

**Minutes of the  
ACBL Board of Governors  
New Orleans, LA  
July 25, 2010**

Mike Kovacich, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday, July 25, 2010 at 10 a.m.

**Opening Remarks**

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Aileen Osofsky, ACBL Goodwill Committee Chairman.

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 March 12, 2010 in Reno, NV are approved.

Carried.

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**Annual Membership Meeting**

The annual membership meeting of the American Contract Bridge League convened at 10:06 a.m. Richard DeMartino, ACBL President, presided. DeMartino announced that there was not a quorum.

Being no further business, the annual membership meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m. The Board of Governors reconvened from recess.

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**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. (See board exhibits)

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Kovacich requested a straw poll of the Board of Governors for the BoG Meeting time at the 2012 NABC in Philadelphia, PA. He will confer with management and the BoD to determine the date and time of the meeting.

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

### **Motions for Reconsideration**

There were no motions for reconsideration.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

Nominations were opened for Chairman of the Board of Governors for the 2011/2012 term.

Mike Kovacich (District 7) was nominated for the office of Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Nominations were opened for Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors for the 2011/2012 term.

Ellen Kent (District 23) was nominated for the office of Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Nominations were closed after no further nominations were made from the floor, Mike Kovacich was elected Chairman and Ellen Kent was elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors.

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Board of Governors Standing Policy

Moved that:

The following motion is proposed for adoption as a standing policy of the Board of Governors:

Any motion passed by the Board of Governors and sent to the Board of Directors for consideration may be amended by the Chairman of the Board of Governors when both of the following conditions are met:

1. The motion as amended, in the opinion of the Chairman of the Board of Governors, continues to express the original intent of the Board of Governors.

And

2. The amended motion is deemed, in the opinion of the Chairman of the Board of Governors, to increase the probability of passage by the Board of Directors.

Carried.

Moved that all National Pair Events be scored across the field as approved by the BoD for the Platinum Pairs.

Carried.

Moved that the Board of Governors request the Board of Directors to reconsider 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.*

Motion failed.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Governors request the Board of Directors to access how international players at all levels including new memberships be accessed points when they are known to come from other international organizations.

Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Directors and the Board of Governors make a joint committee to study the problem of ranking with the following restrictions:

1. Only matters currently available in either a game file or the ACBL Data base.
2. There is no increase in ACBL expenses except perhaps in the computer cycle in testing.
3. The plan be brought out for a trial after meeting approval by the board.

Motion failed.

Chairman Kovacich announced that if you are planning to submit a motion to the Board of Governors to send it to him in writing before the meeting.

### **Approval of New Life Masters**

Moved by Bonnie Bagley District 17, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status (#93,579 to #94,406) will be designated as Life Masters.

Carried unanimously.

### **Thanks for Hospitality**

It was moved and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 10 and its units, District Director Bill Cook and Tournament Chair John Federico, all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the New Orleans Marriott for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at noon.