

Minutes of the
ACBL Board of Governors
Denver, CO
November 29, 2015

Richard Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday, November 29, at 10 a.m.

Opening Remarks

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Chicago, IL meeting held August 9, 2015 are approved.

Carried.

CEO's Report

Robert Hartman presented the CEO's report. (See Board Attachments)

League Counsel's Report

Peter Rank presented the League Counsel's report. (See Board Attachments)

Treasurer's Report

Ken Monzingo, ACBL Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report.

Chairman's Report

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

MOTIONS

Motion: 153-02G: *Item 153-70: Limited and Invitational Games in STaCs*

Moved by Stephen Moese, District 11 that item 153-70 Limited and Invitational Games in STaCs be reconsidered by the ACBL Board of Directors:

Item 153-70: Limited and Invitational Games in STaCs

Clubs which have a sanctioned masterpoint limited game, may not declare such game as open when there is a STaC.

Clubs which have a sanctioned invitational game, may not declare such game as open when there is a STaC.

These clubs, limited and invitational, can play in the STaC, but they will be grouped with like (all invitational together, similar masterpoint limits) clubs.

Effective January 1, 2016

Carried. Nay: 2, 8, 11, 17, 22.

Carried.

Motion: 153-03G: KO events rated

Moved by Frank Queen, district 17 and seconded that in all KO events rated Regional or higher, the top bracket must consist of a minimum of 10 teams.

Motion failed

Motion 153-04G:

Moved by Kevin Wilson, district 7 and seconded that the Board of Governors expresses its appreciation to Boye Brogeland, Kit Woolsey and all of the volunteers for their tremendous work and sacrifice in compiling evidence against possible cheaters.

Carried unanimously

Motion: 153-06G High School Team Championship

Moved by Stu Goodgold, District 21 and seconded, that each district and each unit be allowed to hold one high school team championship event each year.

Carried unanimously

Motion: 153-08G Online Entries

Moved by Linda Trent, district 22 and seconded, that players receive an incentive for purchasing NABC+ entries online. Also, an official will be placed at the end of the entry line 15 minutes prior to game time and will allow no one else into the line.

Motion failed

Motion: 153-09G Ethical Oversight Committee Results Published

Moved by Linda Trent, district 22 and seconded, that anyone who is found guilty by the Ethical Oversight Committee shall have their name and discipline published only if they were suspended and have not asked for a stay which would be considered an appeal. A player given probation has appeal rights without needing a stay. Once the appeals process has been exhausted, the information shall be published in the ACBL Bulletin Magazine.

Motion failed

Motion: 153-10G Vulnerability Inserts

Moved by Linda Trent, district 22 and seconded, that ACBL place vulnerability inserts in their boards

Carried

Motion: 153-11G Slow Play

Moved by Linda Trent, district 22 and seconded, after the Director has been called twice for a slow pair and the clock is at 12 minutes or less, a third call about the same pair shall result in an automatic procedural penalty.

Carried

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board of Directors should direct management to prepare a report on the costs/benefits of holding the Fall NABC over the Thanksgiving weekend for the League and the attendees.
- The Board of Directors should direct management to conduct a survey of NABC attendees regarding their preference for holding the Fall NABC over Thanksgiving weekend or at another time of year.
- All NABC Appeals Casebook PDF files be removed and replaced with proper PDF files.
- Management look at ways to better enforce the rule that each pair must have two identical convention cards on the table.

- Management to find a more effective way to deal with slow play. For example, if a Director has been called twice for a slow pair, the third call about the same pair shall result in an automatic procedural penalty.

Approval of New Life Masters

Moved by Sandy DeMartino, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status (#105,325 to #105,836) will be designated as Life Masters.

Carried unanimously.

Thanks for Hospitality

Moved by Sandra DeMartino and seconded by all that the sincere thanks of the Board of Governors is extended to District 17 and its units, District Director Tournament CO – Chair Bonnie Bagley and CO – Chair Roy Weinstein and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Denver Downtown Sheraton for its fine cooperation.

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