

**Minutes of the  
ACBL Board of Governors  
Dallas, TX  
March 23, 2014**

Richard Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday, March 23, at 10 a.m.

**Opening Remarks**

Chairman Anderson welcomed the new members of the Board of Governors.

**Vice Chair Election**

Gary Hann (District 12), Steve Gaynor ( District 14), Richard Popper (District 4); Jerry Thorpe (District 19) and Linda Trent (District 22) had previously declared their candidacies. There were no other declarations of candidacy. Nominations were closed. By secret ballot Richard Popper was elected as Vice Chair to serve the unexpired term of Barry Harper through December 31, 2014.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Phoenix, AZ meeting held December 1, 2013 are approved.

Carried.

**CEO's Report**

Robert Hartman presented the CEO's report. (See board exhibits)

**League Counsel's Report**

Peter Rank presented the League Counsel's report. (See board exhibits)

**Treasurer's Report**

Rand Pinsky, ACBL Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report.

## **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Anderson presented his report on the meeting of the Board of Directors. (See Board Minutes)

## **Motions for Reconsideration**

Moved and seconded that Item 141-25: NABC Play Schedules be reconsidered by the Board of Directors.

Moved by Steve Robinson (#6) and seconded that the Board of Directors reconsider moving the North American Swiss from the Fall NABC to the Summer NABC.

### **141-25: NABC Play Schedules**

The 2013 NABC Strategic Committee's proposed play schedules for the three annual NABCs is implemented in year 2015 on a trial basis, subject to board approval of any/all new event(s) included in these schedules as well as any additions, deletions and tweaks.

Carried.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

Moved by Steven Gaynor (#14) and seconded that the ACBL-wide games held during the afternoon not be allowed to start before 12 p.m. Eastern Time.

Tabled until Summer 2014 meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

Moved by Steven Gaynor (#14) and seconded that an ACBL-wide game of some sort to be held on the Saturday of Super Bowl weekend.

Carried.

Moved by Linda Trent (#22) and seconded that Flight B for the GNTs play with screens just as the "Championship" and "A" flights.

Carried unanimously.

Moved by Jay Apfelbaum (#4) and seconded that at Regional events, the second to last day pair game award masterpoints to be based on the total tables in play that day, regardless of event.

Carried.

### **Action Items**

The Board of Governors Chairman appoints a committee to discuss current standards and practices, and suggestions and/or modifications of standards regarding kibitzing at all levels of competition. Further, that the committee bring its recommendations to the next Board of Governors meeting in Las Vegas.

The Competition & Conventions Committee be asked to update and revise all ACBL Approved Defenses every three years.

### **Approval of New Life Masters**

Moved by Sandy DeMartino, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status (#102,079 to #102,568) will be designated as Life Masters.

Carried unanimously.

### **Thanks for Hospitality**

Moved by Sandra DeMartino and seconded by all that the sincere thanks of the Board of Governors is extended to District 16 and its units, District Director Dan Morse and Tournament Chair Tomi FitzGerald and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Sheraton Dallas Downtown Hotel for its fine cooperation.

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There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 11:45 a.m.