

Minutes of the
ACBL Board of Governors
Reno, NV
March 13, 2016

Richard Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday, March 13, 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 Denver, CO meeting held November 29, 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

Georgia Heth, 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)

Reconsideration

Moved by Donald Mamula, district 19 and seconded that the ACBL Board of Directors reconsiders Item 161-157 NABC+ Appeals.

Motion Item 161-157 NABC+ Appeals
ACBL Tournament Directors shall hear and rule upon all appeals filed at North American Bridge Championships. All Conduct and Ethics or Disciplinary matters shall continue to be referred to and heard by the NABC Tournament Committee or to its assignees.

Effective July 1, 2016

Carried Nay: 2, 4, 6, 13, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 Abstain: 20 Absent: 3

MOTION FAILED

Moved by Donald Mamula, district 19 and seconded that the ACBL Board of Directors reconsiders Item 161-115: Election Rules – Ballots.

Motion Item 161-115: Election Rules - Ballots

The ACBL Codification Chapter III: Administration, Section D: Election is revised as follows:

Section 9 – Return of Ballots

9.3 Ballots are not opened until counting commences for each contested position. Before the results are formally released, the Director of Elections will make every effort to verbally communicate the outcome to all candidates.

9.3.1 District Director ballots will be counted on the first business day following September 15, followed by an audit of the initial count.

9.3.2 First and Second Alternate ballots will be counted on the first business day following September 15, followed by an audit of the initial count.

9.3.3 Board of Governors ballots will be counted on the first business day following September 15, followed by an audit of the initial count.

9.4 The votes by Units in District-wide election will be kept confidential.

9.4.1 The Director of Elections will release the total number of individual votes received by each candidate within the District as well as the total percentage of the weighted votes received.

Effective January 1, 2016

Carried unanimously

CARRIED

MOTIONS

Motion 161-02G:

Moved by Paul Cuneo, District 16, ACBL will conduct a feasibility study of developing a suite of Apps for mobile devices as described in this paper by partnering with commercial enterprises that create bridge software and Apps. The study will be organized, led and staffed by volunteers who will keep ACBL management informed of the progress. The study will be completed by the 2017 Spring NABC in Kansas City for presentation to the ACBL Board of Directors at their meeting.

CARRIED

Motion 161-04G:

Moved by Steve Moese, District 11, and seconded that the ACBL Board of Directors will live stream all open board sessions.

CARRIED

Motion: 161-05G:

Moved by Jean LaTraverse, District 1, the ACBL Board of Directors consider ways of providing financial alleviation to Canadian organizations to minimize the impact on members and players.

CARRIED

Motion 161-06G:

Moved by Steve Gaynor, District 14, no ACBL wide Special Events held at clubs be scheduled on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday except for International Fund Game #1 which is to be permanently held on the Saturday afternoon of Super Bowl weekend.

CARRIED

ACTION ITEMS

- Financial breakdown of actual cost/lost revenue on the Longest Day, including the tracked hours of all departments involved.
- Appeals case books continue to be reviewed and provide via online.

Approval of New Life Masters

Moved by Sandy DeMartino, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status (#105,836 - # 106,346) 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 21 and its units, District Director Roger Smith, Tournament Co – Chairs Bob Garret and Katherine Ewing, and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Silver Legacy Resort Casino for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 11:50 a.m.