



Charged Party(ies) ACBL # Hearing Date

Disciplinary Body Hearing Location

Charging Party ACBL# Complainant ACBL#

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO HEARD THE CHARGES

Name	ACBL #	Name	ACBL #
Tim White, Chairman	M029585	Georgia Heth	N638399
Dennis Carman	O828450	Larry Sealy	P541643
Deana Liddy	P205082		

INDIVIDUALS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE HEARING (excluding committee members)

Name	ACBL#	Via	Capacity	Name	ACBL#	Via	Capacity
Jeff Edelstein	O200338	web conf.	Adv-Charging P			Select One	Select One
Justin Coniglio	Q809461	web conf.	Adv-Charging P			Select One	Select One
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EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENTS PRESENTED (Summarize evidence and arguments presented including testimony. If additional space is needed, continue on page 3 of this hearing report.) (Note: provide new documentary evidence introduced during the hearing to the Office of National Recorder)

A Negotiated Resolution packet was provided to the Committee by the Compliance Coordinator. It contained Procedural Summary, Factors Considered by the Charging Party, a Negotiated Resolution, Membership Profiles, Recorder Complaint and Charge Letter.

The Negotiated Resolution included a statement from Mr. Lietzow as follows: "Because I am a slow and sometimes forgetful player, Carol and I began talking on the phone during the games. What we said was nothing different from what we would have said in F2F games prior to BBO. The talk not only helped me keep pace, but it also broke the silent boredom of living alone during COVID. As time went on, we began exchanging unauthorized information, realizing and rationalizing we were doing so not to fall behind, not finishing the final board in the round. Such action was regretful, in violation of ACBL rules, and unfair to all the other players in our games."

COMMITTEE FINDINGS OF FACT (based on the evidence, state the committee's conclusion as to what happened)

In the Matter of Bill Lietzow, the Committee approved the Negotiated Resolution entered into by him and ACBL Management in which Mr. Lietzow admitted to a violation of CDR 301(A)(2) Collusive Cheating: Online. Mr. Lietzow agreed to a penalty of 6 months suspension, 2 years probation during which he is prohibited from playing with Carol Abramowitz, and forfeiture of 10% of his current Masterpoint total. Mr. Lietzow will be a Member "Not in Good Standing" during the length of his probationary period.

DECISION (click on the box next to Not Responsible or Responsible of violating the CDR to add a check mark.)

Not Responsible

Responsible

CDR GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE Type the section(s) and description(s) found in CDR 3 which led to the discipline).

301(A)(2) Collusive Cheating: Online. "Online Collusive Cheating" is the exchange or transmission of information between two or more people, at least one of whom is a contestant in an online bridge competition, in any manner not expressly permitted by Law 73. The information need not be actually used by a player to prove a Violation under this section. This section includes agreements made by persons who are not partners or contestants, including, but not limited to kibitzers or teammates.

DISCIPLINE (Unless a discipline begins immediately, which requires you to complete a Notice of Immediate Discipline, all begin dates should start at least five days after you submit this hearing Report to the Office of National Recorder.

Disciplined Party is convicted of premeditated or collusive cheating (or has admitted to such action), CDR 4.1.8 (a) YES NO

If yes, all masterpoints, titles and ACBL status ranks and other ACBL related awards earned by the disciplined party will be forfeited. These penalties also apply to the teammates and partners while playing with the disciplined party during the seven years preceding the date the Charges were brought through and including the date of this final decision.

	Start Date	End Date	Additional Requirements/Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> REPRIMAND		N/A	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROBATION	7/28/2023	7/27/2025	2 years; Excluded from playing with Carol Abramowitz during probationary period.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUSPENSION	1/28/2023	7/27/2023	6 months

Is the disciplined party Suspended because of an Ethical Violation (CDR 4.1.8 (b))? YES NO

If yes, the masterpoints and titles won in the event by the disciplined party, partners and teammates in which the offense occurred will be forfeited.

Is the Suspension imposed due to an Ethical Violation more than one year (CDR 4.1.8 (b))? YES NO

If yes, the MPs, titles or other ACBL related award earned by the discipline party within twelve months preceding the date of the offense will be forfeited.

EXPULSION N/A

SUSPENDED SENTENCE (only used in conjunction with an imposed Suspension from above that you have converted to Probation). State the condition of the sentence below

EXCLUSION from Events and Programs (list the exclusions and the dates of the events or activities). CDR 4.1.6

REDUCTION OR FORFEITURE of Masterpoints (MP) or Tournament Rank or Disqualification.

Forfeiture of 10% total Masterpoints.

The teammates and partners will also receive these penalties in the event in which the offense occurred.

STATE THE OFFENSE(S) FROM APPENDIX B, CHART 1 and/or CHART 2 OF THE CDR

N/A

The discipline imposed above is **SELECT** the recommended guidelines of Appendix B, Chart 1 and/or Chart 2.

If it is **OUTSIDE** the guidelines, a reason must be stated below.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED (CHAIR)

/s/ Tim White

Date: 1/19/23

Electronic Signature (type name above)

Wet Signature (sign above)