

ACBL Board of Directors
The Grand Sierra Resort & Casino
Reno, NV
March 8 – 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Richard DeMartino on Monday, March, 8, 2010, at 9 a.m.

Present: George Retek #1, Paul Janicki #2, Joan Gerard #3, Craig Robinson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Nadine Wood #6, Bob Heller #7, Georgia Heth #8, Shirley Seals #9, Bill Cook #10, Beth Reid #11, William Arlinghaus #12, Suzi Subeck #13, Sharon Anderson #14, Phyllis Harlan #15, Dan Morse #16, John Van Ness, First Alternate #17, Claire Jones #18, Donald Mamula #19, Jeffrey Taylor #20, Bruce Blakely #21, Ken Monzingo #22, Rand Pinsky #23, Al Levy #24, and Richard DeMartino #25.

Absent: Jerry Fleming #17

Also

Present: Michael Kovacich, Chairman Board of Governors, Peter Rank, League Counsel, Jay Baum, CEO, Dee Wallace, CFO, Gary Blaiss, Natasha Brown, Butch Campbell, Vicki Campbell, Patricia Glover, Carol Robertson, and Kelley McGuire.

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Approval of San Diego Minutes

The San Diego, CA minutes are approved with the following corrections:
Item 093-70: TD Sessions Fees

TD session fees are increased by 8%.

Nat TD	\$155	\$167.40
Assoc TD	\$155	\$167.40
TD	<u>\$142</u>	<u>\$153</u>
ATD	<u>\$115.55</u>	<u>\$124.80</u>
Local	\$ 92.35	\$ 99.70

Effective March 29, 2010

Carried unanimously.

Item 101-141: Election of ACBL Treasurer

Craig Robinson is elected ACBL treasurer for a one-year term from May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011.

Carried unanimously.

Item 101-142: Appointment of Hall of Fame Committee

Karen Allison, Paul Lewis and Eddie Wold are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2010 NABC through the end of the Spring 2013 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

Item 101-143: Appointment of Competitions & Conventions Committee

Doug Doub, Bob Hamman and Elaine Said are reappointed for one-year terms from the end of the Spring 2010 NABC through the end of the Spring 2011 NABC.

Joan Gerard is appointed for a one-year term from the end of the Spring 2010 NABC through the end of the Spring 2011 NABC.

Steve Beatty is reappointed for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2010 NABC through the end of the Spring 2013 NABC.

Tom Carmichael is appointed to fill the remaining term vacated by Henry Bethe from the end of the Spring 2010 NABC through the end of the Spring 2012 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

Item 101-144: Appointment of Ethical Oversight Committee

Robb Gordon, Mike Kamil, Beth Palmer and Kerri Sanborn are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2010 NABC through the end of the Spring 2013 NABC.

Steve Landen is reappointed for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2010 NABC through the end of the Spring 2013 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

Item 101-145: Appointment of ACBL Disciplinary Committee

Kevin Collins, Jeff Overby and Karen Walker are reappointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2010 NABC through the end of the Spring 2013 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

Item 101-146: Appointment of ACBL Laws Commission

Ron Gerard, Matt Smith, and Adam Wildavsky are reappointed for five-year terms from the end of the Spring 2010 NABC through the end of the Spring 2015 NABC.

Gary Blaiss is appointed for a one-year term to fill the remaining term vacated by Peggy Sutherlin from the end of the Spring 2010 NABC through the end of the Spring 2011 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

Non Agenda Item

Amendment to Grand Life Master Rank (due to effect of Motion 101-110 Super Senior Pairs)–Assigned to Special Events Committee.

ACBL CEO Report

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

League Counsel Report

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

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The meeting was called to order by President Richard DeMartino on Wednesday, March 10, at 9 a.m.

Present: Same as Monday, March 8
Absent: Same as Monday, March 8
Also Present: Same as Monday, March 8

Technology Committee	
Arlinghaus, S. (C) Arlinghaus, B. (VC)	
Janicki, Jones, Monzingo, Taylor	Staff: Campbell, V.
Committee Report by Chairman	

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto. (Attachment C).

Appeals & Charges	
Gerard (C), Pinsky (VC)	
Blakely, Fairchild, Heller, Heth, Mamula, Morse, Subeck, Wood	Staff: Blaiss
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 101-02: Effective Date of Amendments to the Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR)

Barring exceptional circumstances, the guideline for setting the effective date for any amendments to the CDR approved during a calendar year shall be January 1 of the next calendar year.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 101-03: Amendments to Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR)

The CDR is amended as follows:

- 5.3.1 Disciplinary procedures at tournaments are intended to be expeditious. Matters heard by a TDC involving tournament discipline shall be heard and the hearing conducted at or immediately after the tournament in which the event(s) involving the discipline took place. Refer to Sections 5.3.2 through 5.3.14 for procedures specific to tournament disciplinary proceedings.

5.3.6 A person charged with a violation under CDR 3 shall be entitled to (See CDR 6.1 and 6.2 following):

- (a) Receive written notice of date, time and place of hearing. Should a person admit to a charge, a hearing shall be held in order to determine and impose discipline.

5.3.11 A suspension or probation imposed by a TDC shall not exceed ninety (90) days nor may a probation additional to a suspension exceed ninety (90) days.

Appendix A

VI. POST-HEARING PROCEDURES

A. NOTIFICATION OF DISCIPLINE

When the disciplinary body imposes sanctions to be effective immediately, it is mandatory that such disciplinary body shall immediately notify the disciplined party in writing, stating its effective date. The disciplined party or parties and the complainant should also be told of the right to appeal and request a stay of discipline pending the outcome of an appeal. The official Notice of Discipline and the official Notice of Appeal and Stay Rights will be sent by the ACBL Disciplinary Coordinator when hearing documents are received from the hearing committee chairman. The 30-day period during which an appeal may be filed will start from the date on which the ACBL Disciplinary Coordinator's official notices are mailed.

B. REPORT TO ACBL

It is mandatory that the disciplinary body send a full typed report of the hearing (See Hearing Report Form at www.acbl.org) and a copy of the written decision, if any, sent to the disciplined party or parties to ACBL Headquarters at the same time. The report must be sent within 30 days from the conclusion of the presentation of evidence.

Effective Date: To be determined by committee.

Deferred to the Summer 2010 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

Bridge

Arlinghaus (C), Wood (VC)

Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Janicki, Jones, Levy, Monzingo, Pinsky

Retek, Robinson, Seals, Taylor

Staff: Campbell, B.

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 101-30: Special Games at Clubs

The masterpoint rating of the following Special Games at Clubs be changed from 100% sectional-rated black points to 90% sectional-rated black points: Club Charity Games, Club Junior Fund Games, Club International Fund Games, Club Educational Foundation Games, and Club GNT Fund Raiser Games

Motion failed. Aye: None

Item 101-31: Limiting Special Games at Clubs

The regulations on Special Games at Clubs (042-139) (072-56) be amended as follows:

3. Once a month, any ACBL sanctioned club session may be held as a Junior Fund game, Charity game, Educational Foundation 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, and in those months (February, April and September), all ACBL sanctioned games may be special games.
4. ...will be 80% Sectional Black points.

Motion failed. Aye: None.

Item 101-32: Preempt Pre-Alert Elimination

Eliminate the requirement to pre-alert short (5-card weak 2's and 6-card 3-level pre-empts) and undisciplined (less than Q high) pre-empts. Replace the pre-alert with an alert upon occurrence.

Note: Referred to the Competitions and Conventions Committee to be considered as part of upcoming modifications to the alert procedure.

Deferred to the Summer 2010 NABC

Carried unanimously.

Item 101-33: Special Games at Clubs Adjustments

The month of February is reserved for Junior Fund Games, the month of April is reserved for charity games and the month of September is reserved for International Fund games; in those months any and all ACBL sanctioned club sessions may be special games for the named funds. In the remaining nine months of the year, one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special game for either the Junior Fund, International Fund, Educational Foundation or charity.

The masterpoint rating for all of these special games will be 70% of Sectional Rating maintaining the current cap of 6.00 masterpoints.

Effective July 1, 2010.

Carried. Nay: 9, 15.

Tournaments

Arlinghaus (C)

Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Janicki, Jones, Levy, Monzingo

Pinsky, Retek, Robinson, Seals, Taylor, Wood

Staff: Campbell, B.

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 101-130: Regional Events Boards

- a. The number of boards played in regional events at NABCs of the following types shall be determined by ACBL Management:
 - 1) KOs
 - 2) Events all of whose sessions begin in the morning
 - 3) Events held on the final Sunday
 - 4) Single session events

- b. The number of boards played in any other regional events at NABCs shall consist of:
 - 1) Either 26 or 27 boards in any session of a pair game
 - 2) At least 52 boards in a two-session team game.

Motion failed. Aye: 1, 2, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25.

Item 101-131: Side Game Series

The name of the regionally rated event, the Side Game Series, is changed to the Regional Pairs Series Game.

Effective immediately.

Motion failed Aye: None

Item 101-132: Games at Clubs

All sanctioned games held at clubs, with the sole exception of STaCs, are to be counted in Ace of Clubs masterpoint races at Unit, District and ACBL wide levels.

Effective January 1, 2010 (retroactive)

Carried unanimously.

Item 101-133: Upgraded Club Games

Item 083-86 is amended as follows:

No club within 50 miles of a sectional or regional tournament may run an upgraded game on any day of that tournament.

Effective April 1, 2010

Motion failed: Aye: 1, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 17, 21.

Item 101-134: Addition of M Factor for Special Club Games

The formula for masterpoints for special games at clubs will have the appropriate “M” factor applied when there are masterpoint limitations in exactly the same manner as the “M” factor is applied to all games conducted at tournaments.

Effective as soon as Management can implement the change

Carried unanimously.

Item 101-136: Requirements for Ranks up to Life Master

The requirements for ranks up to Life Master are modified as indicated in the attached table.

These requirements apply to members who join or re-join January 1, 2010 or later. They are thus retroactive to January 1. They do not apply to those who were members before January 1, 2010 and maintain their membership continuously.

Rank	Min Pts	Min Gold	Min Red//Gold	Min Silver	Min Black now	Min Black proposed	Max Black now	Max Black proposed	Max Transparent now	Max Transparent proposed
Junior Master	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	1.66	5
Club Master	20	0	0	0	0	5	20	20	6.66	15
Sectional Master	50	0	0	5	0	10	45	45	16.66	25
Regional Master	100	0	5	15	0	15	60	60	33.33	40
NABC Master	200	5	15	25	0	20	155	155	66.66	70
Advanced NABC Master	300	25	25	50	50	50	200	200	100	100
Life Master	500	50	50	75	75	75	325	325	166.66	165

Effective Retroactive to January 1, 2010

Carried unanimously.

Special Events	
Pinsky(C)	
Arlinghaus, Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Janicki, Jones, Levy, Monzingo	
Retek, Robinson, Seal, Taylor, Wood	Staff: Campbell, B.
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 101-110: Super Senior Pairs

A Super Seniors Pairs (age 70+) shall be established as an NABC+ event and will be governed by the following conditions :

- The event will be held at the Fall 2010 NABC and continuing at each Fall NABC until further notice.
- The event will run on the last two days of the Fall NABC.
- Starting times will be 10 AM & 3 PM.

- The event will consist of 2 qualifying and 2 final sessions.
- The national events formula for masterpoints will be used to calculate masterpoint awards. Masterpoints awarded shall be platinum points.
- Masterpoints earned will not count towards senior masterpoint races.
- This event shall not qualify for Grand Life Master eligibility requirements.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Nay: 5, 22

Item 101-111: NAP Monetary Award

Item 071-65 is amended as follows:

B. A fixed amount prize will be awarded in all flights as follows:

1.
2.
3.
4.
5. In the event of a tie, the qualifiers will receive the total of the awards for the tied places, divided by the number of players involved with the tie.

Effective April 1, 2010 to begin with the 2010/11 event

Carried unanimously.

Item 101-112: Amendment to Grand Life Master Rank

The requirements for attaining the rank of Grand Life Master are amended as follows:

10,000 Masterpoints. Win a North American Bridge Championship with no upper masterpoint restriction (other than the Super Senior Pairs) or an Open Team Trials or its equivalent or a Women’s Team Trials or its equivalent or any of the following WBF events:

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously.

Conditions of Contest

Wood (C)

Arlinghaus, Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Janicki, Jones, Levy, Monzingo

Pinsky, Retek, Robinson, Seals, Taylor

Staff: Campbell, B.

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 101-45: Events and Restrictions for ACBL Sanctioned Tournaments

Item 092-31 Events and Restrictions for ACBL Sanctioned Tournaments is amended as follows:

PAIR/TEAM Board-a-match / Imps

Effective April 1, 2010

Motion failed. Aye: 1, 8, 9, 14, 19 Abstain: 22

Item 101-46: Annual Extended Unit Team Games

The regulations on Special Unit Games are amended to include the following for “Annual Extended Team Games”.

A Unit may use two of its three extended team game sanctions to run a 2-stage event, with a Round Robin phase of at least 4 matches to qualify teams to a KO bracket.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 101-47: ACBL Senior Age

Beginning in 2011, the ACBL senior age would be 56; in 2012 the age would be 57; in 2013 the age would be 58; in 2014 the age would be 59, reaching the age of 60 in 2015.

Effective 2011.

Motion failed: Aye: 1, 2, 7, 9, 15, 16, 18, 20, 24.

Item 101-48: Amendment to the General Convention Chart

The General Convention Chart is amended as follows:

COMPETITIVE

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7. DEFENSE TO:

a)

b) natural notrump opening bids and overcalls, except that direct calls other than double, two clubs and two diamonds must have at least one known suit.

c).....

Deferred to the Summer 2010 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

Marketing	
Anderson (C), Harlan (VC)	
Cook, Fairchild, Heth, Mamula, Morse, Reid, Subeck	Staff: Campbell, V.
Committee Report by Chairman	

An oral report was given.

Regional Allocation	
Gerard (C), Monzingo (VC)	
Fairchild, Harlan, Heller, Seals, Wood	Staff: Campbell, B.
Committee Report by Chairman	

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto.
(Attachment D)

Governance	
Cook (C), Seals (VC)	
Fairchild, Harlan, Heller, Monzingo, Reid, Retek	Staff: Blaiss
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 101-65: Election Regulations

Election Regulations (061-42) (083-141) are amended as follows:

4.3.1 Objections to the Unit Voting Power must be filed with the Director of Elections by July 15.

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

Item 101-147 Fall 2017 NABC

Management's recommendation for the site of the 2017 Fall NABC to the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, CA for the dates of November 23 – December 3, 2017 is approved.

Carried unanimously.

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The meeting was called to order by President Richard DeMartino on Thursday, March 11, 2010. at 9 a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday March 10

Absent: Same as Wednesday March 10

Also Present: Same as Wednesday March 10

Board Operations

Seals (C), Cook (VC)

Fairchild, Harlan, Heller, Monzingo, Reid, Retek

Staff: Blaiss

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 101-20: Requirements for ACBL Board of Directors Members

The requirements for ACBL Board of Directors members at NABCs are as follows:

1. Members shall be prepared for, attend, and participate in Board Meetings during the period immediately preceding each NABC, or when otherwise scheduled.

2. Members shall interact with other ACBL members at NABCs in one of the following ways:
 - a. Attend the Board of Governors meeting (default requirement)
 - b. Participate as a member in other meetings at NABCs associated with the ACBL in some fashion Examples: Hall of Fame, Competitions and Convention, Foundations, USBF committees
 - c. Make themselves available to members by participating, with badge displayed, in at least 6 sessions during the NABC.

It shall be the duty of the Board Member to attest, at the end of the meeting, as to which of the requirements in section 2 have been satisfied. Failure to do so assumes the default requirement is met, as is presently verified by attendance records.

Effective July 1, 2010

Motion failed. Aye: None

**Item 101-21: Amendments to Chapter IV/B/2 Board of Directors
Expense Reimbursements**

Chapter IV/B/2 Board of Directors Expense Reimbursements be amended as follows:

A. 2.4.1.1 (per-diem)

50% of the daily per-diem will be paid to those members of the Board of Directors, who attend the Board of Governors (BOG) meetings,

B. 2.4.1 Per Diem for the ACBL Board of Directors will be paid in accordance with applicable IRS regulations provided that per diem for travel in the geographical areas of the ACBL outside the contiguous United States may not exceed the highest then allowable IRS per diem for United States cities in the contiguous United States.

C. 2.3.1 (hotel)

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At the sole discretion of the Treasurer, when a Board member, who attended the BoG meeting can not find a reasonable flight going home on the same day, then the ACBL will reimburse the member for one additional hotel night accommodation provided the person leaves on the following day.

Motion failed. Aye: None Abstain: 1

Juniors

Janicki (C)

Gerard, Heller, Heth, Wood

Staff: Campbell, V.

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

Audit

Reid (C)

Cook, Pinsky

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

Internet Bridge

Levy (C), Blakely (VC)

Arlinghaus, Janicki, Jones, Robinson, Taylor

Staff: Campbell, B.

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

International/Federations

Morse (C),

Gerard, Heth, Levy, Retek

Staff: Blaiss

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

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Executive Session

At approximately noon the Board went into Executive Session.

CEO Review

2009

Gerard (C)
Anderson, Reeve, Fairchild, Pinsky, Heth, Mamula

2010

Anderson (C), Gerard (VC)
Heth, Mamula, Morse, Pinsky, Subeck, Wood

Committee Report by Chairman

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The Board reconvened in open session at 2 p.m.

Insurance Committee

Retek (C), DeMartino

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

Finance

Robinson (C), Reid (VC)

Anderson, Cook, Harlan, Levy, Retek, Seals Staff: Glover

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 101-55: Charity Games in Clubs

Any club that, in any calendar year, runs one or more allowed special local charity games that are sanctioned for extra masterpoints must make available for public inspection an accounting of all funds raised in such games no later than February 28th of the following calendar year.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Nay: 6 Abstain: 12, 21.

Item 101-56: Ratification 2010 Budget

The 2010 Budget projecting a loss of \$ 374,352 is ratified.

Carried. Nay: 6

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It was moved by Retek and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 20 and its units, District Director Jeff Taylor and Tournament Chair Kathy Angstadt-Hanson, all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino for its fine cooperation.

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