

**Minutes of the
ACBL Board of Governors
St. Louis, MO
March 11, 2007**

Linda Mamula, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday, March 11, 2007, at 9:35 a.m.

Opening Remarks

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held November 19, 2006 in Honolulu, HI are approved.

Carried.

President's report

President Fairchild thanked the many volunteers, teachers, staff and Board of Governors for a great year. She stressed the importance of making new players feel welcome.

CEO's Report

Jay Baum presented the CEO's report. (Exhibit A)

League Counsel's Report

Peter Rank presented the League Counsel's report. (Exhibit B)

Treasurer's Report

Jerry Fleming, ACBL Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. (Exhibit C)

Chairman's Report

Chairman Mamula presented her report on the meeting of the Board of Directors. (Exhibit D)

Motions for Reconsideration

Moved by Diana Schuld, District 24, and seconded that Item 071-63 ACBL Special Club Games be reconsidered by the ACBL Board of Directors.

Carried.

Original motion reads:

Item 071-63: ACBL Special Club Games

All special club games that award "triple," or similar masterpoint awards and charge special fees (\$4/table for example) be changed as follows:

1. The sanction fee will be \$2/table
2. The masterpoint awards will be more in line with "double" masterpoints
3. The field must be seeded
4. Sections of dissimilar rank (For example, Open versus Intermediate) may not be combined for overall awards
5. The funds will go into a "Special Fund" to be distributed based on need or whatever criteria is deemed appropriate. The funds will be distributed to, among others, the Charity Foundation, Educational Foundation, funding players to play in International events, funding juniors to play in Junior events, and other activities or associations that may be deemed appropriate.
6. Clubs may schedule one special game per month per sanctioned session.

Motion failed: Aye: 1, 24.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Moved by Jay Apfelbaum, District 4, and seconded, that a committee be created to establish a system to handicap matchpoint games. This handicap formula will allow players of all skill levels to compete directly with established experts and thereby reduce the demand for events where players are segregated by skill level or masterpoints. The committee will include ACBL Board of Directors, Board of Governors and management appointees, who will have access to ACBL resources as needed.

Specific objections, to the extent reasonable, will include, without being limited thereby:

1. Using a weighted total of the masterpoint holdings of both players, including those carried in the past years and the rate at which they were earned, as at least some of the factors to create the formula.
2. Creating a weight factor so competitors may earn masterpoints from either the open (non-handicapped) masterpoint chart or the handicapped masterpoint chart.

Carried.

Moved by Roni Atkins, District 5, and seconded that the Board of Governors members who serve on the Competitions and Conventions committee receive the same free play coupon as other members who serve.

Carried.

Approval of New Life Masters

Moved by Aileen Osofsky, District 24, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status (#85,864 to #86,556) will be designated as Life Masters.

Carried unanimously.

Thanks for Hospitality

Moved by Aileen Osofsky (District 24) and carried unanimously, that the sincere thanks of the Board of Governors will be extended to District 8 and its units, District Director Georgia Heth, Tournament Co-Chairs Mike Carmen and Glenn Smith and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the Renaissance Grand and Suites Hotel for its fine cooperation.

Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 10:45 a.m.