The meeting was called to order by President Harriette Buckman on March 27, at 9:05 a.m.

Present: George Retek #1, Jonathan Steinberg #2, Joan Gerard #3, Craig Robinson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Nadine Wood #6, Bruce Reeve #7, Georgia Heth #8, Shirley Seals #9, Bill Cook #10, Jim Reiman #11, Bill Arlinghaus #12, Harriette Buckman #13, Gus Doty #14 (2nd Alternate), Phyllis Harlan #15, Dan Morse #16, Jerry Fleming #17, Richard Anderson #18, Barbara Nist #19, Jeffrey Taylor #20, Roger Smith #21, Jim Kirkham #22, Alan LeBendig #23, Al Levy #24, Richard DeMartino #25.

Absent: Sue Himel

Also Present: Linda Mamula, Chairman Board of Governors; Peter Rank, League Counsel; Jay Baum, ACBL CEO; Jack Zdancewicz, CFO; Rick Beye, CTD; Gary Blaiss, EAO; Linda Granell, DOM; and staff Nancy Foy, Julie Greenberg, Jim Miller, Carol Robertson, and Kelley McGuire.

Approval of Denver CO Minutes

The Denver CO minutes are approved with the following correction:

Item 053-75: NAP/GNT Conditions of Contest

The Conditions of Contest for the GNT and NAP are amended to reflect:

H. If a player wishes an exception from the requirements of sections A and B above, he must begin the process for the NAP by April 1 and the GNT by July 1 in the year he wishes to participate. Players must seek permission in writing from the District Directors of the District in which he lives and the District in which he wishes to play. Both District Directors must agree for the exception to be granted. For the Open Flight in the GNT and Flight A of the NAP, this written permission from both District Directors will be forwarded to the Credentials Committee for final approval. If the District Directors do not agree the exception will not be granted. There is no appeal from these decisions.

Carried.
Item 061-175: Ratification of Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting (s) are ratified.

Carried.

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 27, 2006

The Executive Committee met today at 5:30 p.m. CST, by conference call to consider bringing charges against John Lyddon for filing suit against ACBL without exhausting his administrative remedies.

Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee, Harriette Buckman, President; Roger Smith, Chairman; Jerry Fleming, Treasurer (non-voting), Joan Gerard, Sue Himel (1st Alternate to Central Zone) and Alan LeBendig.

Absent: Jim Reiman

Also present: Peter Rank, League Counsel; Jay Baum, CEO; Gary Blaiss, EAO; and Kelley McGuire.

Harriette Buckman called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

The following resolution was approved unanimously by the ACBL Executive Committee:

In accordance with 2.2.3 (d) of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) and at the request of Management and based upon Management’s complaint, on behalf of the ACBL Board of Directors charges against John Lyddon (grounds for discipline CDR 3.10) , ACBL # R087591 are referred to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee for a decision .

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Item 061-176: Election of ACBL Treasurer

Jerry Fleming is elected as ACBL Treasurer for a one-year term May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007.

Carried.
Non-Agenda Items

Amendment to CDR - Appeals & Charges

Reconsideration Item

2013 Fall NABC - Full Board

ACBL CEO Report

The report of CEO Jay Baum is received. (Exhibit A)

Special Committee

President Buckman established a Risk Management Committee which will include members of the Governance and Appeals & Charges, the Chair of the Board of Governors Linda Mamula, and staff.

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The meeting was called to order by President Harriette Buckman on Wednesday, March 29, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Monday, March 27
Also Present: Same as Monday, March 27, with the addition of Brenda Atwill.

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan was reviewed and updated.

Bridgemat Wireless Scoring System

Mr. Ron Bouwland with Bridge Systems presented the Bridgemat program.

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Executive Session

At approximately 1:30 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

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Item 061-25: USA - Canada Friendship Trophy

In conjunction with celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Goodwill Committee, the districts on the USA – Canadian border intend to recognize interest in promoting bridge and bringing closer players from both sides of the border. Establishment of a new Trophy for the 2006 to 2013 years is proposed. It will consist of eight games (D19 & D19; D18 & D18, D5 or 12 or 13 or 14 & D2; D3 or 4 or 25 & D1).

Starting from West to East each year one game at one side of the border will be designated as the Friendship Trophy game. It is suggested that this game will be the final Swiss or KO event of the Regional or NABC (regional event) tournament.

The winning team members will receive a replica of the Friendship Trophy that will be displayed throughout the tournament.

Motion failed: Aye: 1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21.

Item 061-26: ACBL Units

Item 061-26: ACBL Units (053-30)

B. The application for and acceptance of a charter constitutes an agreement to the following:

A Unit in good standing of the ACBL shall agree to the following:

Units of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) are authorized by and accountable to the ACBL Board of Directors and ACBL management in the operation of sanctioned bridge activities by means of a charter process. Units must be organized and operated in accordance with the purposes of ACBL. They must comply with ACBL Bylaws, rules and regulations, as well as with all governmental (national, state, provincial and local) laws, rules and regulations. Failure to comply may result in censure, suspension, expulsion or other discipline in accordance with regulations established by the ACBL Board of Directors.

The relationship of the ACBL to each of its chartered Units is that of an independent organization. This relationship shall not create any association, joint venture, partnership or agency relationship of any kind between a Unit and the
ACBL. Unless expressly agreed to in writing, neither party is authorized to incur any liability, obligation or expense on behalf of the other, to use the other's monetary credit in conducting its activities or to represent to any third party that either is an agent of the other.

- A Unit warrants that it is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in good standing or that it is an unincorporated association in good standing as defined by the state or other government authority in which the Unit has its primary place of business, and that it shall remain in good standing.
- A Unit shall support the mission, vision, goals and objectives of the ACBL as appropriate to the Unit.
- A Unit accepts and acknowledges that it has been granted a conditional Charter under the authority of the ACBL. Further, this Unit accepts and acknowledges that the privileges granted to the Unit under this conditional Charter may be withdrawn according to the rules and regulations of the ACBL.
- A Unit shall bear sole and complete responsibility and liability for its financial affairs. On an annual basis, any excess of unit revenues over expenditures shall remain under the control of this Unit. This Unit also shall bear sole and complete responsibility for any deficit of unit revenues over expenditures.

C. By acceptance of its portion of membership dues reimbursement, each existing chartered unit shall re-affirm its agreement to the above.

Carried. Nay: 1, 10 Absent: 4, 25.

**Item 061-27: ACBL Board Reimbursement**

Members of the Board of Directors will receive reimbursement for hotel room through the last scheduled board meeting date and per diem for the day following the last board meeting date. The President and Treasurer, who must give reports to the Board of Governors, will be reimbursed for per diem through the day of the Board of Governors meeting and for their hotel room for the previous day. Attendance at the Board of Governors meeting will no longer be required for members of the Board of Directors.

Effective date: July 1, 2006
Estimated savings: $35,000

Motion Failed: Aye: 10, 11
**Item 061-28: ACBL Laws Commission**

A. The ACBL Laws Commission members shall be appointed by the President after consultation with the Chairman subject to Board confirmation.

B. The Laws Commissions Chairman is elected by the Committee subject to Board confirmation.

Deferred to Summer 2006 NABC meeting.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 061-29: ACBL Disciplinary Committee**

A. The ACBL Disciplinary Committee members shall be appointed by the President after consultation with the Chairman subject to Board confirmation.

B. The Chairman is elected by the Committee subject to Board confirmation.

Deferred to Summer 2006 NABC meeting.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 061-30: Competition and Conventions Committee**

A. The Competition and Conventions Committee members shall be appointed by the President after consultation with the Chairman subject to Board confirmation.

B. The Chairman is elected by the Committee for a one year term, rotating at least every three years, subject to Board confirmation.

Deferred to Summer 2006 NABC meeting.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 061-31: Ethical Oversight Committee**

A. The Ethical Oversight Committee members shall be appointed by the President after consultation with the Chairman subject to Board approval.
B. The Chairman is elected by the Committee subject to Board approval.

Deferred to Summer 2006 NABC meeting.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 061-32: Hall of Fame Committee**

A. The Hall of Fame Committee members shall be appointed by the President after consultation with the Chairman subject to Board confirmation.

B. The Chairman is elected by the Committee for a three year term subject to Board confirmation.

Deferred to Summer 2006 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 061-33: Unit Bylaws**

The suggested format for Unit Bylaws Item 723-1 is rescinded. A new model for Unit Bylaws will be forthcoming.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 061-34: Non-ACBLscore Club Fees**

Board Resolution 052-12 is amended as follows:

B. Clubs not using ACBLscore to submit their monthly financial and masterpoint reports must pay an additional $2.00 per game sanction fee. If Management believes the extra fee creates a hardship and is a detriment to bridge in the area, it may waive the extra fee for a sanction conducting 1-3 sessions a week averaging fewer than 10 tables per session.

   Effective January 1, 2007

Carried unanimously.
Board Resolutions (033-02) and (042-46) are amended as follows:

A. The ACBL CEO or his or her designee shall maintain and administer membership disciplinary files and records to include decisions of the hearing body wherein there was a finding of any guilt or responsibility (irrespective of whether a discipline was issued) or the committee referred the matter to a Recorder.

B. Notices of discipline shall contain, in addition to the discipline issued by the hearing committee, an explanation of what that discipline involves and a description of the offense by number and titles per Appendix C of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations.

C. Notices of discipline shall be sent routinely to:
   1. The person disciplined.
   2. The ACBL Board of Directors.
   3. The President, Secretary and Recorder of the District in which the disciplined person is a member.
   4. The President, Secretary and Recorder of the Unit in which the disciplined person is a member.
   5. The appropriate Federation.
   6. The ABA.
   7. ACBL CEO.
   8. ACBL staff as determined by the ACBL CEO.
   9. The complainant.
   10. The appropriate appellate body chairperson.
   11. WBF if the player is a member of an NBO outside Zone 2.

D. The disciplinary committee report on request shall be made available to (in accordance with CDR 5.2.9 the complainant and the disciplined person receive a copy of the report):
   1. The ACBL CEO.
   2. ACBL staff as determined by the ACBL CEO.
   3. A member or members of the ACBL Board upon a determination by the ACBL President that such request is for a proper ACBL business purpose.

E. A person's ACBL disciplinary record or material therefrom may be made available only to:
   1. The person who is the subject of the record upon request.
   2. A disciplinary hearing committee when that person has been found guilty of a charge and the committee is considering discipline to be imposed.
   3. The ACBL President or ACBL when the person is being considered for appointment to an ACBL position or ACBL employment.
   4. An Officer of the Court upon presentation of a subpoena.
   5. A law enforcement officer without a subpoena when an urgency exists involving a criminal matter.

F. Upon request from the Chairperson or Chairpersons of the Hall of Fame Committee, a list of previous ACBL disciplines, if any, issued by an ACBL disciplinary
committee with an explanation of what each discipline involves for each prospective nominee shall be given to the Hall of Fame Committee.

G. Information provided to the ACBL Appeals and Charges Committee and the ACBL Disciplinary Committee (when impaneled as an appellate committee) and parties to an appeal to either body.

1. The above committees are sent:
   a. A copy of the written appeal and all supporting documents submitted by the appellant.
   b. All information included in the record from previous bodies that have heard the case.
   c. A summary of the past disciplinary record of the person(s) charged and or disciplined.
   d. Documents concerning procedural issues or administrative matters.
   e. Any other information by instruction of the chairperson.

2. The parties to the appeal (complainant charged person, original committee, the appellant, and ACBL if the appellant) are each sent prior to the hearing:
   a. A copy of the written appeal and all supporting documents submitted by the appellant.
   b. Any information for the committee submitted in a timely manner by any party to the appeal.
   c. All information included in the record from previous bodies that have heard the case,
   d. Other information at the instruction of the chairperson.

3. The committees and parties to the appeal are apprised of:
   a. Date, time and place of hearing.
   b. Any rights dictated by the Code of Disciplinary Regulations.
   c. The opportunity to appear by telephone as well as in person.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 061-36: Transfer of Counties**

Members of Washington, Russell, Wythe, Smith, Lee, Wise, Dickenson, Buchanan, Scott counties and the city of Bristol VA in District 6, Unit 231 per request are transferred to District 7, Unit 165 in order to make it practical to participate in NAP and GNT events without making a seven hour drive to Washington DC.

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously.
**Item 061-37: ACBL Foundations**

The members of the Charity Foundation and the Educational Foundation (the ACBL Board of Directors) shall meet in a special session to discuss the combining of the two foundations into a single Foundation. This new "combined" Foundation shall fund educational, charitable, social, scientific and historical endeavors that either promote bridge or are for the benefit of bridge players.

Deferred to Summer 2006 NABC.

Carried. Nay: 24

**Item 061-39: Audit Committee Membership**

Effective January 1, 2007 the committee will be comprised of three members of the Board of Directors who are not currently officers of the board and who have not been officers during the current year and previous year.

Effective January 1, 2007

Carried unanimously.

**Item 061-40: ACBL Laws Commission Selection Criteria**

A: The Members of the ACBL Laws Commission may not be "sitting members" of the Board of Directors of ACBL. A person suggested for appointment to the ACBL Laws Commission must have not been a member of the ACBL Board of Directors for at least one year. Board members who are currently serving on the Laws Commission are exempt from this motion and will serve their full terms on the Laws Commission.

Effective April 1, 2006


B. Members of the ACBL Laws Commission may not be ACBL employees, including salaried tournament directors. A person suggested for appointment to the ACBL Laws Commission must have not been an employee of ACBL for at least one year.
Tournament directors and other employees of the ACBL who are currently serving on the Laws Commission are exempt from this motion and will serve their full terms on the Laws Commission.


**Item 061-42: Election Regulations**

The election regulations are approved. (Exhibit B).

Effective Immediately.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 061-43: NABC Starting Times**

The first session of each NABC+ event will have the same starting times each day throughout the length of the event. There may be an exception for the final Sunday of an NABC.


**APPEALS & CHARGES**

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Committee Report by Chairman

**Item 061-01: Report of Disciplinary Hearings**

1. In the matter of the appeal of the Ethical Oversight Committee decision to expel Andrea Buratti, ACBL # 9891552, and Massimo Lanzarotti, ACBL # 9891560 participating by phone: The decision of the Ethical Oversight Committee was upheld.

2. In the matter of the appeal of the District 17 Appellate Committee's decision to remove all disciplines imposed against Clark Ransom, ACBL # 0984169, by the Unit 351 Disciplinary Committee: The decision of the District 17 Appellate Committee is upheld.

Carried.
Item 061-02: Code of Disciplinary Regulations

Section 5.1.12 (c) of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations (sexual harassment policy) is amended as follows:

At its first meeting subsequent to an ACBL Management decision to impose discipline, the Appeals and Charges Committee shall make an automatic review of the discipline imposed by ACBL Management. Such reviews shall be consistent with the procedures at appellate review, except that the accused party shall be entitled to present evidence and witnesses at the review hearing.

Carried unanimously.

JUNIORS
Fairchild (C) Wood (VC)
Arlinghaus, Fleming, Doty, Nist, Seals, Steinberg, Taylor Staff: Granell
Committee Report by Chairman

Item 061-150: ACBL World Junior Camp

Starting in 2007, and every other year following, ACBL will hold an ACBL junior camp in North America, run entirely under the direction of the ACBL and open to Juniors from around the world. Regulations for the camp to follow.


Item 061-152: World Junior Individual Championship

The ACBL Board of Directors accepts the invitation of the World Bridge Federation to host the second World Junior Individual Championship in 2007. This event will be held in Nashville at the site of the summer NABC. Financial participation for ACBL will be limited to $17,000, provided from the junior fund.

Carried. Nay: 5, 9, 10, 13.

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The meeting was called to order by President Harriette Buckman on Thursday, March 30, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday, March 29
Also Present: Same as Wednesday, March 29
ACBL CFO Report

The report of CFO Jack Zdancewicz is received. (Exhibit C)

League Counsel Report

The report of League Counsel Peter Rank on the status of litigation is received. (Exhibit D)

BRIDGE

Reiman (C)       Levy (VC)
Arlinghaus, DeMartino, Doty, Gerard, Kirkham, LeBendig, Reeve, Seals
Steinberg, Taylor, Wood                            Staff: Beye
Committee Report by Chairman

Item 061-55: NABC Senior Knockout Teams

The Senior Knockout Teams at the Fall NABC will start on Friday instead of Sunday. Pre-registration will close at 11:00 AM the day of the event. The special conditions allowing a re-scheduling of the final will be deleted.

Referred to the Conditions of Contest Committee, Summer 2006 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

Item 061-56: Unit and District Special Games

The Masterpoint Committee will consider making the masterpoint rating and fees for unit and district games (other than tournaments) competitive and in line with the ratings and fees for special games at clubs.

Referred to the Masterpoint Committee.

Carried unanimously.

Item 061-57: Flight B and C Masterpoint Awards

The deductions for masterpoints awarded in Flight B and Flight C events and portions of events will be increased if the limits of these events are higher than 1000 points for Flight B and 500 points for Flight C. This will be accomplished by lowering the deduction from twenty percent for every 250 points the limit is raised in Flight B and for every 100 points in Flight C. Each increment will lower the deduction two percent to a maximum of ten percent lower.
Estimated cost/savings: This should be revenue positive as it is a change that should make our members happier.

Referred to the Masterpoint Committee.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 061-58: Regional Pair Events**

Regional Pair Events of two sessions or more shall receive credit for the average number of tables in I/N pair events and Side Game series sessions held simultaneously with the pair event. Overall awards for the pair events shall be calculated during the final session after counts are available from the other events.

Estimated cost/savings: The cost of programming will be absorbed by increased attendance in these events.

Referred to the Masterpoint Committee.

Carried. Nay: 7, 9, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23.

**Item 061-59: Masterpoint Holdings**

The ACBL website, which lists the all-time top MP holders, shall include the names of the deceased.

Motion Failed: Aye: 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 24, 25.

**Item 061-60: Bridge Status Report**

The Bridge status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

AUDIT

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Committee Report by Chairman
Item 061-177: Ratification of Audit Firm

A. Jackson, Howell and Associates are approved as the 2006 Audit firm.

Carried unanimously.

B. No member of the Finance Committee shall be allowed to serve concurrently on the Audit Committee.

Motion failed: Nay: 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25. Abstain: 22.

INSURANCE

Retek (C)
Afdahl, Cook, DeMartino, Harlan, Peter Morse, Kirkham, Reeve, Robinson

Staff: Zdancewicz
Committee Report by Chairman

Insurance Status Report

The insurance committee status report is received.

Carried.

INTERNATIONAL & ZONAL

Kirkham (C) Retek (VC)
Anderson, Gerard, LeBendig, Levy, Morse, Reiman

Staff: Blaiss
Committee Report by Chairman

Item 061-140: WBF Dues

The WBF will be informed that our Board believes that the dream of being part of the Olympics is not going to come to pass and the increase in dues from ten cents to fifty cents per member is no longer warranted. We believe that the dues beginning in 2007 should be reduced substantially.

Effective January 1, 2007
Estimated savings: More than 10,000

Motion failed: Aye: 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 17, 21, 23. Abstain: 22.
Item 061-105: Marketing Status Report

The marketing status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

Item 061-106: Education Status Report

The education status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

Item 061-160: Special Events Report

Special events status report is received.

Carried unanimously.

Item 061-15: 2006 Capital Budget

The Capital Budget is approved.

Carried unanimously.
Item 061-16: Motions having +/- $10,000 Impact

Any motion submitted to the Agenda with an anticipated cost of more than $10,000 or that will have a $10,000 or more savings will be automatically sent to the Finance Committee for input.

Effective May 1, 2006.

Carried unanimously.

Item 061-17: Hawaii Per Diem

The per diem rate for the Hawaii NABC will be set at $54 per day.

Motion failed: Aye: 1, 2, 10, 13, 16, 20.

Item 061-18: Tournament Directors Shirts

A. The ACBL will provide two monogrammed shirts annually to all Tournament Directors who are either salaried, full-time or extended part time (currently about 60 TDs). Most of the directors already own shirts, purchased at their own expense. Adding two new shirts per year should be sufficient to provide for replacement as the shirts become worn.

Additionally, at Management's discretion, a few additional shirts should be ordered without names for use by part-timers who are assigned to an occasional NABC tournament. These shirts will be made available for part-time TDs through Tournament Headquarters at NABCs.

Motion failed: Aye: 12. Abstain: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24.

B. We no longer require (force) the TDs to dress up in suits or other formal attire at our NABCs as long as they dress in the attire (ACBL shirts) approved and used for other days at NABCs.

**Item 061-19: International Fund Fee**

The entry fees for all events at NABCs currently surcharged $1.50 for the International fund shall be reduced by $1.00 and no contribution to the International fund be made from these events. Excluded are the events specifically for funding the International Fund.

Effective beginning with our Fall NABC of 2006.

Estimated cost: $16,000

Motion failed. Aye: 5, 7, 9, 17, 22, 23.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Item 061-178: ACBL Disciplinary Committee Appointments**

Jeff Polisner, Chuck Burger and Jeff Miller are appointed to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee for a three-year term, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

Carried.

**Item 061-179: Competition and Conventions Committee**

Henry Bethe and Jeff Meckstroth are appointed to the Competition and Conventions Committee for a three-year term, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

Bob Hamman, Chip Martel, Bob Schwartz, Steve Beatty and Doug Doub, are appointed to the Competition and Conventions Committee for a one-year term, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

**Item 061-180: Ethical Oversight Committee**

Peter Boyd, Bart Bramley, Larry Cohen, Gail Greenberg and Howard Weinstein are appointed to the Ethical Oversight Committee for a three-year term, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

**Item 061-181: Hall of Fame Committee**

John Carruthers, Mel Colchamiro and Steve Robinson are appointed to the Hall of Fame Committee for a three-year term, Spring 2006 through Spring 2008.
Item 061-183: Reconsideration of Fall 2013 NABC

The Board of Governors request that the ACBL Board of Directors reconsider Item 053-141, to approve an NABC in Montreal, PQ for the Fall 2013. Additionally local personnel should assist with the negotiations.

Motion Failed. Aye: 1.

2007 Fall Meeting San Francisco

The Fall 2007 Board of Directors meetings will be three days, Sunday, November 18 through Tuesday, November 20.

Carried. Nay: 5, 6, 9, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22. Abstain: 14, 18, 23.

Closing Remarks

It was moved by Retek and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 16 and its units, District Director Dan Morse, Tournament Chair Gerrie Owen and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the Hyatt Regency Dallas for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned sine die at 4:15p.m.