBL Goodwill Committee Reception

Item 971-34, B is amended as follows:

B. A reception for all members of the ACBL Goodwill Committee shall be held at each NABC at a time determined by Management with input from the Goodwill Committee Chairperson. The preferred time is between sessions on Goodwill Day.

Effective January 1, 2006.

Carried unanimously.

#### **Item 052-23: Criteria for Maintaining Unit Status**

# Criteria for Maintaining Unit Status

The following regulations for Units are adopted.

# A. Minimum Unit Requirements:

- 1. Must conduct a Sectional tournament (STaCs do not meet this requirement) at least once every two years unless exempted by the District Organization;
- 2. Must have an approved set of Bylaws and file a copy with ACBL Headquarters;
- 3. Must hold an annual membership meeting;
- 4. Must elect a Board of Directors for a specific term as stated in its bylaws;
- 5. Must produce a written annual financial report and make it available to its District Director and any of its members upon request;
- 6. Must have at least one club running sanctioned games in the unit;
- 7. Must have enough ACBL members to accomplish 1-5 above.

#### B. Unit Privileges:

- 1. Receive a share of the ACBL membership fees;
- 2. Conduct Unit Championship sessions (currently up to 16 per year);
- 3. Vote in District elections;
- 4. Earn additional Sectional tournaments through membership growth;
- 5. Hold Charity games (currently up to four Sectional-rated sessions per year).

# C. Loss of Unit Status and Privileges:

Units must comply with the minimum requirements set forth in A. Failure to do so will result in an initial penalty of the withholding of a Unit's share of membership fee rebates until it is in compliance with this regulation. Continuation of non-compliance shall result in further action up to and including revocation of the Unit Charter.

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#### D. Voluntary Dissolution of a Unit

If a Unit chooses to dissolve it should take the following steps:

- 1. Notify ACBL and the appropriate District Director of the intent to dissolve.
- 2. Apprise ACBL of all Unit assets and liabilities.
- 3. Apprise ACBL of one of the following:
  - a. With which unit or units the dissolving unit wishes to merge.
  - b. To which other units the unit members wish to be reassigned.
  - c. There is no preference for reassignment.
- 4. Assets of the Unit will be distributed according to relevant law.

Effective immediately upon approval of revised bylaws.

Items 892-81, 921-13 and 923-23 are rescinded.

Carried unanimously.

# **Item 052-24: Senior Swiss Team Trophy**

The United States Playing Card (USPC) trophy is reassigned as the Senior Swiss Team trophy.

Note: The honorary name will be selected at the Fall 2005 board meeting.

Effective January 1, 2006. Carried unanimously.

#### Item 052-25: ACBL Seal and Emblem

- A. The seal of the ACBL shall be composed of two concentric circles between which shall appear the name "The American Contract Bridge League, Inc."; within the inner circle shall appear the year: 1937, together with the name of the state (New York) in which the ACBL is incorporated.
- B. The emblem of the ACBL shall be composed of two concentric circles between which shall appear the initials "ACBL" on a blue field; within the inner circle shall appear a black spade pip on a white field.

Effective immediately upon approval of revised bylaws.

#### **Item 052-26: Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee of the ACBL shall have six (6) members: ACBL President, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Treasurer(non-voting member) and elected representatives of each of the three Zones: Eastern (Districts 1,3,4,5,6,7,9,24,25) Central (Districts 2,8,10,11, 12,13,14,15,16) and Western (Districts 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23). If the Treasurer is a Zonal representative, the Executive Committee shall have five members.

Effective immediately upon approval of revised bylaws.

Carried unanimously.

#### **Item 052-27: Classes of ACBL Membership**

In accordance with Article III, 3.2 of the ACBL bylaws, following voting rights, term, characteristics, rights, limitations and obligations shall attach to each class of membership as follows:

#### **General Member:**

- 1. Shall be a member as long as dues are current;
- 2. Shall have the right to vote in any election in which the general membership is the electorate as long as he or she is a member in good standing;
- 3. Shall have an obligation to adhere to the rules and regulations of the ACBL;
- 4. Shall have such limitations as imposed by rules and regulations of the ACBL or actions of an ACBL disciplinary body;
- 5. Shall be able to run for an elected ACBL position as long as he or she is 18 years of age or older, and there are no other age requirements for the position.

#### **Life Member:**

- 1. Shall be a member through the member's life time;
- 2. Shall have the right to vote in any election in which the general membership is the electorate as long as he or she is a member in good standing;
- 3. Shall have an obligation to adhere to the rules and regulations of the ACBL;
- 4. Shall have such limitations as imposed by rules and regulations of the ACBL or actions of an ACBL disciplinary body;
- 5. Shall be able to run for an elected ACBL position as long as he or she is 18 years of age or older, and there are no other age requirements for the position;
- 6. Shall be required to remit an annual service fee in order to receive the following services:
  - a. Receive official publication of ACBL.
  - b. Participate in some ACBL-sanctioned events.
  - c. Receive any subsidy or remuneration from ACBL.
  - d. Participate in and receive recognition for achievement in masterpoint races.
  - e. Have an article published on the ACBL web site or in its official publication.

# **Honorary Member:**

- 1. Shall be a member through the member's life time;
- 2. Shall have the right to vote in any election in which the general membership is the electorate as long as he or she is a member in good standing;
- 3. Shall have an obligation to adhere to the rules and regulations of the ACBL;
- 4. Shall have such limitations as imposed by rules and regulations of the ACBL or actions of an ACBL disciplinary body;
- 5. Shall be able to run for an elected ACBL position as long as he or she is 18 years of age or older, and there are no other age requirements for the position;
- 6. Shall be exempt from the payment of dues or service fees during his or her life time and shall continue to receive all services throughout his or her term of membership.

#### **Junior Member:**

- 1. Shall be a member as long as dues are current;
- 2. Shall have the right to vote in any election in which the general membership is the electorate as long as he or she is a member in good standing;
- 3. Shall have an obligation to adhere to the rules and regulations of the ACBL;
- 4. Shall have such limitations as imposed by rules and regulations of the ACBL or actions of an ACBL disciplinary body;
- 5. Shall be able to run for an elected ACBL position as long as he or she is at least 18 years of age.

Effective immediately upon approval of revised bylaws.

Carried unanimously.

#### Item 052-28: Application for ACBL Membership

Any person may apply for ACBL membership in accordance with administrative procedures established by Management. ACBL Management may grant such application unless there is cause to refer the application to the ACBL Board of Directors. Causes for referral include, but are not limited to, previous expulsion from ACBL or previous expulsion or suspension from another bridge organization.

Effective immediately upon approval of revised bylaws.

Carried unanimously.

#### Item 052-29: ACBL Magazine

The ACBL Bridge Bulletin is designated as the official publication of the ACBL.

Effective immediately upon approval of revised bylaws. Carried unanimously.

#### **Item 052-30: ACBL's Dues Allocation to NCBOs**

One dollar of each ACBL member's dues or service fees shall be allocated to the respective NCBO (USBF, CBF, Mexico or Bermuda) to support its zonal responsibilities.

Estimated cost: \$156,863

Deferred to Fall 2005 meeting.

Carried: Nay: 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 13, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24.

# **Item 052-31: Travel Reimbursements**

Subject to advance approval of the Treasurer, Board members will be reimbursed at the applicable United States IRS rate for automobile travel provided it is a reasonable amount.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Nay: 2, 8, 11. Abstain: 17, 24.

# <u>Item 052-32: Life Master Service Fees</u>

#### Life Master Service Fees

Those joining or rejoining ACBL after January 1, 1996 will pay dues at the established rate. When these players attain Life Master status, they will continue to pay the established rate with no service fee differential.

Effective immediately.

Items 953-63 and 001-27 are rescinded.

Carried. Nay: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 17, 20, 25.

**BYLAWS** 

Heth (C) Himel (VC)

Buckman, Mamula L., Wood Staff: Blaiss, G./Miller

Committee Report by Chairman

#### **Item 052-10: Certificate of Incorporation**

The Articles of Incorporation are amended to reflect 1) that the Corporation office is located at 2990 Airways Boulevard, Memphis, TN 38116 and 2) that the post office address to which the

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Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process against the Corporation served upon the Secretary is American Contract Bridge League, 2990 Airways Boulevard, Memphis, TN 38116.

League Counsel shall cause the appropriate form to be filed with the State of New York.

Effective immediately upon approval of revised bylaws.

Carried unanimously.

#### **BOARD OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Harlan (C) Wood (VC)

Buckman, DeMartino, Gerard, Himel, Levy, Nist, Steinberg

Staff: Miller

Committee Report by Chairman

# **Item 052-132: Board Operations Report**

The board operations committee report is received. (Exhibit G)

Carried unanimously.

#### **MARKETING**

Fleming (C) Cook (VC)

Anderson, Buckman, Fairchild, Harlan, Himel, Nist, Steinberg, Seals Staff: Granell

Committee Report by Chairman

#### **Item 052-100: Marketing/Publicity Status Report**

The marketing / publicity status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

# **Item 052-101: Bridge Education Status Report**

The bridge education status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

#### **Item 052-102: Intermediate/Newcomer Status Report**

The intermediate/newcomer status report is received.

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The meeting was called to order by President Roger Smith on Thursday, March 21, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday, March 20 Also Present: Same as Wednesday, March 20

Simpson Communication, LLC gave a progress report on youth bridge education. (For further information see the marketing committee report.)

#### FINANCE & BUDGET

Reiman (C) DeMartino (VC)

Fleming, Levy, Nist, Retek, Robinson, Seals

Staff: Zdancewicz

Committee Report by Chairman

# **Item 052-11: Preliminary Budget Assumptions**

The Finance Committees' 2006 preliminary budget assumptions are approved.

Carried unanimously.

#### <u>Item 052-12: Non-ACBLscore Club Fees</u>

A. An additional \$2.00 per game sanction fee will be charged to clubs that do not utilize a version of ACBLscore that provides for electronic submission of accurate monthly reports.

Effective January 1, 2006

Carried. Nay: 5, 6, 7, 12. Abstain: 22.

B. Clubs not using ACBLscore to submit their monthly financial and masterpoint reports must pay an additional \$2.00 per game sanction fee.

Effective January 1, 2007

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

#### REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Levy (C)

Arlinghaus, Gerard, Harlan, LeBendig, Nist, Steinberg, Taylor, Wood Staff: Miller

Committee Report by Chairman

# **Item 052-135: Redistricting Report**

The redistricting committee report is received. (Exhibit H)

Carried unanimously.

#### **GNT COMMITTEE**

Buckman (C)

Cook, Fairchild, Harlan, Kirkham, Robinson

Staff: Beye

Committee Report by Chairman

# Item 052-136: GNT Report

The GNT committee report is received. (Exhibit I)

Carried unanimously.

#### **ELECTION COMMITTEE**

Robinson (C) Mamula (VC)

Arlinghaus, Taylor

Staff: Hardy/Miller

Committee Report by Chairman

#### **Item 052-137: Election Procedure Report**

The election procedure committee gave a verbal report.

Carried unanimously.

# **JUNIORS**

Seals (C) Harlan, (VC)

Arlinghaus, Buckman, Cook, Fairchild, Fleming, Heth, Himel, Nist,

Robinson, Taylor Staff: Blaiss, C.

Committee Report by Chairman

# **Item 052-120: Youth Camps**

Management's report on Youth Camp is received.

Carried unanimously.

The Board expresses its appreciation to Cherie Turman, ACBL Controller, for her years of service to the ACBL.

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# **Closing Remarks**

It was moved by Retek and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 7 and its units, District Director Bruce Reeve, Tournament Chairs Jack Feagin and Barbara Heller and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the Hyatt Regency for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned sine die at 12:05 p.m.