

**ACBL Board of Directors
San Francisco, CA
November 18 – 21, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Anderson on Sunday, November 18, at 1 p.m.

Present: Leo Weniger, Second Alternate #1, Paul Janicki #2, Glenda Calkins #3, Craig Robinson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Margot Hennings #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, Bonnie Bagley #17, Claire Jones #18, Donald Mamula #19, Merlin Vilhauer #20, Bruce Blakely #21, Ken Monzingo #22, Rand Pinsky #23, Al Levy #24, and Richard DeMartino #25.

Absent: George Retek, District #1.

Also

Present: Michael Kovacich, Chairman Board of Governors, Peter Rank, League Counsel, Robert Hartman, CEO, Jeff Johnston, Jim Miller, Carol Robertson, Sylvia Hardin, Bruce Knoll, Bryan Delfs, Joe Jones, Ken Horwedel, Sam Whitten, Solly Weinstein, Pat Rogoski, Sheila Kim, Consultant and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

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Strategic Planning

Management reports on ACBL Strategic Plans are received.

Item 123-191: Election of ACBL President

Bill Cook, Jr. and Donald Mamula had previously declared their candidacies. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. By secret ballot Donald Mamula was elected as ACBL President to the office of ACBL President 2013.

Effective January 1, 2013

Item 123-192: Election of 401k Trustee

Alvin Levy declared his candidacy. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. Alvin Levy was elected as 401k Trustee for a four-year term January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016.

Effective January 1, 2013

Item 123-193: Election of WBF Representative

Alvin Levy and Paul Janicki declared their candidacies. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. Alvin Levy and Paul Janicki were elected as ACBL representatives to the World Bridge Federation for three-year terms, January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

Effective January 1, 2013

Appointments to ACBL Laws Commission

Alvin Levy was appointed to fill the unexpired term vacated by Gary Blaiss through the end of the Spring 2016 NABC.

Item 123-199: Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee Chair

Ellen Anten, Bonnie Bagley, Sandy DeMartino, and Rose Meltzer declared their candidacies. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. By secret ballot Sandy DeMartino was elected as the Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee Chairman for a three- year term January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

Effective January 1, 2013

Approval of Philadelphia Minutes

The Summer 2012 Philadelphia, PA minutes are approved.

Carried unanimously.

Reconsideration Items

122-110 Playing Directors in STaCs

Motion to reconsider failed.

ACBL CEO Report

The report of CEO Robert Hartman is received. (Attachment A)

League Counsel Report

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

Item 123-190: Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting are received.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 4, 2012

The Executive Committee met September 4, 2012 at 9 a.m. CST, to approve the following:

Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee, Sharon Anderson, President; Craig Robinson, Chairman; Al Levy, Phyllis Harlan and Rand Pinsky.

Also present were Robert Hartman, CEO, Jeff Johnston, Bryan Delfs and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

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RE: 2013 NABC Atlanta Start Times

The start times for the 2013 Atlanta NABC National event be moved to the 1 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. schedule. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Management will look at scheduling meetings and receptions at better times for Atlanta NABC.

Management will be sure to have a consistent starting time of the second session given the 10 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. start time.

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RE: WBF Youth Bridge Congress

Hartman asked for a discussion and a vote of support for having the WBF Youth Bridge Congress to be held during the 2013 NABC in Atlanta, GA.

The following have allocated funds:

District 7	-	up to \$15,000
Mid Atlantic	-	up to \$15,000
ACBL	-	\$10,000
USBF	-	\$20,000

This is a WBF/USBF event and the ACBL is planning to lend its support where needed. We are awaiting a budget and playing schedule for this event from the WBF/USBF, so many details are still unknown. We believe the event will begin on the first Sunday of the NABC and end on the Monday following the NABC.

Hartman stated that he had a call scheduled with Joan Gerard tomorrow to further discuss the event. Many committee members stated positive aspects about holding the WBF Youth Bridge Congress in Atlanta and no opposition was raised.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Item 123-194: Certification of Elections

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for three-year terms, January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

Leo Weniger, District 1; Sharon Fairchild, District 5; Bob Heller, District 7; Suzi Subeck, District 13; Phyllis Harlan, District 15; Claire Jones, District 18; Donald Mamula, District 19; Rand Pinsky, District 23; Richard DeMartino, District 25.

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected as First Alternates to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for three-year terms, January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

Florence Belford, District 2; Eli Schneider, District 3; Richard Popper, District 4; Steve Gaynor, District 14; Chris Compton, District 16; Stu Goodgold, District 21; Teri Atkinson, District 22;

The following individuals are hereby certified as having been duly elected as Second Alternates to the Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for three-year terms, January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

Carlos Munoz, District 3; Joann Glasson, District 4; Susan Jackson, District 14; Bob Morris, District 16;

Effective January 1, 2013

Item 123-196: 2013 Honorary Member of the Year

Audrey Grant and Millard Nachtwey are appointed as the 2013 Honorary Members of the Year.

Effective January 1, 2013

Item 123-198: Executive Committee Member & Alternate (Eastern Zone)

The Eastern Zone reported the election of Sharon Fairchild as its representative on the Executive Committee for a three-year term, January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

The Eastern Zone reported the election of Richard DeMartino as its alternate representative on the Executive Committee for a three-year term, January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

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The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Anderson on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 1 p.m.

Present: Same as Sunday, November 18

Also Present: Same as Sunday, November 18

President Sharon Anderson read a letter to the Board from George Retek, retiring District 1 Director. (Attachment C)

Item 123-195: 2013 Goodwill Member of the Year

Joe Olivier was appointed as the 2013 Goodwill Member of the Year.

Item 123-197: 2012 Volunteer Member of the Year

Susan Kroning was appointed as the 2012 Volunteer Member of the Year.

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The Board went into Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. No actions were reported.

Upon conclusion of the Executive session at 3 p.m. the Board of Directors resumed in open session.

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Monzingo (C)

Blakely, Janicki, Morse

Staff: Whitten

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 123-25 Comprehensive Seeding Section II

Appendix BSR and Baze Senior Knockout of the ACBL Conditions of Contest is modified as follows:

Seeding Formula: The Seeding Formula for the Baze Senior Knockout Teams will be based only on Method 1 (the current method). This includes the use of the new ACBL Masterpoint Log.

Seeding for the Baze Senior Knockout Teams event will still be capped at 50. Method 1 is identical to the Method 1 used for the Vanderbilt and Spingold.

Proposed Seeding Points awarded for excellent performance for each event are shown in the attached table (Attachment D).

Subjective Seeding: For the Senior Knockout, the event will be seeded objectively (above), and then re-seeded subjectively by a “Subjective Seeding Committee.”

The subjective seeding process is summarized below:

After the Director-in-Charge determines a team’s average Seeding Points (SPs) and before shuffling in groups, the Subjective Seeding Committee will review the team’s

placement in the bracket. The Committee may ask the opinions of other players, especially when evaluating unfamiliar foreign entrants.

The Committee cannot change the seeding group of teams seeded in the top 4. Other teams may be moved up or down two shuffling groups, e.g. teams 5-6 can be moved only to 7-8, or 9-10 teams 7-8 can become 5-6, stay in their group, or become 9-10, or 11-12; and the bottom four teams may be moved in the same manner.

Any seeding change would be made before shuffling and requires a majority vote of the Subjective Seeding Committee.

Shuffling: After the Director-in-Charge has seeded the field using each team's average seeding points, and after the Subjective Seeding Committee has reviewed and perhaps changed teams' placement in the bracket, teams seeded three or below are shuffled in groups of two (3-4, 5-6, 7-8, etc.)

Effective date: Immediately

Carried. Abstain: 14

Item 123-26: ACBL Handbook Section Two: I. Club Masterpoint Games

The Rules for Mentor-Novice games are amended as follows:

Chapter 4 Section Two, subsection I. of the ACBL Handbook is modified by adding a new paragraph E as follows:

Section Two: Types of Club Masterpoint Games

I. OPEN GAME

E. Mentor-Novice Game

A club may hold a Mentor-Novice game as an Open Game even if the club stipulates that one member of each partnership have fewer than a certain number of masterpoints. There must be no limit on the number of masterpoints allowed for the mentor player. The club may hold this game on a regular basis or as a special event. Any special game held in a club is eligible to be held as a Mentor-Novice game.

Effective immediately

Carried. Abstain: 14

FINANCE

Reid (C)

Cook, Levy, Mamula, Monzingo, Pinsky,
Retek, Robinson Seals

Staff: Jones

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 123-35: 2013 Budget

The 2013 operating budget showing a projected excess of revenues over expense of \$109,094 and 2013 capital budget of \$1,242,000 are received.

Carried. Abstain: 14

Item 123-26: Investment Policy Statement

ACBL Codification Chapter II – Business Management, A. Finance. Section 1 is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 1 - ACBL Investment Policy Statement

1.1 PURPOSE

1.1.1 The purpose of this investment policy statement is to communicate to the ACBL Board of Directors, the investment manager, and other interested parties a clear understanding of the investment goals and objectives of the investment assets (the “Portfolio”). This statement outlines the responsibilities and guidelines for the investment manager and establishes the review and control procedures to be used in evaluating investment manager performance. A separate working capital reserve shall be set by management and held in a segregated cash account.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

1.2.1 The preservation of capital

1.2.2 Competitive Investment yields greater than those produced by 100% insured CDs.

1.2.3 Minimal investment risk

1.3 PORTFOLIO STANDARDS

1.3.1 **Assets Classes.** The ACBL Board of Directors will determine which asset classes are to be used in the Portfolio. The following asset

classes are approved:

- 1.3.1.1 Stocks
- 1.3.1.2 Fixed Income Securities
- 1.1.1.3. Cash Equivalents

1.3.2 **Rate of Return.** Total Portfolio performance will be measure against a balanced market index.

1.3.2.1 The Portfolio is to be balanced, composed of equity, fixed income, and cash equivalent securities and is intended to be more aggressive than fixed income oriented portfolios and less aggressive than equity oriented portfolios. The term “aggressive” relates to such investment vehicles, diversification among economic and industry sectors and individual securities, expected long-term rates of return and reduced volatility. The investment objectives are stated below:

1.3.3 **Risk.** Market risk will be defined for each of the asset classes in the Portfolio.

1.3.3.1 **STOCKS.** Risk for the entire equity portion of the Portfolio will be defined in terms of beta, using the S&P 500 as the appropriate market index and a one-year time frame. The investment manager may alter beta within the range of 0.85-1.25 as changes in the financial markets are anticipated. Adjustments in beta can be achieved through modification of the mix of equities held in the Portfolio.

1.3.3.2 **FIXED INCOME.** Risk for fixed income portion of the Portfolio will be defined in terms of standard deviation, using the Merrill Lynch 1-5 Year Gov’t/Corp. Index as the appropriate market index and a one-year time frame. The standard deviation of the fixed income portion of the Portfolio should not exceed 1.25 times the standard deviation of the Merrill Lynch 1-5 Year Gov’t/Corp. Index.

1.3.4 **Asset Allocation.** The ACBL Board of Directors will determine the allocation of each of the approved assets classes in the Portfolio within certain broad ranges. The Investment Manager has complete discretion to determine the allocation of each asset class within these broad parameters.

1.3.4.1 Stocks – Up to 25 percent of the Fund’s assets may be

invested in core equity (generally large cap, high quality) securities.

a. Small Capitalization issues – Up to 5% of the Portfolio's assets may be invested in small capitalization issues (defined as \$2.5 billion market capitalization or lower).

b. International Equities – Up to 5% of the Portfolio's assets may be invested in international equity issues.

1.3.4.2 Fixed Income – At least 75 percent but no more than 90 percent of the Portfolio's assets should be invested in fixed income securities.

1.3.5 **Miscellaneous.** Other standards guiding management of the Portfolio by the investment manager are as follows:

1.3.5.1 Private placements or other investments without active trading markets will not be made.

1.3.5.2 There are no restrictions relating to dividends or earnings of the stocks held in the Portfolio.

1.3.5.3 Securities turnover is warranted by the need to alter strategy as prospects for the financial markets change. Since transaction costs represent a reduction of assets, and also reflect again the performance of the Portfolio, turnover will be maintained at the lowest level consistent with implementation of strategy.

1.3.5.4 There are no requirements for, or restrictions against, realization of net investment gains or losses during any calendar year.

1.3.5.5 There are to be no short sales, trading on margin, lending of securities, or purchase or sale of options other than covered calls.

1.3.5.6 Corporate High Yield Bonds, Non-Investment Grade Bonds (i.e., less than BBB quality) are not permitted at time of purchase.

1.3.5.7 None of the portfolio may be invested in securities except as authorized by these Guidelines

1.4 PORTFOLIO EVALUATION

1.4.1 The appropriate market indices to be used to evaluate each asset category's performance are as follows:

- a. Equities The S&P 500 Index
- b. The Russell 2000 Index
- c. The MSCI EAFE Index
- d. Fixed Income Merrill Lynch 1-5 Year Gov't/Corp. Index
- e. Cash Equivalents Three Month U.S. Treasury Bills

1.5 PERIODIC REVIEW

1.5.1 Standards established for the Portfolio reflect our mutual agreement as of the date of the guidelines. Guidelines will be reviewed at least annually, and more frequently as required. The investment manager will promptly advise the ACBL Board of Directors at any time these guidelines no longer seem appropriate. A compelling reason would be significant change in the evaluation by the investment manager of the expected real return or risk over the longer term for the assets that comprise the ACBL Board of Directors' preferred investment universe. Upon mutual agreement, the standards for the portfolio will be changed to assure the latitude necessary for exercise of special skills of the investment manager in active management.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Abstain: 14

GOVERNANCE / BOARD OPERATIONS / BYLAWS

Harlan (C)

Cook, Fairchild, Heth, Jones, Mamula, Reid, Retek, Seals

Staff: Miller/McGuire

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 123-45: Grass Roots Fund Month

The Grass Roots Fund month shall be moved from December to January, starting in January 2014. There shall be no Grass Roots Fund Month in 2013.

Note: The January International Fund Game will be moved to March.

Effective immediately

Carried. Abstain: 14

Item 123-46: ACBL Membership for Club Managers and Club Directors

Anyone who is a current club manager for a club running ACBL sanctioned games must be an ACBL Member in good standing with all service fees and dues paid. Any club or higher-rated director must be an ACBL Member in good standing with all service fees and dues paid to be eligible to direct an ACBL sanctioned game.

Effective January 1, 2013.

Carried. Abstain: 14

Item 123-47: Chapter II – Business Management

Chapter II – Business Management Section A. Finance, Section B. Employees and Consultants, Section C. Section D. Bulletin and Section E. Mailing List of the ACBL Codification are approved. (Attachment E)

Effective immediately

Carried. Abstain: 14

Item 123-48: Chapter II A. Finance Rescinded

The following items listed in the current Codification Chapter II A Business Management - Finance are rescinded:

742-101, 781-33, 782-35, 804-34, 821-22, 821-22, 821-24, 852-27, 863-121, 863-28, 873-45, 891-85, 902-74A, 941-46, 952-11, 952-13, 963-103, 971-106, 972-123, 972-67, 973-65, 983-120, 983-48, 991-22, 002-24, 002-302, 003-24, 003-300, 023-23, 031-15, 033-10, 033-11, 033-32, 041-47, 043-34, 052-10, 062-40, 091-65, 092-65, 092-66, 093-65, 093-66.

Carried. Abstain: 14

Item 123-49: Chapter II B Employees and Consultants

The following items listed in the current codification Chapter II B – Business Management - Employees and Consultants are rescinded: 792-21, 822-11, 853-29, 863-23A, 933-22, 961-10, 963-200, 972-40, 003-JJA,043-47, 053-34, 091-11, 103-163, 103-65

Effective immediately

Carried. Abstain: 14

Item 123-50: Chapter II C Pension & 401K Plans Rescinded

The following items listed in the current codification Chapter II C – Pension and 401K Plans are rescinded: 832-15, 853-30, 892-25, 933-29, 952-13, 991-20, 011-15.

Effective immediately

Carried. Abstain: 14

Item 123-51: Chapter II D Bulletin Rescinded

The following items listed in the current Codifications from Chapter II D - Business Management – Bulletin are rescinded: 833-74, 842-84, 873-43, 972-124, 902-74B, 921-91, 922-21, 002-51, 022-53, 922-95, 922-57, 923, 931-45, 931-50, 942-45, 943-45, 951-23, 952-4, 002-193, 022-43, 052-29, 062-177.

Effective immediately

Carried. Abstain: 14

Item 123-52: Chapter II E ACBL Mailing List Rescinded

The following items listed in the current Codification from Chapter II E – Business Management – are rescinded: 943-46, 062-33

Effective immediately

Carried. Abstain: 14

Item 123-53: Amnesty Program

ACBL will initiate a six month amnesty program for 2013 offering to credit, free of charge, any masterpoints won by a lapsed member while he was a non-member, when he renew his membership.

Effective January 1, 2013

Carried. Nay: 4 Abstain: 14

Item 123-54: ACBL Membership requirement for ACBL tournament participation

Item 1:

The ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

Chapter IX, Section B, Subsection 3:

~~3. NON DUES PAYING PLAYERS SURCHARGE~~

~~Except for charity events or events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints:~~

- ~~a. For all regionals, the sponsoring organization will charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$2.00 per person per session for non-members and non-service fee paying LMs.~~
- ~~b. It is suggested that the sale signage present this as a discount to members.~~
- ~~c. The additional fee shall be retained by the sponsoring organization.~~

Chapter X, Section B, Subsection 1, c:

~~e. Except for charity events or events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints:~~

- ~~1) For all sectionals, the sponsoring organization will charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$1.00 per person per session for non-members and non-service fee paying LMs.~~
- ~~2) It is suggested that the sale signage present this as a discount to members.~~
- ~~3) The additional fee shall be retained by the sponsoring organization.~~

Rescind: Entry Fees (983-196A) from Codification, Chapter VIII, Section C

~~A. At all NABCs beginning with the San Antonio (Summer 1999), entry fees for non-members and unpaid Life Masters will be \$1.00 per player per session higher than for ACBL members and Life Masters who have paid their service fee. Charity events and events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints are exempted from this requirement.~~

Rescind: Non-Member and Unpaid Life Master Entry Fees (983-196) (991-132) from Codification Chapter VII, Section C

~~Management's implementation plan for collecting additional entry fees for non-members and unpaid life masters is accepted.~~

Rescind: NABC Tournaments Non-Member Fees (022-44) from Codification Chapter VII, Section C

~~Effective January 1, 2003 at all NABCs, entry fees for non-members and unpaid Life Masters will be \$2.00 per player per session higher than for ACBL members and Life Masters who have paid their service fee. Charity events and events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints are exempt from this requirement.~~

Rescind: NABC Nationally-Rated Events Eligibility (031-50) (032-47) from Codification Chapter VII, Section F

~~In order to participate in a Nationally rated event at an NABC, a person must be an ACBL member whose service fee or dues is current.~~

Item 2:

The ACBL Codification is to be amended as follows:

Chapter XIII:

All participants of ACBL tournaments must be ACBL Members whose Membership Dues are current, or ACBL Life Members whose Member Service Fees are current.

Effective July 1, 2013.

Deferred to the 2013 Spring meeting in St. Louis, MO.

Deferral carried. Nay: 4, 7, 9, 13, 25. Abstain: 14

JUNIORS TASK FORCE	
Harlan (C) Calkins, Heller, Retek, Seals	Staff: Delfs
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 123-160: Chapter 1. Section I. Juniors

Chapter 1. Section I. Juniors is amended as follows:

4.3 The Summer 2014 Youth NABC will be held in Las Vegas, NV.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Abstain: 14

Item 123-161: Junior Membership

The ACBL shall remove the Student Membership option.

All current Student Members will be upgraded to Junior Members at no cost to the Student Members and they will receive all applicable benefits of the Junior Membership.

Effective January 1, 2013.

Carried. Abstain: 8, 14.

Item 123-162: USBF / CBF Junior Fund

The United States Bridge Federation (USBF) will receive \$22,000 in 2013 from the Junior Fund to assist with recruitment and training to prepare for the 2014 World Youth Championships.

The Canadian Bridge Federation (CBF) will receive \$10,000 in 2013 from the Junior Fund to assist with recruitment and training to prepare for the 2014 World Youth Championships.

The ACBL will pay 50% of up to \$30,000 of entry fees for Zone 2 ACBL members in good standing, for their pro-rated portion of a pair or team, for the 2013 World Youth Congress to be held in Atlanta, GA in 2013.

Effective January 1, 2013

Carried. Abstain: 14.

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The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Anderson on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at 9 a.m.

Present: Same as Tuesday, November 20

Also Present: Same as Tuesday, November 20

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The ACBL Board of Directors adjourned its meeting and reconvened as the ACBL Educational Foundation.

ACBL Educational Foundation Membership Meeting

The membership meeting of the ACBL Educational Foundation convened.

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Heller, Secretary.

The Treasurer's report was received. (*See* ACBL Educational Foundation minutes)

Glenda Calkins declared her candidacy for Trustee. There being no other declarations or nominations. Glenda Calkins was elected to serve a three-year term January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

Barbara Bacon, Ricki Baker, Eugene Kales, CeCe Lichtenstein, Carol Mahoney, Jim Maier, and Jay Winter declared their candidacies for Trustee. By secret ballot Barbara Bacon and Jay Winter were elected to serve three-year terms, January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

The ACBL Educational Foundation meeting was adjourned and the ACBL Board of Directors reconvened as the ACBL Charity Foundation.

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ACBL Charity Foundation Membership Meeting

The membership meeting of the ACBL Charity Foundation convened.

The meeting was called to order by President Georgia Heth.

The Treasurer's report was received. (*See ACBL Charity Foundation minutes*)

Shirley Seals and James Sternberg declared their candidacies for Trustee. By secret ballot James Sternberg was elected to serve a four-year term, January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016.

The ACBL Charity Foundation meeting was adjourned and the ACBL Board of Directors reconvened.

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WOMEN'S TASK FORCE

Subeck (C)

Sharon Anderson, Margot Hennings, Cindy Bernstein, Martha Katz, Sandy DeMartino, Beth Planer, Judy Radin, Peggy Sutherlin

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

MASTERPOINTS

Subeck (C)

Arlinghaus, DeMartino, Heller, Janicki, Monzingo, Robinson
Vilhauer

Staff: Whitten/Horwedel

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 123-112: Regionals at Sea

Item 103-161 Regionals at Sea was amended as follows:

The ACBL and only the ACBL shall be permitted to sponsor Regionals at Sea (“RaS”).

Beginning in 2012, the ACBL may sponsor up to three RaS per year.

Each of these three RaS should depart from a different geographic “area.” Areas are defined as East Coast (Atlantic other than Florida), West Coast (Pacific) and Gulf Coast (Gulf of Mexico plus the entire Florida coast).

Except as specified in this motion, RaS must conform to the same rules and regulations as land-based Regionals.

No RaS may be conducted concurrently with any portion of a land-based Regional tournament held either within 200 miles of or within the same District as such RaS’ port of embarkation or debarkation absent written consent of the District Director/s from the affected District/s.

RaS are limited to a maximum of 21 bridge “tournament” sessions awarding red or gold masterpoints per cruise. The tournament schedule will be determined by the tournament manager subject to the approval of the ACBL staff.

RaS will pay 100% of the standard land-based Regional masterpoint awards.

The ACBL will assume the risk of profit or loss in conducting RaS. The ACBL may, at its sole discretion, outsource any or all services necessary for the conducting of RaS. All such services shall be compensated on a fee basis. The ACBL may, however, structure such fee-based arrangements in any way it considers most effective.

As sponsor, the ACBL may hire an independent operator on a fixed fee or fee per player basis (with or without a minimum/maximum) subject to the following requirements: Sponsor (ACBL) must retain financial responsibility for standard bridge related tournament invoice items.

Outside agencies, retained for RaS support, may not be owned or operated by officers, directors or employees of the ACBL, its Districts or Units, or NBO’s (“Restricted Individuals”).

All RaS tournament contracts, including those with ship lines, travel agents and bridge personalities, must be reviewed and approved by League Counsel prior to execution.

An ACBL approved tournament chairman or manager from the port or neighboring district (“Port District” including both port of embarkation and port of debarkation) may be hired to preside over the RaS and handle all bridge operations and tournament staffing.

Staff includes ACBL directors, caddies, partnership, and appeals. If the ACBL is unable to hire such an individual from the specified Port District it may hire from outside that area.

Effective January 1, 2013

Carried. Nay: 1, 7, 12, 19, 23, 24, 25. Abstain: 14

APPEALS & CHARGES

Blakely (C), Heth (Hearings)

Fairchild, Mamula, Pinsky, Seals

Staff: Miller/Whitten

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 123-01: Report on Hearings

Application for reconsideration by Leo LaSota of his non-qualification to Grand Life Master status.:

Decision: The committee finds that Mr. LaSota has not met the requirements of Section 1.6.3 of Chapter I Subsection B and therefore denies his request for reconsideration.

Item 123-02: Masterpoint Removal Sanctions

The ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations is amended as follows (Appendix B):

APPENDIX B

ACBL DISCIPLINARY SANCTION GUIDELINES

The list below represents the recommended discipline and mandatory masterpoint penalties which are imposed by a committee after rendering a decision which finds a member guilty of a conduct or ethical violation. The first column entitled "OFFENSE" sets forth the offense by Code of Disciplinary Regulations ("CDR") Section. The second column entitled "RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINE" is a guide for discipline to be imposed and is not mandatory nor intended to be an exhaustive list of all possible infractions. The third column entitled "MANDATORY MASTERPOINT PENALTIES" represents a range of masterpoints which must be deducted in accordance with the offense for which the member is found guilty."

A committee may find that there has been a violation of the CDR for which there is no sanction guideline cited in this Appendix. In such cases, the committee is free to impose on a guilty defendant whatever punishment it deems is appropriate from options described in CDR Section 4. However, a disciplinary committee, which imposes a

sanction which is outside the range recommended by these guidelines, must explain why it chose the sanction imposed. *Part A of these guidelines is intended to apply to the typical case involving a single incident and a defendant who has no previous disciplinary record. If this is not the case, the committee must consider Part B of these guidelines before deciding on an appropriate discipline.*

PART A: CONDUCT

OFFENSE	RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINE	MANDATORY MASTERPOINT PENALTIES
C1 Poor personal hygiene or dress (CDR 3.7)	Reprimand and or up to 30 days Probation	None
C2 Rudeness in conversation, gesture, or general behavior (CDR 3.7)	Reprimand and or up to 30 days Probation and or up to 30 days Suspension.	None
C3 Publicly belittle partner or opponent on bid or play (CDR 3.7)	Reprimand and or up to 30 days Probation and or up to 30 days Suspension	None
C4 Influence or attempt to influence an entrant to withdraw from an event to improve one's likelihood of winning more masterpoints (CDR 3.7 and 3.12)	Reprimand and or up to 90 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension	10-50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
C5 Harass or intimidate another player (CDR 3.7 and 3.11)	Reprimand and or up to 120 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension	None
C6 Harass or intimidate a tournament director, tournament official or an ACBL official (CDR 3.7 and 3.11)	180 days Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	None
C7 Deliberately fail to follow instructions given by a tournament director or official, including leaving a session without permission of the tournament director or game director, egregious slow play or noncompliance with conditions of contest (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	90 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension	None
C8 Fail to notify an appropriate official in a timely manner of a score	180 days Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	0-25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.

	that one knows is incorrect (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)		
C9	Inappropriate comments (including but not limited to obscene comments) made publicly at an ACBL sanctioned event or activity (CDR 3.7)	Reprimand and or up to 120 days Probation and or up to 90 days suspension	None
C10	Publicly accuse another player of unethical bridge behavior (CDR 3.4 and 3.7)	180 days Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	None
C11	Threat of abusive or violent contact with another person (CDR 3.7)	1 year Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	None
C12	Abusive or violent contact with another person (CDR 3.7)	3 years Probation and or up to 2 years Suspension	None
C13	***Knowingly submit false information or deliberately distort facts to an ACBL official or committee when neither E6 nor E7 applies. (CDR 3.13)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension	None
C14	Failure of Complainant to appear at hearing without cause (CDR 3.14)	90 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension	None
C15	Appeal a decision from a disciplinary body with no reasonable basis (CDR 3.15)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension	None
C16	Initiate disciplinary action against another player with no reasonable basis (CDR 3.15)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension	None
C17	Initiate and maintain legal action against the ACBL, including a District or Unit, or an ACBL official or employee acting in his or her official capacity, without first exhausting administrative remedies (CDR 3.10)	1 year Suspension up to indefinite suspension pending reimbursement to ACBL of costs to ACBL to defend if the suit was unsuccessful pursuant to CDR Section 4.3.4	None
C18	Misappropriate ACBL, Unit or District Funds (CDR 3.18)	Indefinite suspension up to expulsion. The body imposing an indefinite	None

	suspension will determine when, after return of the funds, the indefinite suspension will be lifted	
C19	Being present in the playing area of an ACBL sanctioned event while serving a term of suspension (CDR 3.2 and 3.5)	Extension of the suspension to twice the original term to Expulsion * # None

PART B: ETHICS

OFFENSE	RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINE	MANDATORY MASTERPOINT PENALTIES
E1	Deliberately ask for or give information about a board in play after both parties have played it (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	Reprimand and or up to 60 days Probation.
E2	Give information about a board in play to a player who has not yet played the board (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	30 days Suspension to 1 year Suspension * #
E3	Unsportsmanlike, frivolous or frequent psyching (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	60 days Probation and or up to 30 days Suspension
E4	Play a convention, system, or treatment knowing it is illegal (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	90 days probation and or up to 60 days Suspension *
E5	Purposefully fail to disclose partnership agreements with intent to deceive (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension. *
E6	Bid or play with the specific intent to achieve a poor result on that hand (CDR 3.2 and 3.7)	90 days Probation to 90 days Suspension *

E7	Intentionally: a. change a score, b. submit a false result of a hand, round or match, c. change or submit any information that could result in awarding incorrect masterpoints or d. enter an event for which you are not eligible (CDR 3.1, 3.7 and CDR 3.13)	1 to 3 year Probation and or up to 2 years Suspension *	10-50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E8	Accidentally gain access to information and then act on it (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	1 year Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension *	0-25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E9	Hesitate with an intent to deceive; use intonations and mannerisms that may deceive opponents or help partner (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	1 year Probation and or up 1 year Suspension *	0-25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E10	Deliberately try to see from where an opponent plays his cards (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	90 days Probation and or up to 90 days Suspension *	0-25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E11	Actively and deliberately try to see an opponent's cards (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension *	10-50% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E12	Actively seek advance information about a board in play (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	2 years Suspension to Expulsion * #	25-100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E13	Prearrange a deal or part thereof including one card (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	2 years Suspension to Expulsion * #	25-100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E14	Intentionally gain access to hand records for an event prior to the event and enter and play in the event and or give the hand records or copies to another person prior to that person entering and playing in the event. (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)	Expulsion *	100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E15	Prearranged partnership	Expulsion *	100% of Disciplined Player's total

	collusion by means of signaling to exchange information (CDR 3.1, 3.2 and 3.7)		masterpoint holding.
E16	Playing an ACBL sanctioned event while serving a term of suspension (CDR 3.2 and 3.5)	Extension of the suspension to twice the original term to Expulsion * #	10-25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E17	Knowingly partnering or playing on a team with a person who is presently serving a suspension from ACBL or who is presently expelled from ACBL (CDR 3.2, 3.7 and 3.19)	1 year Probation and or up to 1 year Suspension	10-25% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E18	Cheating and similar ethical violations not specifically cited by other sections of this Appendix (CDR 3.20)	90 days Suspension up to Expulsion * #	0-100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E19	Attempt to influence a decision of a disciplinary body outside of the hearing process(es) (CDR 3.21)	Reprimand and or up to 2 years Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension.	0-100% of Disciplined Player's total masterpoint holding.
E20	Discussion of the content of the hearing, other than the committee decision, outside the hearing room by a disciplinary body member with any party (whether a party to the hearing or not). The Committee Decision includes the finding of Guilty/Not Guilty and the Penalty Imposed (CDR 3.22)	Reprimand and or up to 2 years Probation and or up to 180 days Suspension	

* If a committee imposes a suspension, then it should also disqualify the pair or team from the event. This will mean the pair or team will lose its place in the event, any masterpoints earned in the event and any other benefits it may have earned from playing in the event. Should this disqualification take place after the correction period for the event has expired, other pairs and teams do not move up – the place formerly held by the disqualified contestant (pair or team) remains vacant.

If a committee imposes a suspension it is encouraged to also impose an appropriate term of probation following the term of suspension.

Effective January 1, 2013

Carried. Abstain: 14

Item 123-03 : Code of Disciplinary Regulations 5.1.15

Code of Disciplinary Regulations 5.1.15 is amended to read:

The effective date of imposition of discipline, if any, of an ACBL disciplinary body's decision shall be the date noted in the disciplinary body's written decision. If the discipline is to take effect immediately, the disciplinary body shall immediately notify the disciplined party in writing, provided that the formal written notice to the parties set forth in Section 5.1.14, including the date for appeal, shall also be made. If no effective date is so specified, the effective date of imposition of discipline shall be five (5) days from the date of the mailing of the decision by ACBL Management. When the discipline imposed includes both a period of suspension and a period of probation, the suspension is to be served first followed immediately by the period of probation.

Effective January 1, 2013

Carried. Abstain: 14

INTERNATIONAL WBF RESTRUCTURE

Heth (C)

Jones, Retek, Vilhauer

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 123-150: Chapter 4 Board Procedures C. Meetings

Chapter 4 Board Procedures C. Meetings are amended as follows:

Section 2. Conduct of Meetings

2.1 Journal

- 2.1.1 Any motion to be submitted for future Agendas, either by Board members, Management, the Board of Governors, or from a membership meeting will be submitted through the Journal. The cut-off date for submission of items for the Journal will be 30 days prior to each Board Meeting. Before submitting a motion to the journal, a Board member should ask himself if this is a policy issue. Members should provide complete background information with journal items, including a

statement about why this is policy. The motion should be sent to the ACBL CEO and his designee.

2.1.1.1 The President of any NBO which is part of the ACBL and Zone 2 may propose motions regarding international bridge (non-financial) issues. They shall follow the same procedures as any other maker of a motion.

Motion Failed: Aye: 1, 2, 8, 18, 24. Abstain: 14

Section 3. Committees

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3.8 The President of any NBO which is part of the ACBL and Zone 2 of the WBF shall be allowed to participate in all meetings of the International committee. They will appear at their own expense if they choose to appear in person, but at the expense of the ACBL if they appear electronically.

Motion Failed: Aye: 1, 2, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, 20, 24.

GNT/NAP	
Hennings (C) Bagley, Heth, Aquino, Cassell, Doran	Staff: Robertson
Committee Report by Chairman	

An oral report was given.

NABC NEW EVENTS	
Heller (C) Bagley, Hennings, Subeck, Vilhauer	Staff: Weinstein
Committee Report by Chairman	

**Item 123-170: New Events at NABCs
aka NABC 10K events or NABC 10K/10P events**

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The following 0-10,000 MP event will be added to the Spring NABC. Masterpoint awards to be determined by the Masterpoint Committee.

The NABC 10K Swiss Teams will be played the first Friday and Saturday of the Spring NABC.

Conditions of contest will parallel those of NABC events. This event is to be thoroughly evaluated after two years.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Nay: 3, 8, 11, 15, 16, 19, 24, 25. Abstain: 2, 4, 12, 14.

Ten percent of MPs for this event shall be platinum, with a cap of 10 platinum points per event. ONLY overall awards will be platinum (no section awards in pairs, no match awards in Swiss Teams or Kos). All other MPS will be gold.

Carried. Nay: 1, 5, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 21, 23, 25. Abstain 14.

Effective immediately.

The following 0-10,000 MP event will be added to the Spring NABC. Masterpoint awards to be determined by The Masterpoint Committee.

The 10K Vanderbilt will begin on Monday of the Spring NABC (paralleling the Vanderbilt and following the same pattern as Spingold and already-established 0-5000 Spingold in the summer). There will be no byes in the first round.

Conditions of contest will parallel those of NABC events.

This event is to be thoroughly evaluated after two years.

Motion Failed: Aye: 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 17, 20, 21, 22. Abstain: 14

The NABC 10K Pairs will be played the first Saturday and Sunday of the Summer NABC.

Conditions of contest will parallel those of NABC events.

This new event is to be thoroughly evaluated after two years.

Deferred to the 2013 Spring meeting in St. Louis, MO.

Deferral carried. Nay: 1, 7, 8, 10, 13, 17, 20, 22, 24. Abstain: 14

The following 0-10,000 MP event will be added to the Summer NABC. Masterpoints awards to be determined by the Masterpoint Committee.

The NABC 10K Mixed Swiss Teams will be played the final Saturday and Sunday of the Summer NABC.

Conditions of contest will parallel those of NABC events.

This new event is to be thoroughly evaluated after two years.

Deferred to the 2013 Spring meeting in St. Louis, MO.

Deferral carried. Nay: 1, 7, 8, 10, 13, 17, 20, 22, 24. Abstain: 14

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TOURNAMENT

Morse (C)

Arlinghaus, DeMartino, Heller, Subeck

Staff: Whitten/Horwedel

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 123-110: Electronic / Devices

Electronic /Devices (081) (093-164) are amended as follows:

The electronic device policy is as follows:

1. The following applies to all events at an NABC.

Except for health-related equipment, or by permission of the Director-in-Charge of the tournament, cell phones, audible pagers or similar equipment may not be operated or operable in any manner in the playing area during a session of play. Any such equipment must not be visible during the session and must remain off at all times. Sponsoring organizations of other ACBL-sanctioned events are encouraged to adopt a similar policy.

2. The above restrictions apply to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, kibitzers and play recorders, except those designated by the ACBL and are in force throughout any actual playing session or segment of play.
3. A violation of any of the above restrictions will result in an automatic disciplinary penalty of one full board (12 IMPs at that form of scoring) for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team. Kibitzers violating this policy will be removed from the playing area for the remainder of the session.

Effective date: January 1, 2013

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Carried. Abstain: 14

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Item 123-113: Chapter X Section A Sectionals

Chapter X, Subsection A. of the Codification is amended as follows:

CHAPTER X - SECTIONALS

A. GENERAL

Sectional Tournament Scheduling and Allocations (102-40) (103-162)

1. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS

- a. Each unit is required to hold a Sectional at least once every two years.
- b. Sectionals are allocated to Units. There are no restrictions as to the number of Sectionals a Unit may conduct. A District has the right of approval for Sectionals conducted by its Units. A Unit must abide by the decision of the District as to how many Sectionals it may run.
- c. Sectionals must be at least two days and no more than five days in duration, with the exception of Limited and Junior Sectionals and Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs). Limited and Junior Sectionals must be at least one day and no more than five days in duration. STaCs must be at least two days and no more than seven days in duration. A unit may not attempt to circumvent this rule by scheduling back-to-back sanctions that run consecutively.

Effective immediately

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Motion Failed. Aye: 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 23. Abstain: 14

Item 123-114: District 20 Regional

District 20 is granted authority to hold one additional Regional tournament in the year 2014 only.

Effective immediately

Carried. Nay: 2, 5, 7, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24. Abstain. 14

Item 123-115: Alzheimer's Association Fundraiser

Part One:

The Board of Directors grants ACBL Management the authority to sanction special games in Clubs.

Effective January 1, 2013

Carried. Nay: 12, 19. Abstain: 14

Part Two:

The ACBL shall run Alzheimer's Association fundraiser on June 21, 2013 in the Clubs.

Effective January 1, 2013

Carried. Abstain: 14

AUDIT

Levy (C) Jones, Reid

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 123-15: Ratification of Audit Firm

Watkins Uiberall Certified Public Accountants are approved as the audit firm of the ACBL for the 2013 year.

Carried. Abstain: 14

TOURNAMENT ARBITRATION

Pinsky (C) Harlan, Heller, Seals,

Staff: Whitten

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT & RECOGNITION TASK FORCE

Jones (C)

Bagley, Calkins, Harlan, Hennings

Staff: Sullivan

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given. (A written summary of which is attached as Attachment F)

INTERNET

Levy (C)

Blakely, Calkins, Jones, Vilhauer

Staff: Knoll/Whitten

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given. (A written summary of which is attached as Attachment G)

The Board expressed its thanks and appreciation to Michael Kovacich, Chairman of the Board of Governors, for his service and contributions to the Board of Directors during the past four years.

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Closing Remarks

It was moved by Morse and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 21 and its units, District Director Bruce Blakely and Tournament Chair Jim Leuker and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the San Francisco Marriott Marquis for its fine cooperation.

The Board adjourned *sine die* at 3:30 p.m.