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**PANEL REPORT
 NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION REVIEW
 BEFORE THE APPEALS AND CHARGES COMMITTEE**

Date of Review	3/26/2024 (revised 8/6/2024)		Case No.	2024-ACBL-22				
CDR Version	2/1/2024	CDR Violation	301(A)(2) Collusive Cheating Online					
Disciplined Party	Melinda Dahlman		ACBL #	O673767	District	3	Unit	186
Disciplined Party	N/A		ACBL #	N/A	District	N/A	Unit	N/A
Disciplined Party's Advocate	Dan Boye		ACBL #	O844138				
Charging Party	Jeff Edelstein		ACBL #	O200338				
Charging Party's Advocate	N/A		ACBL #	N/A				
Panelists	Larry Sealy		ACBL #	P541643				
	Tim White		ACBL #	M029585				
	Jackie Zayac		ACBL #	P386273				

SUMMARY OF REVIEW:

The Panel reviewed the following documents: Negotiated Resolution dated March 25, 2024, membership profile, Ethics Certification and Fair Play Pledge, and Notice of Intent to Initiate Arbitration before the IBA.

The Panel approved the Negotiated Resolution agreed to by the party and ACBL Management, in which Ms. Dahlman admitted to a violation of CDR 301(A)(2): Collusive Cheating Online (CDR effective February 1, 2024). Ms. Dahlman agreed to a penalty of 15 months' suspension, followed by 2 years' probation during which she is prohibited from playing in ACBL sanctioned online games with Carolyn Bernstein during the first year of her probationary period, and forfeiture of 10% of her current Masterpoint total. She will be a member "Not in Good Standing."



ADMISSION OF VIOLATION:

Ms. Dahlman provided the following admission:

“I, Melinda Dahlman, while playing bridge on BBO in ACBL sanctioned tournaments with Carolyn Bernstein, would exchange information pertaining to our hands during the auction and when on defense by talking on the telephone. I am very sorry for violating the ACBL code of conduct in this manner.”

DISCIPLINE IMPOSED¹:

	Discipline	Start Date	End Date	Comments
x	Suspension, 12 months	4/1/2024	3/31/2025	
x	Probation, 2 years	4/1/2025	3/31/2027	
x	Member Not in Good Standing	4/1/2024	3/31/2027	
x	Prohibition from playing in ACBL online sanctioned games	4/1/2025	3/31/2026	Partner: Carolyn Bernstein
x	Forfeiture of Masterpoints	10% of total Masterpoint total		
	Other:			

/s/ *Larry Sealy*, Appeals and Charges Committee, Chair

Dated: March 26, 2024 (revised 8/6/2024)

¹ Discipline was reduced per Board action (AI242-AC01).