

**ACBL Board of Directors
Louisville, KY
March 7 – 10, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Robinson on Monday, March 7 at 8:35 a.m.

Present: George Retek #1, Joan Gerard #3, Craig Robinson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Margot Hennings #6, Bob Heller #7, Georgia Heth #8, Shirley Seals #9, Bill Cook #10, Beth Reid #11, William Arlinghaus #12, Suzi Subeck #13, Sharon Anderson #14, Phyllis Harlan #15, Dan Morse #16, Bonnie Bagley #17, Claire Jones #18, Donald Mamula #19, Merlin Vilhauer #20, Bruce Blakely #21, Ken Monzingo #22, Rand Pinsky #23, Al Levy #24, and Richard DeMartino #25.

Absent: Paul Janicki #2

Also

Present: Michael Kovacich, Chairman Board of Governors, Peter Rank, League Counsel, Jay Baum, CEO, Dee Wallace, Jeff Johnston, Butch Campbell, Vicki Campbell, Patricia Glover, Joe Jones, Jim Miller, Dana Norton, Carol Robertson, Sol Weinstein, Sam Whitten, and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

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Approval of Orlando Minutes

The Orlando, FL minutes are approved.

Carried unanimously.

Item 111-145 Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the executive committee meetings on December 27, 2010 and January 7, 2011 are received.

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 27, 2010

The Executive Committee met December 27, 2010 at 6 p.m. CST, by conference call, to approve the following:

Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee, Richard DeMartino, President; Jerry Fleming, Chairman; Georgia Heth, Al Levy. Rand Pinsky (alternate for Donald Mamula) missed the phone call but called in his vote a few minutes after the phone call was concluded.

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Re: 2019 Fall NABC, San Francisco and ACBL Masterpoints awarded for Philadelphia 2010

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The committee addressed two motions which had previously been e-mailed to the full board.

Moved that the 2019 Fall NABC be held at the San Francisco Marriott as the host hotel.

Carried unanimously.

Moved that the following ACBL Masterpoints be awarded, effective with Philadelphia 2010:

| <u>WBF Event Award</u> | <u>WBF Award</u> | <u>Closest NABC Equivalent</u> | <u>Masterpoint</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| IMP Pairs | 300 | IMP Pairs | 100 |
| Mixed Teams | 138 | Master Mixed Teams | 70 |

Carried. Nay: Fleming

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

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MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 7, 2011

The Executive Committee met January 7, 2010 at 11 a.m. CST, by conference call, to approve the following:

Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee, Craig Robinson, President; Richard DeMartino, Chairman; Bill Cook, Treasurer; (non voting member) Georgia Heth, Al Levy and Rand Pinsky.

Also present were Jay Baum, CEO; Jim Miller, Kelley McGuire.

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RE: ACBL Masterpoint Races

ACBL masterpoints awarded for WBF Championships events will be accredited to the same ACBL masterpoint races as if they had been won at an ACBL event.

*Barry Crane Top 500
Senior Masterpoint Race
All Mini-McKenney races
Youth
Juniors
All District races
All Unit races*

Effective immediately.

Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Non Agenda Item

Item 111-39 Seeding Method was accepted as a non-agenda item and assigned to the Conditions of Contest Committee.

Item 111-146: Election of Treasurer

Bill Cook is elected ACBL treasurer for a one-year term from May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012.

Carried unanimously.

Item 111-147: Appointments Hall of Fame Committee

Mike Passell, Ralph Katz and David Berkowitz are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2011 NABC through the end of the Spring 2014 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

Item 111-148: Appointments Competitions Conventions

Doug Doub, Bob Hamman, Elaine Said, and Howard Weinstein are appointed for one-year terms from the end of the Spring 2011 NABC through the end of the Spring 2012 NABC.

Mildred Breed is appointed for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2011 NABC through the end of the Spring 2014 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

Item 111-149: Appointment Ethical Oversight

Denny Clerkin, Eric Rodwell, Arnie Fisher, Sherry Bjerkan, and Bob Glasson are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2011 NABC through the end of the Spring 2014 NABC.

Carried. Nay: 1, 19. Abstain: 8

Item 111-150: Appointment of ACBL Disciplinary Committee

Lisa Berkowitz, Nagy Kamel and Tom Peters are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2011 NABC through the end of the Spring 2014 NABC.

Carried unanimously.

Item 111-151: Appointment of ACBL Laws Commission

Peter Boyd, Gary Blaiss and Howard Weinstein are appointed for five-year terms from the end of the Spring 2011 NABC through the end of the Spring 2016 NABC.

Pension Plan Report

Stan Subeck, Pension Plan Trustee, reported informally on the Pension Plan.

ACBL CEO Report

The report of CEO Jay Baum is received. (Attachment)

League Counsel Report

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

Item 111-152: 2018 Fall NABC San Francisco, CA

2018 Fall NABC to be held in San Francisco, CA at either the Hilton or Marriott hotels in San Francisco, CA November 22 – December 2 is rescinded.

Carried unanimously.

Item 111-153: Education Status Report

The education status report is received. (Attachment)

Item 111-154: Special Events Status Report

The special events status report is received. (Attachment)

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The Board went into Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. No actions were reported.

Upon conclusion of the Executive session, the Board of Directors recessed and reconvened in open session on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 9 a.m.

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The meeting was called to order by President Craig Robinson on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Same as Monday, March 7, with the additions of Paul Janicki, #2.
Also Present: Same as Monday, March 7

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Internet Bridge

Levy (C), Jones (VC)

Arlinghaus, Blakely, Monzingo, Vilhauer

Staff: Campbell, B.

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 111-110: Robot Points

ACBL masterpoints shall not be awarded in any game that includes one or more robots as participants.

Effective January 1, 2012

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

Item 111-111: Sanctioned Online Games

The following regulation for sanctioned online play ~~are~~ is adopted:

- A player may not enter more than two ACBL-sanctioned online games of any kind in any 60 minute period

All other regulations regarding online bridge remain in effect as is, including the following:

- All masterpoints won online continue to count toward a player's total.
- Online masterpoints continue to not count toward masterpoint races such as the McKenney and Mini McKenney.
- Online races, as currently established, continue.
- Online masterpoints continue to be unpigmented, with no online masterpoints needed for any Rank advancement.
- The regulation that no more than 1/3 of the total masterpoints required for Rank advancement can be attributed to online masterpoints continues. For example, to become a Gold LM (2,500 masterpoints required, with certain pigmentation) no more than 833.33 masterpoints can count toward the 2,500 masterpoint requirement.

- Online masterpoints continue to count 100% toward strat and flight advancement.
- Robot games continue to run as an Individual event.

Effective date: July 1, 2011

Carried unanimously.

Ranking

Jones (C), Arlinghaus (VC)
Gerard, Heller, Janicki, Levy, Subeck
Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto. (Attachment)

Bylaw

Harlan (C), Janciki (VC)
Arlinghaus, Blakely, Heth, Monzingo, Vilhauer Staff: Miller
Committee Report by Chairman

Item 111-50: ACBL President / Chairman Qualifications

The ACBL Bylaws are amended to read as follows:

ACBL Officers.

6.1.1 **President.** The Board of Directors shall elect from among its members a President of the ACBL to serve for the following calendar year or until a successor is elected. A person may only serve as president if he is also serving as a member of the Board of Directors. The President may **not** serve his term of office if he is not re-elected to the Board of Directors. ~~The President shall be entitled to vote provided the President is a Director.~~

6.1.2 **Chairman.** The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be the immediate past President of the ACBL if he is the elected director from his district. If the immediate past President of the ACBL is not the elected director from his district, the most recent past President serving as an elected director shall be the chairman. The Chairman shall serve for a period of one (1) year beginning at the expiration of his term of office as President or until his successor shall take office. ~~The Chairman may **not** serve his term of office if he is not reelected to the Board of Directors. The Chairman shall be entitled to vote provided the Chairman is an elected Director.~~

Note: This becomes the first reading of the proposed bylaw changes.

Carried unanimously.

**Item 111-51: Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation
ACBL, Inc.**

The attached Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the American Contract Bridge League, Inc. as amended is submitted to the membership for its approval at the 2011 annual membership meeting.
(Attachment)

Carried unanimously.

Item 111-52: Voting Electronically

Chapter 4.C.4.4 is amended as follows:

4.4 Electronic Voting

When voting on a motion to be approved by unanimous written consent pursuant to New York Code Section 708(b), the Board may do so electronically (by e-mail or facsimile).

Each member's vote must contain a fax or e-mail copy of the voter's signature to be valid.

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously.

Item 111-53: Amendment of Chapter IV, Section E.1.1.5.1 - Meetings

The second sentence of Chapter IV, Section E.1.1.5.1 of the Codification is deleted.

Effective immediately

Motion failed.

Item 111-54: Chapter IV, Section E.1.1.1.1 - Executive Committee

The first sentence of Chapter IV, Section E.1.1.1.1 of the Codification shall be amended to read as follows:

“The purpose of the Executive Committee is to transact business of a time sensitive nature-requiring action between Board of Directors meetings.”

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously.

Governance/Board Operations

Cook (C-Gov), Seals (C-BodOp)

Anderson, Fairchild, Mamula, Reid

Staff: Miller

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 111-70: Nominations

1. When there is a nomination from the floor immediately preceding a vote in an election conducted by the ACBL board, either a) all candidates are given up to 5-minutes to advance their candidacy prior to the vote, or b) the election be held no sooner than 24 hours following the new nomination.

Motion Failed. Aye: 1, 7, 16, 17, 21.

2. For regularly scheduled elections for the positions of ACBL president, WBF Representatives, and ACBL Treasurer, nominations shall be closed two weeks prior to the meeting when the election will be conducted, unless one or more nominees withdraws in the last 30 days of the election.

Deferred to the 2011 Summer meeting in Toronto, ON.

Deferral carried. Nay: 5, 12, 22.

Item 111-71: Interim Votes

Interim vote totals in elections conducted by the ACBL Board of Directors will be announced immediately following the vote count, just as they are now following the final vote.

Motion failed. Aye: 1, 6, 12, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21,

Item 111-72: Volunteer Dinner

The ACBL Board of Directors will do a comprehensive review of the policies and procedures that govern the volunteer dinner held prior to each NABC to determine if these functions can be improved to better serve their purpose.

Motion failed. Abstain. 1

Item 111-73: Transfer of Natchitoches, Winn and Grant Counties Louisiana

Natchitoches, Winn and Grant counties in Louisiana are transferred from Unit 170 to Unit 221. Both Units are in District 10. The members are closer in vicinity to the Southwest Regional Unit 221 and play there regularly.

Effective as soon as can be implemented by Management

Carried unanimously.

Item 111-75: Bridge Ventures

ACBL, as the sole shareholder of Bridge Ventures moves to dissolve the corporation.

This will rescind 933-71, 942-51 and 993-45.

Deferred to the 2011 Summer meeting in Toronto, ON.

Deferral carried unanimously.

Board Operations

Seals (C-BodOp), Cook (C-Gov),
Anderson, Fairchild, Mamula, Reid

Staff: Miller

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto. (Attachment)

NABC Advisory

Johnston (C)

Bagley, Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Hennings, Monzingo, Subeck, Wood

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto. (Attachment)

Marketing/Juniors

Anderson (C), Reid (VC)

Cook, Harlan, Heller, Hennings, Janicki, Retek, Seals Staff: Campbell, V.

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 111-120: ACBL-wide games

ACBL-wide special games may not be conducted during any month that is designated as a special fund month. Currently, the months of February (Junior), April (Charity), and September (International) are designated as special fund game months.

Management will select appropriate dates for the ACBL-wide events.

Item 033-113 is rescinded. [Item 033-113 provides that the International Fund Game #1 may only be held on Super Bowl Saturday.]

Carried unanimously.

Item 111-121: Junior Fund Monies

Item 051-121 is rescinded.

“Monies raised from Junior Fund games will be available for all Junior activities. The first \$50,000 or the amount collected annually, whichever is less, will be given in July of the following year to the USBF to fund Junior Team activities”.

Deferred to the 2011 Summer meeting in Toronto, ON.

Deferral carried. Nay: 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 19, 22. Abstain: 3

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Technology Committee

Arlinghaus, S. (C) Vilhauer (VC)

Arlinghaus, B., Jones, Levy, Monzingo

Staff: Campbell, V.

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto. (Attachment)

Conditions of Contest

Subeck(C)

Arlinghaus, Bagley, Blakely, Gerard, Heller, Henning,

Janicki, Jones, Monzingo, Pinsky, Subeck, Vilhauer

Staff: Campbell, B.

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 111-31: Stop Card

Stop cards may not be used after the first round of a non-competitive auction.

Motion failed. Aye: 4, 16.

Item 111-33: Women's KO

A 2-day Swiss Qualifying or RR be added to the format for the Women's KO ... to be held the first two days of the event and to award event seeding points which would impact placement in the KO phase.

Effective immediately.

Deferred to the 2011 Summer meeting in Toronto, ON.

Deferral carried unanimously.

Item 111-35: Barometer-style Events

The following Special Conditions of Contest are established for Barometer-style events (players playing the same boards at the same time):

For Barometer-style events, the Tournament Director shall, before the start of each round, advise all players to be seated. No cards shall be removed until the Tournament Director announces that play shall begin.

Any player not seated in a timely fashion may be subject to a procedural penalty.

Effective immediately

Carried. Nay: 20.

Item 111-36: Seeding Points for NABC+ Knockout Events

The seeding point formula for masterpoints is changed to the following:

$SP = 1 + \ln[(.22\{MP-300\}/700) + 1] / \ln(1.22)$ for players with more than 300 masterpoints with a cap of 11 seeding points from masterpoints.

For players with fewer than 300 masterpoints $SP = MP/300$ (zero for players with less than 150 masterpoints).

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously.

Item 111-39: Seeding Method

Seeding for the Vanderbilt KO at the Spring 2011 NABC will be based, for each player, on the greater of the two seeding point totals (capped at 50) calculated by the following two methods.

Method 1: The current method (current appendix B) (based on performance in previous events and masterpoint holding, as amended by 111-36).

Method 2: WBF Masterpoint total divided by 100 **plus** WBF placing point total multiplied by 1.75.

The Competitions and Conventions committee will review the results of this new seeding method and submit a formal motion in Toronto with additional discussion.

Effective immediately.

Carried. Absent: 5.

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The Board went into Executive Session at 3 p.m. No actions were reported.

Upon conclusion of the Executive session, the Board of Directors recessed and reconvened in open session on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 9 a.m.

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The meeting was called to order by President Craig Robinson on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 9 a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday, March 9
Also Present: Same as Wednesday, March 9

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Appeals & Charges

Mamula (C), Heth (Hearings), Fairchild (VC)

Bagley, Blakely, Gerard, Morse, Pinsky, Subeck

Staff: Miller

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 111-01: Report on Hearings

In the Matter of the Application for Readmission to the American Contract Bridge League by Massimo Lanzarotti, ACBL number 9891560, pursuant to Board Regulation 073-04, the Committee found as follows:

1. The application for readmission is denied.
2. In the event that Mr. Lanzarotti applies for readmission, the Committee would like to remind him of ACBL Board Regulation 073-04 and the requirements therein.

In the Matter of the Application for Readmission to the American Contract Bridge League by Andrea Buratti, ACBL number 9891552, pursuant to Board Regulation 073-04, the Committee found as follows:

1. The application for readmission is denied.
2. In the event that Mr. Buratti applies for readmission, the Committee would like to remind him of ACBL Board Regulation 073-04 and the requirements therein.

In the Matter of the Review of the Decision of the Unit 532 Disciplinary Committee against Charles Johnson, ACBL number Q505640, the Committee affirmed both the finding of guilt and the discipline imposed.

International / Federations

Levy (C), Heth (VC)
Harlan, Morse, Retek

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 111-100: Dues / Membership Payments

Dues paid to the World Bridge Federation by the ACBL for National Bridge Organizations dues are to be paid from funds raised from "International Fund games " before any other donations are made from those games.

Effective June 30, 2011

Motion failed. Aye: 9, 17, 20, 22.

Finance

Reid (C), Cook (VC)

Anderson, Heller, Levy, Mamula, Pinsky, Retek, Seals

Staff: Glover

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 111-55: Freedom of Information

All Board members should have access to important documentation unless it is deemed confidential by the President and the Treasurer. In that case the Board members will be provided with a summary of the information contained in that document, excluding the confidential details.

Motion failed. Aye: 1, 16. Abstain: 7, 20.

Item 111-57: 2011 Budget

- A) The 2011 budget projecting a net income of \$140,880 but footnoted to reflect an additional projected expense of \$24,000 in real estate taxes is approved.
- B) The 2011 Capital budget projecting expenditures of \$681,000 as of 01/01/11 is approved.

Carried. Nay: 1.

Masterpoints

DeMartino (C)
Arlinghaus, Gerard, Heller, Jones, Subeck

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto. (Attachment)

Strength of Field

Subeck (C)
Arlinghaus, Gerard, Heller, Jones, Vilhauer

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given and a summary thereof is attached hereto. (Attachment)

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It was moved by George Retek and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 11 and its units, District Director A. Beth Reid and Tournament chair Hannah Davis and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also thank the Galt House Hotel for its fine cooperation.

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:05 a.m. No actions were reported.

Upon conclusion of the Executive session at 3:41 p.m., the Board of Directors resumed in open session.

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There being no further business, the Board adjourned *sine die* at 3:42 p.m.