

**Minutes of the
ACBL Board of Governors
Houston, TX
March 15, 2009**

Mike Kovacich, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday, March 15, 2009 at 10 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Chairman Kovacich welcomed the new members of the Board of Governors.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held November 23, 2008 in Boston, MA are approved.

Carried.

CEO's Report

Jay Baum presented the CEO's report. (See board exhibits)

League Counsel's Report

Peter Rank presented the League Counsel's report. (See board exhibits)

Treasurer's Report

Craig Robinson, ACBL Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Kovacich presented his report on the meeting of the Board of Directors. (See Board Minutes)

Motions for Reconsideration

Moved by Cecil Cook, District 23 and seconded that the ACBL Board of Directors reconsider Item 091-178 Schedule of Nationally Rated Events at NABCs. They request that the Open Pairs I start on Saturday instead of the Friday.

Carried.

Straw Poll

At the request of the Board of Directors, discussion was held about changing the name of the Board of Governors. Following discussion, a straw poll was taken and the suggestion to change the Board of Governors name failed.

Motion failed.

By a substantial margin.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Discussion was held on the new procedure for the Charity Foundations which gives \$20,000 to five – six districts a year that replaced the Charity of the Year program. It was noted that the membership would like to see in a timely fashion what charities were receiving the monies.

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Approval of New Life Masters

Moved by Aileen Osofsky, District 24, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status (#90547 to # 91248) will be designated as Life Masters.

Carried unanimously.

Thanks for Hospitality

Moved by Aileen Osofsky (District 24) and carried unanimously, that the sincere thanks of the Board of Governors will be extended to District 16 and its units, District Director Dan Morse and Tournament Chairs Eric Snow, Toni Snow and Betty Starzec and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the Hilton Americas for their fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 11:20 a.m.