



Charged Party(ies)	Burton Goodman Nina Gottlieb	ACBL #	J292048 K096730	Hearing Date	NR review 03/06/2021
Disciplinary Body	Appeals and Charges Committee	Hearing Location	Web conference using Zoom		
Charging Party	Joseph Jones	ACBL#	5399696	Complainant	Robb Gordon ACBL# K652927

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO HEARD THE CHARGES

Name	ACBL #	Name	ACBL #
A.J. Stephani, Chairman	Q368694	Jeff Overby	O879926
Dennis Carman	O828450	Laurie Rowe	P508832
Margot Hennings	N242118	Tim White	M029585
Deana Liddy	P205082		

INDIVIDUALS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE HEARING (excluding committee members)

Name	ACBL#	Via	Capacity	Name	ACBL#	Via	Capacity
		Select One	Select One	Lawrence Gottlieb		web conf.	Adv-Charged P
Robb Gordon	K652927	web conf.	Adv-Charging P			Select One	Select One
Burton Goodman	J292048	web conf.	Charged Party			Select One	Select One
Nina Gottlieb	K096730	web conf.	Charged Party			Select One	Select One

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 by the Compliance Coordinator to the committee. It included the following: Negotiated Resolutions, Charge Letter, Recorder Complaint, and the Charged Parties' confirmation of receipt of the Charged Party's Rights and Charged Party's Tips.

Mr. Goodman and Ms. Gottlieb provided the following statement in his Negotiated Resolution: "My partner and I communicated on the telephone during games on the website Bridge Base Online."

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

In the matter of Nina Gottlieb and Burton Goodman, the Committee approved a Negotiated Resolution entered into by the parties and ACBL management in which they admitted a violation of CDR § 301(A)(2), Collusive Cheating: Other. They each agreed to a Suspension of 180 days, beginning 2/1/2021, followed by a Probation of 2 years and a forfeiture of all Masterpoints won in November and December, 2020. They will not be Members in Good Standing during the length of their Probationary periods.

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.

CDR 301A(2) Collusive Cheating: Other. "Collusive Cheating" is an agreement, whether implicit or explicit, made between two or more people, other than Collusive Signaling, to affect the outcome of a competition in any manner not expressly permitted by Law 73. Neither person need be a contestant to be charged under this section.

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 type="checkbox"/> Letter of Reprimand Attached
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROBATION	07/31/2021	07/30/2023	2 years - both parties
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUSPENSION	02/01/2021	07/30/2021	180 days - both parties

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.

Remove MPs earned from Nov 1, 2020 - Dec 31, 2020

Remove MPs earned for the entire tournament in which the offense occurred

Reduction of rank in the event in which the offense occurred

Disqualification in the tournament

Disqualification in the event in which offense occurred

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/ A.J. Stephani

Date: 3/10/21

Electronic Signature (type name above)

Wet Signature (sign above)