

**MINUTES
ACBL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Hyatt Regency
Cincinnati, OH
March 6-10, 2000**

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Smith on Monday March 6, 2000, at 8:30 am.

PRESENT: George Retek, #1; Jonathan Steinberg, #2; Joan Levy Gerard, #3; Raymond L. Raskin, #4; Sharon Fairchild, #5; Nadine K. Wood, #6; Bruce Reeve, #7; Glenn Smith, #8; Philip Altus, #9; Charles D. Wilkinson, #10; Jim Reiman, #11; Wayne Hascall, #12; Harriette Buckman, #13; Val Covalciuc, #14; Virgil V. Anderson, Jr., #15; Dan E. Morse, #16; Jerry Fleming, #17; Richard G. Anderson, #18; Barbara Nist, #19; Robert E. Lix, #20; Roger Smith, #21; James H. Kirkham, #22; Alan LeBendig, #23; Alvin Levy, #24; Howard J. Piltch, #25.

ALSO PRESENT: Christopher Pisarra, Chairman, Board of Governors; Jeffrey Polisner, League Counsel; David O. Silber, Chief Executive Officer; Jack Zdancewicz, Michael Calhoun, Gary Blaiss, Nancy Foy, Jim Miller, Julie Greenberg, Charlotte Blaiss, Jane Johnson, Jean Patterson, Kent Burghard and Rena Hetzer.

Approval of Boston 993 Minutes

The Boston Minutes are approved.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-201: Ratification of Executive Committee Minutes

Actions of the Executive Committee during its meeting held Friday February 11, 2000, at 10:00 AM CST are ratified.

Carried without dissent. (Minutes of the meeting follow.)

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting Convened Via Conference Call, Friday February 11, 2000, at 10:00 AM CST

PRESENT: President Glenn Smith, Val Covalciuc, Dan Morse, George Retek, Jim Kirkham

ALSO PRESENT: Virgil Anderson, Chris Pisarra, David Silber, Gary Blaiss, Rena Hetzer

President Smith stated that the Board passed a motion in Boston to have Trials for a Senior Team to represent the United States at the Senior Olympiad in Maastricht and to pay the \$1400 entry fee with no additional subsidy. However, the WBF has now stated that this will not be an Olympiad World Championship event, thus not garnering world championship points, but rather a Senior Cup game. Additionally, it is scheduled opposite two large regionals in Cherry Hill, NJ and Las Vegas, NV as well as a Senior Regional in Cape Cod, MA. Inasmuch as there have been changes in the nature of the competition, it is felt we should not wait until Cincinnati to reconsider the issue.

President Smith invited discussion, after which David Silber polled the committee on each of the following issues. President Smith chose not to vote, unless there was a tie.

A. Is it the Committee's intent to have a team represent the United States in the Senior event?

By a vote of 3-1, the majority approved sending a team to represent the United States in Maastricht.

B. Given that this is not a world championship event, do we still want to pay the entry fee?

By a vote of 3-1, the majority approved paying the \$1400 entry fee with no additional subsidy.

C. Should we have Trials or select a team by some process?

By a vote of 3-1, the majority approved having Trials.

D. The Trials are currently set concurrent with the Springfield, MO Regional. Have we been wise in selecting the dates, competing with Cherry Hill, Las Vegas and Cape Cod?

By a vote of 3 and 2 abstentions, the majority approved the previously selected date.

E. Is the Committee in favor of leaving it in Springfield, MO?

By a vote of 3 and 1 abstention, the majority chose to move the Trials from Springfield, MO.

F. Do we want to have the Trials in Las Vegas or in Cape Cod?

By a vote 3-2 (which includes President Smith's vote), the majority approved holding the Trials in Las Vegas.

President Smith asked that master point awards, conditions of contest, entry fees, etc. be put on the agenda for discussion at the Cincinnati NABC.

Election of ACBL Treasurer

Bob Lix is re-elected to a one-year term beginning May 1, 2000.

Carried without dissent.

Election of Pension Plan Trustee

Chuck Wilkinson is re-elected to a four-year term as Pension Plan Trustee January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2003.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-203: Revised Masterpoint Plan (Second Reading 993-137)

Management's review of the masterpoint plan is approved.

- A. Percentage awards for KOs are amended as follows:
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| 1. | 1.00 | |
| 2. | 0.75 | |
| 3. | 0.50 | <u>.55</u> |
| 4. | 0.50 | <u>.45</u> |
| 5. | 0.225 | <u>.30</u> |
| 6. | 0.225 | <u>.25</u> |
| 7. | 0.225 | <u>.20</u> |
| 8. | 0.225 | <u>.15</u> |
| 9/12. | 0.10 | <u>.12</u> |
- B. In calculating the awards for knockout events other than bracketed which play only 3 sessions, the formula for such an event will include an 80% factor to account for the reduced number of sessions.
- C. The 80% factor used in calculating the masterpoint award for a second knockout event starting when there is a concurrent knockout event being conducted is removed. The 80% age and/or gender factor remains in effect.
- D. For bracketed Swiss team events, the number of tables upon which the masterpoint award is based is as follows.
1. The top bracket is based on the sum of its own tables plus 100% of up to 40 tables in lower brackets and 1/3 of tables in excess of 40.
 2. The second bracket is based on its own tables plus 100% of up to 20 tables in lower brackets, and 1/3 of tables in excess of 20.

3. The third bracket (and any lower bracket) MPs will be based on its own tables plus 1/3 of the tables in any still lower bracket.

Effective Date 3/10/2000

Carried without dissent.

Request for Consideration of Non-Agenda Items

- A. WBF Laws Committee Representative: Referred to BRIDGE - International Events as Item 001-95.
- B. ACBL's Annual World Computer Bridge Championship: Referred to BRIDGE - International Events as Item 001-96.
- C. Notification of Special Events: Referred to GOVERNANCE as Item 001-52.
- D. Bidding Boxes: Referred to BRIDGE - Tournament Regulations as Item 001-128.
- E. Board of Director Expense Reimbursement: Referred to FINANCE as Item 001-28.

Carried without dissent.

Reconsideration of Item 993-210: Composition of Junior Teams

Request for reconsideration of above item.

Carried.

Note: See Item 001-182 in Bridge - Juniors

CEO Report

ACBL CEO David Silber presented his report. (*Exhibit 1*)

CFO Report

ACBL CFO Jack Zdancewicz presented the report. (*Exhibit 2*)

League Counsel Report

Jeffrey D. Polisner, League Counsel, reported on the status of litigation. (*Exhibit 3*)

Confirmation of Competition and Conventions Committee Appointments

The following appointments to the Competition and Conventions Committee by President Glenn Smith are confirmed:

- 1. Bart Bramley to a 3-year term including a 1-year term as Chairman starting January 2000.
- 2. Chip Martel to a 3-year term starting January 2000.
- 3. Sol Weinstein to a 1-year term starting January 2000.
- 4. Howard Weinstein to a 1-year term starting January 2000.
- 5. Richard Colker to a 1-year term starting January 2000.
- 6. Fred Gitelman to a 1-year term starting January 2000.

Carried without dissent.

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Smith on Wednesday March 8, 2000 at 9:00 am.

PRESENT: Same as Monday March 6

ALSO PRESENT: Same as Monday March 6

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| FINANCE | | |
| Lix, Chairman | | Nist, Vice Chairman |
| Reiman | Retek | Hascall |
| Wilkinson | Fleming | Kirkham |
| | | Zdancewicz, Staff |

Committee report by Chairman

Item 001-21: Revised NABC Financial Plan

The NABC financial plan (Item 893-63, Appendix 3) is amended as follows:

Funds provided to the Local Organization

NABC funds are provided for the implementation of activities and services, regardless of the number of tables, which are described on the following pages.

Higher Cost City
\$7 - \$8 per table

Average Cost City
\$6.50 - \$7.50

Lower Cost City
\$6 - \$7 per table

Effective 1/1/01

and from the next section

3. Registration/Information

Provide players with a registration gift. Registration gift costs should not exceed \$3 - 5 each (including tax and shipping) to be taken out of funds provided by ACBL. Minimum value for registration gifts should be \$2 - 3. Any expense for registration gifts over \$3 - 5 (including tax and shipping) each will be the responsibility of the local organization. Gifts must be approved by the meeting planner.

Carried. Nay: 1, 4, 8, 9, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22

Item 001-23: Tournament Director Per Diem

Item 993-23 is amended by adding the following: "The per diem rate charged for all non-conUS locations of the US will be equal to but not greater than the highest conUS rate."

Effective Immediately.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-24: Board of Directors Per Diem

The per diem rate at Board meetings is broken down to 25% for breakfast, 25% for lunch, and 50% for dinner. Full per diem will be paid for the day of travel to and travel from the meetings. The breakfast portion will not be paid when the Board has access to the hotel's Concierge floor which provides breakfast. When a scheduled Board activity includes a meal the appropriate portion of per diem will not be paid.

Paragraph B3 of Item 943-24 & Item 972-118 are rescinded.

Effective Spring 2000.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-25: WBF Membership Dues

ACBL accepts the new WBF dues scale effective January 1, 2002 of \$1.00 per member. Junior members are excluded.

Deferred to Summer 2000.

Carried. Nay: 17

Item 001-26: ACBL Membership Dues

ACBL annual membership dues are increased effective January 1, 2001 from \$30 to \$31.50.

Corresponding increases to be made in the other dues categories and service fees to preserve their current relationship to the regular annual membership dues level.

Deferred to Summer 2000.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-27: Life Master Service Fees

Those joining or rejoining ACBL after June 1, 2000 will pay dues at the established first-year rate and at the full rate starting the second year. When these players obtain Life Master status, they will continue to pay the established rate with no service fee differential.

Effective 6/1/2000

Carried. Nay: 2, 3, 4, 24, 25

Item 001-28: Board of Directors Expense Reimbursement

Item 983-120 is amended as follows:

The following guidelines for expense reimbursement for non-Board members and Board members traveling on ACBL business other than Board meetings and WBF meetings are established:

- A. No per diem will be paid, but all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed.
- B. There will be no reimbursement for expense of guests.

Carried. Nay: 25

GOVERNANCE

Anderson, R, Chairman

Wood, Vice Chairman

Fairchild

Altus

Smith, R

Steinberg

Raskin

Levy

Committee report by Chairman

Item 001-41: ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations

The ACBL Disciplinary Regulations are amended as follows:

~~10.3.8 An ACBL Board disciplinary committee appointed by the ACBL President and the Director of National Appeals will hear any disciplinary matter under the Board's primary jurisdiction stated in paragraphs 10.3.4, 10.3.5, and 10.3.6. This committee may not include Board members who are not serving on the Appeals and Charges Committee.~~

~~8.3 Appeals to the ACBL Board of Directors may be allowed from the decision of a District Appellate Committee or an ACBL Board Disciplinary Committee when.....~~

10.5 With the concurrence of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the ACBL President should:

10.5.1 Refer a disciplinary matter involving primary jurisdiction coming before the Board to an appropriate Unit or District to be heard by that organization's Disciplinary Committee.

10.5.2 With the additional concurrence of League Counsel and the Director of National Appeals refer a disciplinary matter involving primary jurisdiction coming before the Board to the Ethical Oversight Committee.

Effective Immediately.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-42: Bridge Ventures Financial Report

A sub-committee consisting of Al Levy, Jonathan Steinberg and Jim Kirkham will prepare a report about Bridge Ventures and present it at the Summer NABC 2000 meeting.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-44: Members' Notice of Suspension

All members of the ACBL Board of Directors and the suspended player's home District Recorder will receive the official "Notice of Suspension" advising them when an ACBL player has been suspended.

NOTE: This does NOT apply to suspensions by management (5.3 in the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations). It does apply to players suspended for conduct and/or ethical matters.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-45: Board of Directors' Expenses

The Board of Directors will not receive per diem or hotel expenses for the Sunday Board of Governors meeting.

Not Carried. Aye: 3, 8, 15, 16, 24

Item 001-46: Redistricting

The Chairman of the Governance Committee shall establish a sub-committee to formulate a survey that will be sent to all the districts to get their input about geographical redistricting.

Carried. Nay: 1, 7, 19, 25

Item 001-47: Unit Membership Transfer

ZIP codes (92314, 92315, 92333 and 92386) from unit 536 are transferred to unit 516.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-48: Unit 546 Transfer

The transfer of Unit 546 members to Unit 516 is approved.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-49: Disciplined Players' Masterpoint Sanctions

The ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations is revised, as appropriate, to indicate that whenever an ACBL player is suspended for one year or longer, as a result of ethical transgressions, removal of all or part of that player's ACBL masterpoints shall be part of the sanction imposed.

As a minimum, all masterpoints won within 12 months of the date the suspension takes effect shall be removed from that player's record. As a maximum, all masterpoints won within 36 months of the date the suspension takes effect shall be removed from that player's record.

Upon returning to the ACBL, previously suspended and/or expelled players may be required to play in Flight "A" events based upon their masterpoint holding at the time of their discipline. Tournament directors may use their discretion in assigning these players to the appropriate bracket in bracketed KO events.

Effective Immediately.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-50: Board of Director Lunches

Board of Directors' lunches at NABC Board of Directors meetings may be discontinued in a particular city at the discretion of the ACBL President in consultation with the CEO and Meeting Planner.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-51: Board of Director Meetings

The goal of the members of the Board of Directors is to have shorter meetings with more work being done in advance electronically and otherwise. The actual length of each meeting will be determined by the ACBL President in consultation with Management.

Carried. Nay: 17, 21 Abstain: 22

Item 001-52: Special Events at Regionals

Whenever the ACBL Board of Directors or the ACBL Executive Committee is considering holding a special event at a Regional or other District function, that District's President and District Director must be notified as far in advance as possible. These must be the first people in the District consulted, and such events must not be scheduled in their District without permission of the District.

Carried without dissent.

| APPEALS & CHARGES | | |
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| LeBendig, Chairman | | Anderson, V. Vice Chairman |
| Reeve | Gerard | Buckman |
| Piltch | | Morse |

Committee report by Chairman

Item 001-01: Disciplinary Cases

In the matter of the request for reinstatement of Dan C. Requard, ACBL # L712249:

A.. The request was denied. Mr. Requard may reapply no sooner than one year from March 9, 2000.

Carried without dissent.

B. In the matter of the sanction imposed upon Ken Warren, ACBL # O865216:

There were three issues which were heard simultaneously. The mandated review of a discipline in excess of one year's suspension, an appeal from Mr. Warren for a decrease in discipline and an appeal from the ACBL Recorder for an increase in discipline.

The committee increased Mr. Warren's discipline to expulsion. Mr. Warren may apply for reinstatement no sooner than five years from November 23, 1999.

Carried. Nay: 3, 10, 14, 15

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The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Smith on Thursday, March 9, 2000, at 8:30 am.

PRESENT: Same as Monday March 6

ALSO PRESENT: Same as Monday March 6

Key Issue Discussion Group Reports

Reports were given from the group discussing Size of the Board and the two groups discussing the Foundations. (*Exhibits 4, 5 and 6*)

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| MARKETING - Member Services | |
| Fairchild, Chairman | |
| Nist | Altus |
| | Johnson, Staff |

Committee report by Chairman

Item 001-192: First Time Membership Dues

- A. First year ACBL dues for players who have never belonged to the organization shall be \$20.00.
- B. Both the ACBL Bulletin and Better Bridge magazine will be sent the first month, and the member will have the opportunity to indicate a preference. The ACBL Bulletin will be sent if no preference is stated.

Deferred to Summer 2000

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-193: On-Line Bridge Bulletin

Management will go on-line with the Bridge Bulletin and give membership the option of having it on-line or a hard copy mailed.

Deferred to Summer 2001.

Carried without dissent.

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| MARKETING - Juniors | | |
| Smith, R, Chairman | Fleming | Raskin |
| | | Greenberg, Staff |

Committee report by Chairman

Item 001-181: WBF University Bridge Championships

The ACBL will send a USA team to participate in the University Bridge Championship in Maastricht (The Netherlands) from Saturday, August 26 until Sunday September 3. The funding shall come from the Junior Fund. No monies may come from the general fund.

Management will select six members with the approval of the ACBL President.

Carried. Nay: 4, 8, 17

Item 001-182: Junior Team Trials

The conditions of contest for the Junior Team Trials are amended to allow teams of four, five or six members to enter the event.

Carried without dissent.

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| MARKETING - Education | | |
| Steinberg, Chairman | Altus | Fleming |
| | | Greenberg, Staff |

Committee report by Chairman

Item 001-151: Bridge Education Status Report

Management's Bridge Education Status Report is received.

Carried without dissent.

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| MARKETING - Clubs | | |
| Buckman, Chairman | Lix | Wilkinson Johnson, Staff |

Committee report by Chairman

Item 001-171: Club Games

Sanctioned clubs may hold shortened regular open games (not to include any special games awarding extra masterpoints) with a minimum number of boards played of 12.

Masterpoints will be awarded at 80% of the award for open games.

Sanction Fees will be the same as for open games.

Effective as soon as can be implemented.

Carried. Nay: 2, 8, 10, 14, 15, 18, 24

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| MARKETING | | | |
| Piltch, Chairman | | Buckman, Vice Chairman | |
| Fairchild | Smith, R. | Steinberg | Altus |
| Lix | Fleming | Buckman | Nist |
| Raskin | Wilkinson | | Miller, Staff |

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 001-141: Marketing & Publicity Report

Management's marketing and publicity report is received.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-142: ACBL On-Line Bridge Activity (993-154)

- A. The report of the ad hoc On-Line Bridge Committee is approved.
1. ACBL should not refrain strategically from its own on-line bridge play offering because of concern regarding reaction from clubs or from on-line services we currently sanction or might sanction in the future. In the case of clubs ACBL is in a better position and more motivated to cross-promote face-to-face clubs than is any other on-line bridge game. In the case of other OLB services, it should be noted that in many industries entities operate at more than one level of the distribution chain (eg wholesaler and retailer) thus competing with their customers. It is assumed that, if ACBL MP sanctions are of value to OLB services, they will seek sanctions regardless of ACBL's OLB activities.
 2. ACBL should only consider entering the OLB field in some kind of "partnership" with an entity with programming resources and an established "system" - it should under no circumstances seek to develop a system itself.
 3. A "partnership" should meet the following minimum requirements:
 - a. ACBL must have the ability to offer both structured (set start time, set number of boards, MPs, etc) and unstructured games
 - b. ACBL must be identified as the "brand" for the game. While there is a preference for sole branding, a co-branding arrangement is acceptable.
 - c. ACBL must have total control over pricing (and packaging options with ACBL membership)
 - d. ACBL must have the contractual freedom to continue sanctioning other online services
 - e. ACBL must remain free to offer any other bridge-related services on-line. (excluding another OLB game service)
 - f. ACBL must have the ability to require future changes and upgrades to the system, even if they are at ACBL's expense
 - g. ACBL desires to have guaranteed access to the system for at least 10 years and must have such access for at least 7 years. ACBL, however, must be able to exit in substantially less time (see section i. below). If the partner does not wish to renew, ACBL must receive at least 12 months notice.
 - h. The partner must have a "quality" product and be a trustworthy forward-looking partner
 - i. The downside financial risk must be reasonable.
- B. Management is authorized to enter into and conclude an arrangement to offer an ACBL On-Line Bridge service provided that:
1. The policy requirements of the report are met.
 2. League Counsel first reviews the agreement for legal considerations.
 3. Any cost expensed on an annual basis must not violate the established ACBL financial guidelines.

Carried. Nay: 7, 23

BRIDGE - Conditions of Contest

Levy, Chairman
Reiman

LeBendig
Blaiss, Staff

Committee Report by Chairman.

Item 001-81: Conditions of Contest for State, Province, Country & Territory Events

The State, Province, Country and Territory preliminary Conditions of Contest are approved as follows:

Conditions of Contest State, Province and Country Championships

Residency Requirements

Each player must have a principal residence in the state, province or country (SPC) at the start of his or her participation in the event. A player's principle residence is determined by that player's ACBL Unit membership.

General Guidelines

This is an event in which each participating ACBL SPC may name a champion in each category by means of a fair competition that is not necessarily the same from SPC to SPC. The type of event must be approved by ACBL Management. There will not be a national final. The event may be flighted. With ACBL Management approval, this event or any portion may be run through an on-line service. At SPC option, each flight may be played at three or fewer levels. ACBL rules and regulations apply to all play in the event and supersede special SPC conditions in cases of conflict.

District Requirements

All districts which include a SPC within its geographical boundaries will cooperatively establish the Conditions of Contest to be approved by management. The ACBL check list for extended team games will be available for each district.

Scheduling

A SPC event may be scheduled to start after January 1st and must be concluded by December 31st of the same year. No portion of the event may be scheduled to conflict with an NABC or any International Team Trials without management's prior approval.

Entry Requirements

In addition to masterpoint requirements, if any, each player must be an ACBL member in good standing. Masterpoint requirements are as of a player's rank and masterpoint total as of the 15th of the month preceding the start of that state/province event.

Replacements and Substitutes

Issues regarding replacements and/or substitutions not addressed by the District Conditions of Contest are

resolved by using the current Vanderbilt/Spingold Conditions of Contest for team events. For other events, General Conditions of Contest for the type of event and ACBL regulations apply.

Ineligible Players and Disqualifications

When a players team is disqualified after the correction period, the disqualified team's position remains vacant. In ongoing events, teams move up one position as appropriate.

Masterpoints Awarded

Masterpoints are sectionally rated black points at all levels of play. If any portion of this event is played on-line, masterpoints are sectionally-rated transparent (unpigmented) points.

Sanctions, Directors and Fees

Sanction fees will be the same as for a sectional tournament. The event must be sanctioned on the normal extended team sanction form at least 90 days in advance of the event. The director must be a club director or higher rated except for the SPC finals which should have an ACBL tournament rated director.

Carried. Nay: 5

Item 001-82: NABC+ Events Qualifying Field

The daily qualifying field in NABC+ events shall be between 40 and 50% at the discretion of the DIC of the event. In no case will a field be reduced to less than 40% of the field.

Deferred to Fall 2000

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-83: NABC Speedball Conditions of Contest

The Conditions of contest for the NABC Speedball Championship are approved as attached. (*Exhibit 7*)

Carried. Nay: 14, 15

BRIDGE - International Events

Morse, Chairman

Retek

Wood

Anderson, V.

Hetzer, Staff

Item 001-91: USA Senior Team Representation at 2001 WBF Championships

The Fall 2000 Senior KO will determine USA senior team representation in the potential 2001 WBF Senior Championships. Should the 2001 WBF Senior Championship award unrestricted WBF masterpoints (akin to a Bermuda Bowl or Venice Cup) then a Senior ITT, administered by Management and self-supporting, will be held during the first half of 2001 to determine USA representation.

Carried. Nay: 7, 10, 12 Abstain: 2, 22

Item 001-92: 2000 Olympiad Subsidy (Maastricht, Holland)

- A.. Subsidies to the 11th World Team Bridge Olympiad will be as follows:
1. Entry fee for the USA Open Team and the USA Women's Team (2 x \$2,500 = \$5,000)
 2. Entry fee for the USA Senior Team from the net proceeds of the Senior Trials. Should the net proceeds not cover the \$1,400 entry fee, the balance will be covered from the 2000 International Fund.
- B. After payment of entry fees as stated above, the balance of the 2000 International Fund will be divided equally between the 7 (6 team members + NPC) members of the USA Open Olympiad team and the 7 (6 team members + NPC) of the USA Women's Olympiad team. In no case will the subsidy paid exceed actual expenses for hotel, airfare and per diem.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-93: 2000 IOC Grand Prix

- A. USA Open Team representation in the 2000 IOC Grand Prix will be the winning team in the 2000 Bermuda Bowl. Any augmentation needed to reach a six-man team will be chosen by the four or five-man team. Augmentees will be subject to the approval of the ACBL Board. Should this team not field at least four of their original members, the decision of USA representation to this event will be determined by the ACBL Board.

Carried. Abstain: 8, 9, 18

- B. North American representation to the Women's match (a 4-pair team) will be determined as follows:

1. The winners of the 2000 WITT. Should this team be a four-person or five-person team, the team will select augmentation to a six-person team subject to ACBL Board approval.
2. The seventh and eighth members will be selected from the Zone Two NCBO other than the USA finishing highest in the 2000 Venice Cup - Canada. The pair will be selected from the winning team of the 2000 CWNTC in a manner determined by the Canadian Bridge Federation.

Carried. Nay: 4, 23, 25 Abstain: 8, 9

- C. If the 2000 WITT winner does not field at least a 4-person team of their original team, then the 2000 Venice Cup Silver Medalist will become the representative with augmentation and selection of the seventh and eight members the same as above.

Carried without dissent.

- D. If a team remains undetermined by number two or number three above, a combination of the 2000 WITT winners and the Venice Cup silver medalists will determine the team with the 2000 WITT winners able to field as many of their team as are willing to participate with augmentation to six coming from the Venice Cup silver medalists and the addition of the seventh and eight members selected as stated above.

Carried without dissent.

- E. Concerning financial support for USA IOC representation.
1. Uniforms will be funded by the ACBL.
 2. ACBL will provide transportation cost according to current ACBL policy (supersaver round trip fare) to a team winning no prize money. If prize money won by either team is less than approved transportation cost, the difference will be paid by ACBL.

Carried. Nay: 4, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17, 22 Abstain: 2, 8

Item 001-94: 2000 Senior Team Trials

The winner of this event is eligible to represent the United States at the WBF Senior Championship (Senior Cup) in Maastricht, Netherlands, August 26-September 9, 2000 during the first week. The entry fee for the WBF event will be paid from the trials entry fees. All other expenses are the responsibility of the team selected as the United States Representative. Any net proceeds (excess of revenue from entry fees over expenses of running the trials) will be given as subsidy to the team to defray part of their expenses.

Date: June 20-24, 2000

City: Las Vegas (concurrent with the Las Vegas Regional)

- Entry Requirements: Open to teams of 4, 5 or 6 players each of whom was born on or before August 26, 1945.
- Registration: Teams must enter no later than June 19, 2000, 10 PM (Las Vegas time). Teams may enter on-site. Teams may also register in advance by regular mail (ACBL, att: Rena Hetzer, 2990 Airways Blvd, Memphis, TN, 38116) or e-mail (rheter@acbl.org). Advance entries must be received in Memphis no later than close of business June 15, 2000 and must be confirmed on-site by June 19, 2000, 10 PM Las Vegas time.
- Entry Fee: \$60 per team per session or \$120/day.
- Format: If fewer than 9 teams enter, the event will be straight Knockout with all-day matches (Head to Head or three-way, seeded by masterpoints).

If 9-12 teams enter, there will be a one day Round-Robin to reduce to 8 teams.
If 13-25 teams enter, there will be a two day Round-Robin to reduce to 8 teams.
If the entry is more than 25 teams, there will be a two day Swiss to reduce to 8 teams. When reduced to 8 teams, the event will continue as a knockout (seeded by order of finish in the qualifying) with all day matches.
- Length of Matches: In Round-Robin play, the length of matches will be determined such that approximately 60 boards are played each day (two sessions per day).
The Swiss will play a total of 16 seven board matches.
The all day knockout matches will be 64 boards.
- Masterpoints: First place overall will be 50 masterpoints (Gold). Second through fourth (for 8 or fewer teams) and first through eighth (9 or more) will be per ACBL regulations.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-95: WBF Laws Committee Representative

For the purposes of attending all WBF Laws Committee meetings to be held in Maastricht, The Netherlands in August/September, 2000, the ACBL will send a representative from the ACBL Laws Commission. This representative will be selected by the ACBL Laws Commission. The ACBL will furnish a supersaver air ticket, hotel room and per diem for not more than one week, if the representative is not otherwise compensated by the WBF or the ACBL.

Carried. Nay: 2, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 19, 20, 22

Item 001-96: ACBL's Annual World Computer Bridge Championship

Item 993-153 is amended to include the WBF's World Championships (in Maastrich this year).

The ACBL's annual World Computer Bridge Championships may be held as part of the Mind Sports Olympiad, August 2000, or the WBF's world championships, or an NABC. The current allocation of \$3,000 for this event is allowed for the WCBC activity. The coordinator selected to represent the ACBL will be allowed his/her expenses reimbursed up to a maximum of \$2,000.

Carried without dissent.

Charity Foundation Membership Meeting

The membership meeting of the Charity Foundation convened. A motion was made and seconded to table the matter of the proposed by-law change concerning trustee salary and/or expenses. The motion to table passed unanimously. The membership meeting of the Charity Foundation adjourned.

League Counsel Job Description

The job description submitted by the committee appointed by the ACBL President to compose such is approved. (*Exhibit 8*)

Key Issue Discussion Group Reports

Reports were given from the group discussing Role and Career Path of Tournament Directors and the two groups discussing the ACBL's Legislative Process. (*Exhibits 9, 10 and 11*)

BRIDGE - Special Events

Hascall, Chairman
Anderson, R.

Reeve
Blais, Staff

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 001-101: Special Events Games

Management's report on special events games is received.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-103: NAOP and GNT National Finals

All phases of the National Final for the NAOP and GNT will be played starting the final Thursday of the tournament.

Not Carried. Aye: 1, 4, 9, 10, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22

Regional Allocation Sub-Committee Report

The report of the committee is attached. (*Exhibit 12*)

BRIDGE - Tournament Regulations

Gerard, Chairman
Anderson, V.

Wood
Hascall

Reiman
LeBendig
Blais, Staff

Item 001-121: Senior KO Seeding Appendix

Management will create an appendix BSR to be effective with the 2000 Senior KO at the Fall NABC. This appendix will be patterned after the existing appendix B with the addition of scales for the Senior KO and Senior Swiss. The appendix will be submitted for approval at the 2000 Spring meeting.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-122: Bracketed KO's

The choice as to number of boards played in Regionally-rated prime-time knockout events at NABCs is up to the host organization. Management will make certain that the host organization's selection is requested and implemented.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-123: Slow Play Regulations

Management shall publicize the regulations regarding slow play. Directors shall be instructed to actively monitor slow play and to assess warnings and penalties for violations of these regulations.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-125: NABC Starting Times

The default starting times for the prime-time sessions at NABCs for all events is 1 and 7:30 P.M. After consultation with District and Unit officials when circumstances (e.g., not many walking-distance restaurants of all types and insufficient cab service available) warrant, management may set the above times to 1 and 8:00 PM. Should Management elect to institute the latter times, the ACBL Board of Directors will be informed twelve months before the NABC.

Effective Summer 2001 NABC

Carried. Nay: 3, 5, 6, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 24

Item 001-126: International Fund

- A. Contributions of \$1.00 per player per session for all NABC+ events will be deposited into the International fund. Entry fees from those NABC+ event that currently pay into the Fund would be reduced by \$.50 per player per session. Entry fees for all other NABC+ events will be increased by \$1.00 to cover this contribution.

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Carried. Nay: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 17 Abstain: 18, 21

- B. No pairs as well as the Rosenblum Teams or the McConnell Teams will receive funds or subsidies from the International Fund for the WBF World Pairs Championship (every four years).

Effective immediately.

Carried. Nay: 5, 7, 25 Abstain: 1, 2, 18, 24

- C. An additional \$25 per team per session will be added to the entry fees of the WITT and ITT. These funds will go to the International Fund.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Abstain: 1, 2, 18

Item 001-127: NCBO Non-Members

Members of NCBO's not within Zone II shall be exempt from the dollar per session non-member surcharge at NABCs.

Not Carried. Aye: 25

Item 001-128: Bid Boxes

At the conclusion of an auction using bidding boxes the cards shall remain out until the opening lead has been selected.

Deferred to Fall 2000 so that management will have sufficient time to arrange with sponsor approval, test marketing at selected clubs, sectionals and regionals. This is also referred to Convention and Competitions Committee for input.

Carried without dissent.

Item 001-202: Audit Firm

The verbal report of the Audit review committee is received. The firm of Jackson-Howell is approved as the 2000-2001 audit firm.

Carried without dissent.

Closing Remarks

It was moved by Retek and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 11 and its units, including District Director Jim Reiman and Tournament Chairman Patty Eber and all the other chair persons and numerous volunteers, plus a thanks to the Hyatt Regency and Regal hotels for their fine cooperation.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board adjourned *sine die* at 5:00 p.m.