

**ACBL Board of Directors  
Hyatt Regency  
Chicago, IL  
July 10 – 13, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Harriette Buckman on July 10, at 8:35 am.

Present: George Retek #1, Jonathan Steinberg #2, Joan Gerard #3, Craig Robinson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Nadine 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 Morse #16, Jerry Fleming #17, Richard Anderson #18, Barbara Nist #19, Jeffrey Taylor #20, Roger Smith #21, Jim Kirkham #22, Alan LeBendig #23, Al Levy #24, Richard DeMartino #25.

Also

Present: Linda Mamula, Chairman Board of Governors; Peter Rank, League Counsel; Jay Baum, ACBL CEO; Jack Zdancewicz, CFO; Rick Beye, CTD; Gary Blaiss, EAO; Linda Granell, DOM; staff Nancy Foy, Julie Greenberg, Jim Miller, Dana Norton, Carol Robertson, and Kelley McGuire.

**Reconsideration Item**

Item 062-177: Reconsideration of Item 061-59 Masterpoint Holdings – Governance

Item 062-178: Reconsideration of Item 061-140 WBF Dues – International

**Item 062-176: Election of ACBL President**

Sharon Fairchild is elected ACBL President for a one-year term January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

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**Executive Session**

At approximately 9:00 a.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

### **D & O Insurance**

Moved by Sue Himel, seconded by Joan Gerard that the ACBL shall purchase D & O Insurance from Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company, quotation number 1768682, and does direct the President to execute said policy as soon as possible.

Carried.        Nay: 5, 7, 8, 11, 13

The Board reconvened at noon.

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### **Approval of Dallas TX Minutes**

The Dallas TX minutes are approved.

Carried.

### **Item 062-175: Ratification of Executive Committee Minutes**

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

Carried.

### **MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS May 22, 2006**

The Executive Committee met last night to discuss and vote on the insurance proposal. Those in attendance were: Harriette Buckman, President; Roger Smith, Chairman of the Board; Jerry Fleming, Treasurer (non-voting); Joan Gerard, Alan LeBendig, and Jim Reiman, Zonal representatives;

Also present: Peter Rank, League Counsel; Jay Baum, CEO; Kelley McGuire, Staff. This group was joined later in the call by Rich DeMartino as Insurance Committee member.

Harriette Buckman called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Peter brought up a desire to have a document (letter) of certification written by him attached to the policy.

After much time discussing the pros and cons, the committee voted 4-1 to authorize purchase of the policy contingent upon the insurance company agreement to sign and attach certification letter to it. (See attached)

Where there were dissenting votes among the Board members, the Zonal Reps stated the reasons for the no votes. The lone no vote on the Executive Committee was cast by President Buckman.

President Buckman thanked the members of the Insurance Committee whose hard work bore fruits for the membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

ATTACHMENT

Certification by Insurance Company:

This is to certify that, in the opinion of the [Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company/ Philadelphia Insurance Companies], the American Contract Bridge League and the Districts and Units (as described in the attachments hereto) are insurable as set forth in your proposal Number 1768682 under applicable state and federal law. Furthermore, that in making this policy [Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company/Philadelphia Insurance Companies] understand that many Units and some Districts which are covered under the proposal are unincorporated associations which operate as non profit entities, but have no recognition as such by federal, state or local governments.

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The meeting was called to order by President Harriette Buckman on Wednesday, July 12, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Monday, July 10

Also Present: Same as Monday, July 10

**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)

**Item 062-180 ACBL Director of Elections**

Jim Miller is approved as ACBL Director of Elections effective retroactive to June 30, 2006.

Carried.

**Item 062-181 ACBL Corporate Secretary**

Kelley McGuire is approved as ACBL Corporate Secretary effective retroactive to June 30, 2006.

Carried.

**Item 062-182: 2011 Spring NABC**

Management’s recommendation to host the 2011 spring NABC in Louisville KY at the Galt House Hotel and Suites, March 10-20, 2011 is accepted.

Carried unanimously.

**APPEALS & CHARGES**

Heth (C) Steinberg (VC)

Arlinghaus, Anderson, Fairchild, Kirkham, Reeve

Staff: Blaiss

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 062-01: Report of Hearing**

In the matter of the review of the decision of the Northern Virginia Bridge Association Unit 218 Disciplinary Committee’s decision regarding Richard Zerilli, ACBL # 0528031: The decision was affirmed.

Carried.

**Item 062-02: Discipline at ACBL Sanctioned Club Games**

A. The Code of Disciplinary Regulations is amended as follows:

2. Jurisdiction

2.1 Of Units, Districts and ACBL (see also 2.2)

2.1.1 A Unit has jurisdiction over:

- (a) Members of the Unit when such a member is participating in a sanctioned event or other activity sponsored by a Unit, District or ACBL.
- (b) Persons participating in a sanctioned event or other activity sponsored by a Unit, District or ACBL held within the Unit's geographical boundaries.
- (c) Managers and or staff of clubs located in a unit's geographical area in relation to complaints brought pursuant to CDR 2.1.6.
- (d) Persons participating in a club sponsored ACBL sanctioned event held within the Unit's geographical boundaries relating to complaints of alleged cheating by use of signals, other unauthorized information, other forms of cheating, or serious breaches of ethics.

2.1.2 A District has jurisdiction over:

- (a) Persons participating in a sanctioned event or other activity sponsored by a Unit, District or ACBL held within its geographical boundaries (District Disciplinary Committee).
- (b) Those residing within the District, for appellate purposes only (District Appellate Committee).

2.1.3 The ACBL has jurisdiction over:

- (a) Members of ACBL or others disciplined, for appellate purposes only, except where otherwise specified in the CDR.
- (b) Persons participating in a sanctioned event or other activity sponsored by a Unit, District or ACBL and held under its jurisdiction.
- (c) ACBL members who have been disciplined or sanctioned by any other bridge organization.

2.1.4 A Tournament Disciplinary Committee, as well as the disciplinary committee of the sponsoring organization, has jurisdiction over persons in attendance at that tournament. Notwithstanding the above, the disciplinary committee of the sponsoring organization has the right to hear a matter within its jurisdiction beyond the date or dates of the tournament. If such right is not exercised, the

matter may be referred to the member's Unit pursuant to CDR 2.1.1.

2.1.5 None of the disciplinary bodies noted in CDR 2.2 has jurisdiction over an ACBL employee (member or not) in pursuit of his or her employment with the ACBL.

2.1.6 Except for ACBL Management in accordance with CDR 2.2.5, none of the disciplinary bodies noted in CDR 2.2 has jurisdiction over the club's manager or staff based on actions taken in pursuit of their club activities unless the action is brought by ACBL Management in accordance with CDR 2.1.1 (c).

## 2.2 Of Disciplinary Bodies

2.2.1 Units have only original jurisdiction, except:

- (a) In hearing appeals of a barring from a sanctioned game at a club.
- (b) When otherwise explicitly stated in the CDR.

B. The ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations, Chapter 4, Section Three, IV, G, is amended as follows:

### CLUB DISCIPLINE

Club management should deal promptly and fairly with all cases of improper conduct that occur during an ACBL-sanctioned masterpoint game in the club, including cases of unethical practices. The club manager should either handle these situations personally or establish a standing committee to review all disciplinary problems. Clubs holding non-sanctioned games may deal with problems arising in these games as they see fit.

The club manager can handle many behavior problems by discussing them with the offenders, by issuing a warning, or declaring a period of probation. In extreme cases or cases of repeat offenses, the manager can bar the player from the club game for a stipulated period of time, or permanently.

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

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

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

An open club can bar players from its regularly scheduled club masterpoint games, membership games, ACBL-wide games, club championships, charity and international fund club championships, and other special events specifically allocated to clubs as outlined above.

These regulations also apply to a club with an invitational sanction except that the club has the additional authority to refuse admittance to an invitational game to someone who does not meet the criteria upon which the invitational sanction is based (e.g. a player who has 500 masterpoints is denied admittance to an invitational game that is limited to players with less than 300 masterpoints).

If the player feels that his or her barring does not comply with these regulations prohibiting barring players as a class, religious or political affiliations, race, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, physical disability or proficiency at bridge, he or she may appeal the barring to the unit disciplinary committee. Appeals from the unit disciplinary committee may be filed in accordance with and under the authority of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations. Until the appeal is lodged and heard, the player remains barred unless reinstated by the club unless a stay is granted by the Unit Disciplinary Chairperson.

A club may extend the barring of a player from Grand National teams, North American Pair events, STaCs, qualifying sessions of a progressive sectional, unit or district competitions, and/or unit-wide or district-wide championships held at the club. A player so barred may appeal the extension of the barring under the process described in the previous paragraph. In such cases, the written notice to the person barred must include the person's right to appeal the action to the Unit Disciplinary Committee in which the club is located within thirty days of the action taken by the club. Such written notice is required, otherwise the barring shall not be effective.

Effective as soon as can be implemented.

Carried. Nay: 4, 14, 15, 22.

### **Item 062-03: Recourse from a Bridge Appeal Committee Decision**

A further appeal to the National Authority (ACBL) in accordance with The Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge may be allowed only as follows:

1. On a point of law to and at the discretion of the ACBL Laws Commission.
2. On an allegation of bias of a committee member or members to and at the discretion of the ACBL Appeals and Charges Committee. The appellant is

required to present evidence that the bias was not known at the time of the hearing.

3. The appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of the decision of the Bridge Appeals Committee that heard the issue.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

**Appeal of the Decision of the Bridge Appeals Committee from the Second Qualifying Session of the Silodor Open Pairs at the 2005 Pittsburgh NABC**

Whereas Judy Kay-Wolff and Jane Segal have appealed the decision of the Appeals Committee in regards to Board 17 of the second qualifying session of the 2005 Silodor Open Pairs based on the allegation that the committee issued an Appeal Without Merit Warning (AWMW) incorrectly;

Pursuant to Law 93C of the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge, the matter of whether the Appeals Committee decision was incorrect and should be vacated was referred by the President of the ACBL Board of Directors to the Appeals and Charges Committee (A&C) to submit a recommended decision to the Board.

A&C members Jim Kirkham and Bruce Reeve recused themselves from the A&C hearing and were not present.

The Appeals and Charges Committee conducted a hearing at which the appellants' representative and the representative of the bridge appeals committee were given an opportunity to present exhibits and written and oral arguments. The members of the committee questioned the parties. Based on the evidence and arguments presented, the following decision is recommended to the ACBL Board of Directors:

1. The bridge appeals committee is found to have heard the case and rendered its decision in good faith.
2. The AWMW is vacated and expunged from the parties record.

Carried.      Nay: 14.      Abstain: 3, 4, 7, 13, 16, 22, 24, 25.

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**Executive Session**

At approximately 1:00 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

The Board reconvened at 2:15 p.m.



**MARKETING**

Fleming (C) Anderson (VC)

Cook, Fairchild, Harlan, Heth, Morse, Nist, Retek, Robinson

Staff: Granell

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 062-105: Marketing/Publicity Status Report**

The marketing/publicity status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 062-106: Bridge Education Status Report**

The bridge education status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 062-107: Intermediate/Newcomer Status Report**

The intermediate/newcomer status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 062-108: Patron Membership**

Management will add check-off boxes for \$10 (or other) contributions to the ACBL or Canadian Charity Foundations and ACBL Educational Foundation to the Patron Member Membership and Renewal Forms.

Item 951-31 is rescinded.

Effective as soon as can be implemented.

Carried. Nay: 2, 3, 12. Abstain: 4, 8.

**BOARD OPERATIONS**

Harlan (C) Arlinghaus (VC)

Fleming, Gerard, LeBendig, Levy, Morse, Nist, Retek

Robinson, Steinberg, Taylor

Staff: McGuire/Miller

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 062-120: Board of Directors Educational Program**

The ACBL Board of Directors will engage in an educational program at the March 2007 Board meeting in St. Louis. The program should last one-half day, be conducted by

outside consultants with topics determined by the President and Management, with Board approval at the Fall 2006 NABC.

Deferred to the Fall meeting.

Carried. Nay: 1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25. Abstain: 20.

**Item 062-121: Board of Directors Communications**

- A. All communications about committee matters between members of the Board of Directors and ACBL employees shall be directed through the chairperson of the committee concerned to the CEO or his designee.

Carried unanimously.

- B. All other communications between members of the Board of Directors and employees in Memphis will be in writing (e-mail, fax or regular mail). Phone calls of an emergency nature will be sent to and through the CEO or his designee. Until further notice, this policy shall be reviewed and reported by the Board Operations Committee at each subsequent NABC.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Nay: 1, 6.

<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>
Robinson (C) Reeve (VC) Cook, DeMartino, Harlan, Heth Committee Report by Chairman
Staff: Beye

**Item 062-160: GNT Conditions of Contest 2006 - 2007**

The Conditions of Contest for the Grand National Teams 2006/2007 and beyond are amended as follows:

**REPLACEMENTS AND SUBSTITUTIONS:**

1. Issues regarding replacements and/or substitutions not addressed by the District conditions of contest are resolved as follows: Every team member must play at least half of the boards of each match (exclusive of play-offs) in order to continue participating on that team for the remainder of the event. The team captain may submit an application for exemption from the requirements of this paragraph to the District Coordinator. He will then submit the request to the Director in Charge of the NABC but must do so (other than for emergencies) prior to arrival at the NABC for the GNT's.

2. A team member granted an exemption under the previous paragraph must still play at least 40% of the boards, (excluding play-off boards), for as long as the team survived to qualify for overall masterpoint awards and other privileges. No contestant may play any match after it has become mathematically impossible to play at least 40% of the boards (excluding play-off boards) played by the team.
3. An ineligible player is disqualified. The ineligible player's team will be disqualified unless the Director-In-Charge determines that teammates were unaware of the deficiency of the disqualified member. Any team reduced to fewer than three original members due to disqualification of ineligible players is disqualified.
4. Substitutes will be permitted at the discretion of the Director-In-Charge of the NABC. No more than two substitutes at a time will be permitted on a team.
5. A team reduced to three members for cause at the site of the NABC will be permitted a replacement at the discretion of the Director-In-Charge. A replacement for the Finals receives match awards only. In no case is a team permitted to replace more than one player at the site of the NABC.

Effective 2006/2007 GNT Event

Carried unanimously.

<b>FINANCE &amp; BUDGET</b>	
Nist (C)      Robinson (VC)	
DeMartino, Fleming, Levy, Reiman, Retek, Seals	Staff: Zdancewicz
Committee Report by Chairman	

**Item 062-15: 2007 Preliminary Budget Assumptions**

The preliminary budget assumptions for 2007 are approved. (Exhibit D)

Carried unanimously.

**Item 062-16: TD Fees**

If an organization other than the ACBL and its Units and Districts hires directing staff from the ACBL, it shall be charged the ACBL standard directing rates if it allows the ACBL to assign the staff, but it shall be charged the actual cost (salary plus benefits) for all directors specifically requested and assigned to it.

Carried.      Nay: 6, 7, 18.

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The meeting was called to order by President Harriette Buckman on Thursday, July 13 at 9:35 a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday, July 12

Also Present: Same as Wednesday, July 12

**GOVERNANCE**

Morse (C) LeBendig (VC)

Cook, Himel, Gerard, Harlan, Taylor, Wood

Staff: Miller

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 062-25: ACBL Laws Commission**

- A. The President after consultation with the current Chairman appoints the ACBL Laws Commission members. Appointments are subject to board approval.
- B. The Committee shall elect the Chairman of the ACBL Laws Commission from among its members.
- C. The ACBL Laws Commission members shall be appointed and confirmed at the Spring NABC. The term of office will begin on the day following the end of the Spring NABC and will expire on the day following the end of the appropriate subsequent Spring NABC.
- D. If a member of the committee is unable to serve his entire term for any reason, the vacancy so created shall be filled by the President at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, subject to board approval. The newly appointed member shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

Item 003-61 is rescinded.

Effective date: August 1, 2006

Carried. Nay: 7, 21, 22 Abstain: 5

**Item 062-26: ACBL Disciplinary Committee**

- A. The Committee shall consist of nine members appointed by the President for three year staggered terms.

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 shall seat a committee of five or seven members from among the membership of the Disciplinary Committee to hear the case.

- B. The President, after consultation with the current Chairman, appoints the ACBL Disciplinary Committee members. Appointments are subject to board approval.
- C. The Committee elects the Chairman from among its members for a one-year term.
- D. The ACBL Disciplinary Committee members shall be appointed and confirmed at the Spring NABC. The term of office shall begin on the day following the end of the Spring NABC and shall expire on the day following the end of the appropriate subsequent Spring NABC.
- E. If a member of the committee is unable to serve his entire term for any reason, the vacancy so created shall be filled by the President at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, subject to board approval. The newly appointed member shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

Items 023-02B and 003-61 are rescinded.

Effective date: August 1, 2006

Carried.            Nay: 7, 21, 22            Abstain: 5

**Item 062-27: ACBL Competition and Conventions Committee**

- A. The committee shall consist of at least six and a maximum of eleven members who shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the C & C committee chairman. The term of office for each member shall be as follows: three members shall be permanently assigned to the positions of chief tournament director and chairmen of the Board Tournament and Bridge committees; four experts shall be given three-year terms (staggered); the remainder of the committee (a maximum of four additional positions) will hold one-year terms.
- B. The President, after consultation with the current Chairman, appoints Competition and Conventions Committee members. Appointments are subject to Board approval.
- C. The Committee shall elect the Chairman of the ACBL Competition and Conventions Committee from among its members for a one year term, rotating at least every three years.
- D. The Competition and Conventions Committee members shall be appointed and confirmed at the Spring NABC. The term of office will begin on the day following the end of the Spring NABC and will expire on the day following the end of the appropriate subsequent Spring NABC.

- E. If a member of the committee is unable to serve his entire term for any reason, the vacancy so created shall be filled by the President at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, subject to board approval. The newly appointed member shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

Items 941-85, 963-178, 003-60 and 031-75 are rescinded.

Effective date: August 1, 2006.

Carried.          Nay: 7, 21, 22          Abstain: 5

**Item 062-28: Ethical Oversight Committee**

- A. The Ethical Oversight Committee shall consist of fifteen members. Five members shall be appointed each year for staggered three-year terms by the ACBL President.

During their tenure in office, members may not be dismissed except for grossly inappropriate behavior. If the President of the ACBL or the Chairman of the Ethical Oversight Committee call together the members of the Committee, they may, by majority vote, remove a member of the Committee.

- B. The President, after consultation with the current Chairman, appoints Ethical Oversight Committee members. Appointments are subject to Board approval.
- C. The Committee elects the Ethical Oversight Chairman from among its members. The Chairman may not serve more than 3 consecutive one-year terms.
- D. The Ethical Oversight Committee members shall be appointed and confirmed at the Spring NABC. The term of office will begin on the day following the end of the Spring NABC and will expire on the day following the end of the appropriate subsequent Spring NABC.
- E. If a member of the committee is unable to serve his entire term for any reason, the vacancy so created shall be filled by the President at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, subject to board approval. The newly appointed member shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

Item 003-59 is rescinded.

Effective date: August 1, 2006

Carried.          Nay: 7, 21, 22          Abstain: 5

**Item 062-29: Hall of Fame Committee**

- A. The Hall of Fame Committee shall be a nine member committee with staggered three year terms, with one member from Canada, Mexico, or Bermuda. A committee member may only serve two consecutive terms but may be reappointed after a one year hiatus.
- B. The President, after consultation with the current Chairman, appoints the Hall of Fame Committee members. Appointments are subject to Board approval.
- C. The Committee shall elect the Chairman from among its members for a one-year term.
- D. The Hall of Fame Committee members shall be appointed and confirmed at the Spring NABC. The term of office will begin on the day following the end of the Spring NABC and will expire on the day following the end of the appropriate subsequent Spring NABC.
- E. If a member of the committee is unable to serve his entire term for any reason, the vacancy so created shall be filled by the President at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, subject to board approval. The newly appointed member shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

Items 943-51, 971-42, 022-51 and 003-61 are rescinded.

Effective date: August 1, 2006

Carried.          Nay: 7, 21, 22          Abstain: 5

**Item 062-30: ACBL Foundation**

The members of the Charity Foundation and the Educational Foundation (the ACBL Board of Directors) shall meet in a special session to discuss the combining of the two foundations into a single Foundation. This new “combined” Foundation shall fund educational, charitable, social, scientific and historical endeavors that either promote bridge or are for the benefit of bridge players. The Presidents of both Foundations shall preside jointly over the special session.

Carried.          Nay: 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 17, 19, 21          Absent: 1

**Item 062-31: ACBL Senior Event**

The minimum age to be able to play in an ACBL senior event shall be sixty (60) years of age.

Motion failed. Aye: 1, 2, 10, 15, 16, 20, 22, 24.

**Item 062-32: Membership Residency**

Item 032-75 (Membership Residency Requirements) is amended as follows:

Members of the ACBL belong to the Unit in which they reside. If a member desires to belong to a Unit in which he/she does not reside, the member must specifically make this request in writing (e-mail is permissible) to the ACBL stating the Unit of preference and the reasons for the request. Further, if the Unit is not in the same District as where he/she resides, both Districts must approve the membership in the other District.

The following are some of the reasons why a member would be given permission to belong to a Unit outside the District of residence.

To warrant consideration, a player should meet at least two of the six reasons listed:

1. Plays at least once a month in a club in that Unit.
2. Attends STaCs or Sectionals in that Unit at least twice a year.
3. Attends the annual Unit dinner and/or annual membership meeting.
4. Participates in Unit special events.
5. Serves on the Unit Board and/or Unit committees.
6. Serves on the District Board and/or District committees.

The membership approval granted by a District in which the member does not reside may be reviewed by that District from time to time to assure the above criteria continue to justify non-residency membership.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 062-33: ACBL Mailing Lists**

- A. Management is authorized to provide members of the ACBL Board of Directors, Chairman of the Board of Governors, unit and district board members or officials and club managers with the wherewithal to obtain free electronic listings of members appropriate to their positions and needs. The listing will be sent as an attachment to an e-mail.
  
- B. Management is authorized to set fees that will cover costs for any other method (e.g. diskettes, hard copy) of providing lists and/or labels for any of the above and set prices and conditions for commercial use.

Items 913-103, 942-44, 973-68, 003-195, 022-42, 041-51, and 933-57 are rescinded.

Effective immediately.

Carried.           Nay: 3



**Item 062-35: Model Bylaws for Incorporated Units**

The attached Sample Bylaws are approved by ACBL to be sent to units requesting assistance with writing appropriate bylaws. Management in consultation with League Counsel can make minor corrections to the model bylaws. (Exhibit E)

Effective July 14, 2006

Carried unanimously.

**Item 062-36: Elimination of Charity Game Requirements for ACBL Sanctioned Clubs**

- A. The following resolutions of the ACBL Board of Directors are rescinded:
  - One Charity Club Tournament Annually (742)
  - One Charity Club Tournament Annually (743-11)
  - One Charity Club Tournament Annually (751-22)
  - Charity Foundation Activities (753-11)
  - Annual Charity Game for Clubs Holding 12 Games Annually (762-32)
  - Additional Annual Charity Game (903-73)
  
- B. The first ACBL sanctioned charity game, if any, conducted by a club in a calendar year must be for the benefit of the ACBL Charity Foundation or, in Canada, the CBF Charitable Fund. Subsequent ACBL sanctioned charity games may be for the benefit of any governmentally-recognized charity, charity foundation or charity fund.

Deferred to Fall meeting.

Carried.       Nay: 2, 8, 10, 17, 21, 24

**Item 062-37: NABC Conduct Committee**

A NABC Conduct Committee will be formed to hear behavior cases that arise during the NABC's. Details will be provided at the Fall 2006 NABC.

Deferred to Fall meeting.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 062-38: Classification of Committees**

- A. There are five types of committees: standing, permanent, special, management, and other ACBL bodies.

- B. Unless there is specific legislation to the contrary, appointments to a committee requiring approval by the ACBL Board of Directors will be made by the incoming President.
- C. Unless there is specific legislation to the contrary, the terms of appointment in B above are from the day following the Spring NABC through the following Spring NABC.

Items 963-39 and 983-45 are rescinded.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 062-39: Goodwill Committee Appointment**

A Goodwill Committee appointment is a lifetime appointment as long as the member is a member in “good standing”. If a member loses good standing, the member’s Goodwill Committee appointment shall be suspended until the member regains good standing.

Expulsion from the ACBL, suspension for one year or longer or probation for two years or longer will result in permanent removal from the Goodwill Committee.

Effective date: August 1, 2006 for actions taken after August 1.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 062-40: Educational / International Fund NABC Day**

The day at NABCs designated as Educational Foundation day / International Fund day will be eliminated.

Effective date: January 1, 2007

Carried.        Nay: 2, 3, 6, 14, 16, 25

**Item 062-177: ACBL Web Site Masterpoint List**

The ACBL web site, which lists the all time top MP holders, shall include the names of the deceased players interspersed within the numbered list.

A parenthesis will be used to denote the deceased and there will be a note that the deceased list includes all members whose Masterpoints are able to be determined.

Carried.        Nay: 19

**INTERNATIONAL & ZONAL**

Kirkham (C) Retek (VC)

Anderson, Gerard, LeBendig, Levy, Morse, Reiman

Staff: Blaiss

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 062-178: WBF Dues**

The ACBL Board of Directors reconsiders item 061-140 WBF dues.

The WBF will be informed that our Board believes that the dream of being part of the Olympics is not going to come to pass and the increase in dues from ten cents to fifty cents per member is no longer warranted. We believe that the dues beginning in 2007 should be reduced substantially.

Motion failed. Aye: 8, 9, 14, 17

**CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

Reiman (C)

Arlinghaus Wood

Staff: Beye

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 062-75: 2007 Conditions of Contest**

The 2007 Conditions of Contest are approved with the following changes:

Appendix R

I. Red Ribbon Eligibility . . .

Knockout Team General Conditions of Contest . . .

Scoring and Play . . .

8. Should any head-to-head match end in a tie, a 4 board playoff will be played (2 boards in Compact KO events).

A. Board-a-Match Scoring

B. Total Points

Carried. Nay: 4

**Item 062-76: NABC Senior Knockout Teams (061-55)**

The Senior Knockout Teams will start on the first Friday rather than the first Sunday of the Fall NABC. Pre-registration will close at 11:00 AM the day of the event. The special conditions allowing a re-scheduling of the final are deleted.

Items 942-63 and 972-216 are rescinded.

Effective January 1, 2007.

Carried.        Nay: 3, 5, 7, 10, 14

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Reiman (C)    Levy (VC)	
Arlinghaus, DeMartino, Himel, Gerard, Kirkham, LeBendig, Reeve, Seals	
Steinberg, Taylor, Wood	Staff: Beye
Committee Report by Chairman	

**Item 062-55: Bridge Status Report**

Management's status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 062-56: Appendix R (Section III 1 & 2)**

Appendix R (Ribbon Event Eligibility) Section III will be changed to:

1. First through eighth in the Vanderbilt, Spingold, Women's, or Senior Knockout Teams at NABC Championships. First through 16<sup>th</sup> when these events run 7 days or longer.
2. First through 10th and all ties in all other nationally rated events that have an upper masterpoint limit of more than 1500 masterpoints. First through 15<sup>th</sup> and all ties in a nationally rated six session event with no upper masterpoint limit.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 062-57: Gender Events**

NABCs no longer include gender exclusive events with the exception of Mixed Pairs and Mixed BAM.

Motion failed.    Aye: 2, 10, 15, 18, 21, 22

**Item 062-58: Ribbon Qualification**

All ribbon qualifications shall expire five years after being earned.

Motion failed. Aye: 4, 22, 23

**Item 062-59: CoC - MiniSpingold**

The CoC for the Mini-Spingold are changed as indicated below.

2. . . . The captain, or their designee, must enter the team prior to the evening session on the day preceding the start of the event. A later entry may be accepted, at the discretion of the Director-in-Charge of the event, if it is beneficial for the event. The completed entry must include a listing of the names and player numbers of all team members, one of whom is designated captain.

Effective date: January 1, 2007

Carried. Nay: 7, 14, 23, 24

**Item 062-60: CoC – MiniLM Pairs**

The CoC are changed as indicated below:

1. Each event will consist of six sessions, two qualifying and two semi-final and two final.

Deferred to Fall 2006 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 062-61: CoC – Women’s Swiss**

The CoC are changed as indicated below:

2. The event consists of two qualifying and two final sessions. Victory point scoring (20 point scale) will be used throughout.

Effective date: January 1, 2007

Carried. Nay: 4

**TOURNAMENT**

Wood (C)      LeBendig (VC)  
Arlinghaus, Gerard, Kirkham, Reeve

Staff: Beye

Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 062-90: NABC Appeals**

ACBL Tournament Directors shall hear and rule upon all appeals filed at North American Bridge Championships. All NABC+ appeals shall be heard by Tournament Director Panels in a manner similar to regional appeal hearings (Ref: 983-02, 992-02). All conduct and Ethics matters shall be referred to and heard by the NABC Tournament Committee or to its assignees.

Motion failed. Aye: 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22

**Item 062-92: Regional/Sectional Tournament Scheduling & Sanctioning**

Item 053-50 Regional/Sectional Tournament Scheduling & Sanctioning is amended as follows:

Change section B5f to read “Mesa – D17”. This request would change the Mesa regional from a senior regional to an open regional. The tournament would continue to be a permanent site regional outside District 17’ existing allocation.

Motion failed. Aye: 1, 2, 6, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23

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Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the ACBL wishes to express thanks and best wishes to Nancy Foy for her diligent and lengthy service. It is difficult to contemplate NABCs without Nancy.

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the ACBL wishes to thank Galen Hardy for her many years of service to the League and its members, and we wish her the best in the future.

**Closing Remarks**

It was moved by Retek and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 13 and its units, District Director Harriette Buckman, Tournament Co-Chairs Jackie Addis and Marilyn Charlson, and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the Hyatt Regency Chicago for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned *sine die* at 3:30 p.m.