

Minutes of the  
ACBL Board of Governors  
Washington, DC  
July 24, 2016

Richard Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday, July 24, 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 Reno, NV meeting held March 13, 2016 are approved.

**CARRIED**

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The meeting of the Board of Governors was recessed for the start of the annual membership meeting.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The annual membership meeting of the American Contract Bridge League convened at 10:02 a.m. Ken Monzingo, ACBL President, presided. Monzingo announced that there was not a quorum. Being no further business, the annual membership meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m. The Board of Governors reconvened from recess.

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**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**

Claire Jones, 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**

### **Item 162-02G: Drop-Ins**

Moved by Jonathan Steinberg, District 2, and seconded drop-ins not be allowed from team events to premier pair events.

**CARRIED. 28 - 24**

### **Item 162-03G: Drop Ins- Team Events**

Moved by Jonathan Steinberg, District 2, and seconded, ACBL look into allowing drop-ins from an extended team event to Day 2 of any three day Swiss Team event with carryover approximately in the middle.

**TABLED - CARRIED.**

### **Item 162-05G Live Streaming**

Moved by Joann Sprung, District 17, and seconded that all ACBL Board of Directors and Board of Governors meetings be recorded and placed on a web site such as ACBL site or U-Tube.

**CARRIED.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The following items were discussed but no formal motions were made concerning them.

- Place the Board of Governors packet online before the meeting
- Consistency in Strat cut-offs – some currently 5000 some 6000. Management reported the Board of Directors goal is to make all 0-6000.

- Stephen Moese, District 11, asked that Jay Whipple be recognized for his work on Bridge results live and the Matthew Kidd be recognized for his work on Regional statistics.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Management and the ACBL Masterpoint Committee are to examine the masterpoint structure of awards for more than two session event's Also the awards for two session events paying less than two single session events on same day.
- Management is to make a set of regulations governing cell phones for use in all ACBL tournaments. Management will also relate to all TD's the need to enforce all cell phone regulations.
- ACBL live needs to show the contracts

### **NOMINATIONS**

Nominations were opened for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors for the 2017/2018 term.

Richard Popper, District 4, Bill Arlinghaus, District 12 and Stu Goodgold, District 21 were nominated for the office of Chairman of the Board of Governors. There were no other declarations of candidacy.

Barbara Heller, District 7, Linda Trent, District 13 were nominated for the office of Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors. There were no other declarations of candidacy.

Nominations were closed after no further nominations were made from the floor. The election for the Chairman and Vice Chairman positions will be held at the Fall 2016 Board of Governors meeting in Orlando, FL.

### **APPROVAL OF NEW LIFE MASTERS**

Moved by Sandy DeMartino, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status (#106,347 - # 106,963) 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 6 and its units, District Director and Tournament Chair Margot Hennings and Co-Chair Susan Bowles, and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Marriott Wardman Park for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 11:47 a.m.