

**ACBL Board of Directors
New Orleans, LA
March 9 – 12, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Suzi Subeck on Monday, March 9, at 8 a.m.

Present: Leo Weniger #1, Paul Janicki #2, Glenda Calkins #3, Craig Robinson #4, Sharon Fairchild #5, Margot Hennings #6, Bob Heller #7, Georgia Heth #8, Jay Whipple #9, Russ Jones #10, Beth Reid #11, Dennis Carman #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, Roger Smith #21, Ken Monzingo #22, Rand Pinsky #23, Al Levy #24 and Richard DeMartino #25.

Also

Present: Richard Anderson, Chairman Board of Governors, Peter Rank, League Counsel, Robert Hartman, CEO, Joe Jones, Sylvia Hardin, Alex Turner, Bruce Knoll, Sam Whitten, Ken Horwedel, Carol Robertson, Natasha Brown, Bryan Delfs, Dan Plato, Stephanie Threlkeld, Chris Van Leeuwen, Sol Weinstein, Tracey Yarbrow, Tony Lin and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

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Approval of Providence, RI Minutes

The Fall 2014 Providence, RI minutes are approved

Carried unanimously

Item 151-270: Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held January 15, 2015 and February 12, 2015 are received.

Carried unanimously

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 15, 2015**

The Executive Committee met January 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. CDT, by conference call, to approve the following:

Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee, Suzi Subeck, President, Phyllis Harlan, Chairman of the Board, Sharon Fairchild, Ken Monzingo, Beth Reid.

Absent: Rand Pinsky

Also present was Kelley McGuire, Secretary

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RE: Appointment of NABC Seeding and Appeals Chairmen

The Executive Committee ratifies the presidential appointments of David Berkowitz as NABC Seeding Chairman for 2015 and Adam Wildavsky as NABC Appeals Chairman for 2015.

Carried unanimously.

RE: Ratification of Audit Firm

The Executive Committee ratifies that Watkins Uiberall Certified Public Accountants are approved as the audit firm of the ACBL for the 2015 year performing the 2014 audit.

Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 12, 2015**

The Executive Committee met Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. CDT, by conference call.

Present at the meeting were members of the Executive Committee, Suzi Subeck, President, Phyllis Harlan, Chairman of the Board, Sharon Fairchild, Ken Monzingo, Paul Janicki (Central Alternate), Rand Pinsky, Treasurer, (non-voting).

Also present, representing management, were Robert Hartman, CEO, Joe Jones, CFO, and Natasha Brown.

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RE: Exception to Competitive Bidding Policy

After discussion, the Executive Committee granted an exception to the competitive bidding policy and authorized management to engage USI Insurance Brokers as the Insurance Broker and Advisor of the ACBL.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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Reconsideration Items

There were no items for reconsideration.

Approval of Non Agenda items

Item 151-145: Six Session NABC+ Swiss - Governance

ACBL CEO Report

The report of CEO Robert Hartman is received. (Attachment A)

League Counsel Report

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

Item 151-271: Election of ACBL Treasurer

Ken Monzingo is elected as ACBL Treasurer for a one-year term May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016.

Effective date: May 1, 2015

Carried unanimously.

Item 151-272: Hall of Fame

Cheri Bjerkan, Cecil Cook and Kerri Sanborn are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2015 NABC through the end of the Spring 2018 NABC.

Effective Spring 2015 NABC
Carried unanimously.

Item 151-273: Competitions & Conventions Committee Appointment

Wafik Abdou, Will Ehlers, Jeff Meckstroth and Danny Sprung are appointed for one-year terms from the end of the Spring 2015 NABC through the end of the Spring 2016 NABC.

Effective Spring 2015 NABC
Carried unanimously

Bill Arlinghaus is appointed for a one-year term from the end of the Spring 2015 NABC through the end of the Spring 2016 NABC.

Motion failed: Aye: 1, 3, 8, 9, 11, 13, 16, 19, 23, 24, 25.

Tom Carmichael and Doug Doub are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2015 NABC through the end of the Spring 2018 NABC.

Effective Spring 2015 NABC
Carried unanimously.

Item 151-274: Ethical Oversight Committee Appointment

Peter Boyd, Bart Bramley, Lesley Davis, Jill Meyers and Karen Walker are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2015 NABC through the end of the Spring 2018 NABC.

Effective Spring 2015 NABC
Carried unanimously.

Howard Weinstein is appointed for a three-year term from the end of the Spring 2015 NABC through the end of the Spring 2018 NABC.

Motion failed. Aye: 1, 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 25. Abstain: 2, 8, 10, 24.

Item 151-275: ACBL Disciplinary Committee Appointment

Chris Benson is appointed for a one-year term from the end of the Spring 2015 NABC through the end of the Spring 2016 NABC.

Jeff Miller, Craig Allen, Mitch Dunitz and Mike Kovacich are appointed for three-year terms from the end of the Spring 2015 NABC through the end of the Spring 2018 NABC.

Effective Spring 2015 NABC
Carried unanimously.

Item 151-276: NABC Laws Commission Appointment

Adam Wildavsky, Matt Smith and Ron Gerard are appointed for five-year terms from the end of the Spring 2015 NABC through the end of the Spring 2020 NABC.

Effective Spring 2015 NABC
Carried unanimously.

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Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session from 8:39 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
The Board resumed Executive Session from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order by President Suzi Subeck on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Monday, March 9, 2015
Also Present: Same as Monday, March 9, 2015, with the addition of Sabrina Goley.

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NABC SITE SELECTION

Sullivan (C)

Anderson, Bagley, Calkins, Hennings, Morse

Staff: Sullivan

Committee Report by Chairman

The ACBL Board of Directors approved the Columbus, OH Convention Center and Hyatt Hotel as the playing site for the Spring March 19 – 29, 2020 NABC. Hyatt Regency and Hilton are the host hotels.

Carried unanimously.

The ACBL Board of Directors approved the Toronto, ON Convention Center as the playing site for the Summer July 19 – 29, 2024 NABC. The Intercontinental and Sheraton are the host hotels.

Carried unanimously.

TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT AND EVALUATION

Whipple (C)

R. Jones, Mamula, Vilhauer

Staff: Knoll/Horwedel

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

STRATEGIC REVIEW AND PLANNING

Anderson (C)

Calkins, Fairchild, Morse, Reid

Staff: Hartman/Hardin

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

APPEALS AND CHARGES

Heth (C) Mamula (VC)

Fairchild, Janicki, Pinsky, Reid, Smith

Staff: Van Leeuwen

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 151-01: Report on Hearings

- In the matter of Chris Nicholson's appeal of the District 7 decision, the Committee upheld the decision of District 7 to deny the appeal.

- In the review of Wayne Carter’s appeal of the District 17 Disciplinary Committee decision, the Committee found that the matter was dealt with in a reasonable manner at the District level.
- In the matter of Sherry McHarg’s appeal of the District 22 decision, the Committee vacates the July 11th, 2014 decision of the District 22 Disciplinary Committee. The District 22 Disciplinary Committee shall review Ms. McHarg’s complaint and decide whether or not to grant a hearing on the complaint. If a hearing is granted, the parties must be given notice of the hearing and a chance to appear. It is noted that part of the complaint may have been rendered moot by the bylaw amendment enacted in 2015.

Received

Item 151-03: Publication of Disciplinary Cases

Chapter I, Section F of the ACBL Codification shall be modified as follows:

3.8 Publication of Disciplinary Cases

3.8.1 In disciplinary cases which result in a finding of guilt, ACBL policy is to publish an individual's name, ACBL Player number, the penalty imposed and the CDR code section.

This applies to any decisions of a Unit, District or ACBL level disciplinary committee, and of the Ethical Oversight Committee. It shall also apply to decisions made at clubs regarding ethical violations when the ACBL is made aware of the decision, but does not apply to decisions made by a club disciplinary procedure regarding non-ethical violations.

All disciplines will be published on the website for the length of time of the discipline levied. Expulsions shall also be reported in the *ACBL Bridge Bulletin*.

Decisions of the Ethical Oversight Committee shall also be reported in the NABC Daily Bulletin.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

GOVERNANCE	
Heth (C)	
Anderson, Bagley, Hennings, Mamula, Morse, Pinsky, Smith	Staff: McGuire
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 151-96: Change to Unit Boundary Regulations

Chapter III, Section 3 of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

Section 3 – Unit Formation, Boundary Change or Dissolution

3.1 The following actions require that the opinion of the affected membership about a proposed change be expressed through petition or a special election conducted by the ACBL via online voting. A special election may be requested by 5% or 50 (whichever is fewer) of the Members residing in the affected area.

3.1.1 The formation of a new unit.

3.1.2 The movement of part of a unit to another unit or a unit from one district to another.

3.1.3 The consolidation of two or more units (or parts thereof).

3.2 Forming a New Unit

3.2.1 There must be at least 100 current ACBL members in the geographical area of the proposed new Unit and also, the area must contain satisfactory facilities for the hosting of at least one Sectional tournament annually.

3.2.2 A petition or special ballot must be drafted containing the specific geographical boundaries and postal codes of the proposed new Unit.

3.2.3 Such a geographical area may not isolate any “islands” of ACBL members from their Unit of affiliation.

3.2.4 The petition must only contain signatures and ACBL Member numbers of current ACBL members residing in the geographical area set forth in the petition

3.2.5 The reason for requesting the formation of the new Unit should be specified.

3.2.6 Any interested party has 30 days from the end date of the petition to request a copy of the signatures provided to the ACBL and to provide any names and numbers included on that petition that they wish to protest to the ACBL. The ACBL will then verify the membership status of those protested individuals. All signatures not protested will be considered valid. If the number of valid signatures proves to be a majority of the ACBL membership in the area requesting a change of status, the following will occur:

(a) The Units involved will be advised of receipt of the petition and their approval requested.

(b) Approval of both the District Organization and the District Director will be sought.

(c) The final decision rests with the ACBL Board of Directors, in whose name all Unit Charters are issued.

3.2.7 If a Unit is divided so as to form a second Unit, assets of the original Unit are subject to division on an equitable basis. If an equitable division of assets cannot be reached voluntarily by the parties and mediation by the District fails, both parties shall submit to binding arbitration. All costs for the arbitration process shall be paid for from Unit funds.

- 3.2.8 After the ACBL Board of Directors has denied a request to form a New Unit the affected Members may not begin the circulation of another petition for a New Unit for at least six (6) months.
- 3.2.9 In the case of a special election, all current ACBL Members, with a registered email address, residing within the affected geographical area will be included as an elector. All ballots will be sent out via email. The end date of the election will be 14 days from the date on which the ballot is sent with a reminder going out to all electors who have not voted after 7 days.

Unit Transfers and Boundary Changes

- 3.3.1 In general, areas for transfer from one Unit to another should follow postal code boundaries. An area seeking to transfer to an adjacent Unit must include all postal code boundaries between the proposed area for transfer and the existing area of the Unit being joined. It is not permitted to transfer an area to a Unit if such transfer would create an island.
- 3.3.2 A majority of the current ACBL members living in the area to be transferred must sign a petition expressing their wishes to be transferred. In the case of a special election, all current ACBL Members, with a registered email address, residing within the affected geographical area will be included as an elector. All ballots will be sent out via email. The end date of the election will be 14 days from the date on which the ballot is sent with a reminder going out to all electors who have not voted after 7 days.
- 3.3.3 The petition must state the reasons for the proposed transfer and must include the addresses and ACBL player number of those members signing.
- 3.3.4 The boundaries of the proposed area of transfer must be included on the petition as well as all postal codes in the proposed area to be transferred.
- 3.3.5 The petition must include a beginning date for the first circulation of the petition. All signatures on the petition must be obtained within six months of this beginning date.
- 3.3.6 Any interested party has 30 days from the end date of the petition to request a copy of the signatures provided to the ACBL and to provide any names and numbers included on that petition that they wish to protest to the ACBL. The ACBL will then verify the membership status of those protested individuals. All signatures not protested will be considered valid for the purposes of assuring that a majority of the ACBL members in the proposed area of transfer has signed the petition requesting a transfer of Unit affiliation.
- 3.3.7 The ACBL will contact the parent Unit, the Unit of proposed affiliation, the District Organization and the District Representative to the ACBL Board of Directors seeking the opinion of each regarding the proposed transfer. Should all parties agree that it is in the best interests of all concerned to effect the proposed transfer, the ACBL will take the necessary steps to make the change including ACBL Board of Directors approval. All parties will be informed of the effective date of transfer and new Charters distributed.

Should either the Unit or the District Organization disagree as to the proposed transfer, the matter will be referred to the ACBL Board of Directors for final disposition.

- 3.3.8 After the ACBL Board of Directors has denied a request to grant a Unit Merger, Unit Boundary Change, or Unit Change of District, the affected Unit may not begin the circulation of another petition for a Unit Merger, Unit Boundary Change, or Unit Change of District for at least six (6) months.

Effective March 15, 2015
Carried unanimously

Item 151-97: Creation of New Atlanta Unit

The petition of ACBL Members requesting the creation of a new ACBL Unit comprised of the following Georgia counties: Cherokee, Cobb, DeKalb, Forsyth, Fulton, and Gwinnett is granted. The Unit affiliation of ACBL Members in the above-listed counties will be changed from Unit 114 to Unit 253.

Effective April 1, 2015
Carried: Nay: 4 Abstain: 7

Item 151-99: Club Quality Recognition Program

Chapter VI, Appendix 2 of the ACBL Codification is rescinded.

Effective Immediately
Carried unanimously.

Item 151-100: Bulletin Publication Requirements

Chapter II, Section D, Section 3 of the ACBL Codification is rescinded.

Effective Immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 151-101: USBF Bylaws

Chapter I, Appendix 6 is removed from the ACBL Codification.

Effective Immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 151-102: NABC Promotion

Chapter VII, Appendix 5 of the ACBL Codification is rescinded.

Effective Immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 151-103: Competitions and Conventions Committee

Chapter IV, Section D 5.4.2 of the ACBL Codification is rescinded and replaced with:

5.4.2 The Competition and Conventions Committee will consist of eleven members, of which eight shall be appointed by the president in consultation with the C & C committee chairman. The term of office for each member will be as follows: four expert players shall be appointed to staggered three-year terms with two appointments made in 2015 and every third year thereafter, and four additional positions shall be appointed to one-year terms.

In addition, the chairmen of the ACBL Board’s Bridge and Tournaments committees shall be voting ex-officio members of the C&C committee. If there is no board Bridge or Tournaments committee, the president shall designate this position from sitting ACBL board members. Management shall designate an ACBL tournament director to serve as a voting member.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 151-104: League Counsel Requirements

Chapter II, Section B, Section 6.5.1 of the ACBL Codification is amended to read as follows:

6.5 Experience and Skill Requirements

6.5.1 Knowledge of the game of duplicate bridge.

6.5.2 Experience in general legal practice, including business law, contracts, litigation and not-for-profit corporations.

Effective immediately
Carried. Nay: 15 Abstain: 4

BRIDGE	
C. Jones (C) Levy (VC)	
DeMartino, Heller, R. Jones, Monzingo, Robinson, Vilhauer	Staff: Horwedel
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 151-30: Convention Chart Modification Transfer Responses

TRANSFER RESPONSES are added to the COMPETITIVE BIDDING section of the ACBL General Convention Chart as follows:

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6. TRANSFER RESPONSES (responses after overcalls) where the call shows length or values in the suit of the transfer.

7. CUEBID of an opponent's suit and responses thereto . . .

8. DEFENSE TO: [see 151-.31 below] . . .

9. RESPONSES AND REBIDS . . .

Effective May 1, 2015

Carried unanimously.

Item 151-31: Convention Chart Modification

Paragraph 7 of the COMPETITIVE BIDDING section of the ACBL General Convention Chart is amended to read as follows:

8. DEFENSE TO:

a) conventional calls (except see #10 RESPONSES and REBIDS above and #7 under DISALLOWED below),

b) natural notrump opening bids and overcalls; except that, direct calls over natural opening bids must have at least one known suit, except

- Double
- 2 Clubs
- 2 Diamonds showing a one-suited hand in hearts or spades

c) opening bids of two clubs or higher.

Effective May 1, 2015

Carried. Nay: 5, 7, 11, 19, 22.

Item 151-32: ACBL Spectator and Major Security Events

The Board of Directors revise certain ACBL spectator matters and improve security protocol for major NABC events.

Section 1 – Terminology: A) The ACBL shall only use the term “Spectator” to include all Non-Officials and Non-Players in the playing area. Caddies are also Spectators.

B) The ACBL shall coordinate its “Tech Files” and its “General Conditions of Contest” with Law 76D, by replacing the word “kibitzer” with the lawful term “Spectator”.

Section 2 - Standards: The ACBL shall make it abundantly clear (through publication in the NABC Daily Bulletins, etc.) that anyone within the defined playing area, whether at a table or not, is a Spectator and is subject to the same behavioral standards, obligations and enforcements as Players.

Section 3 – Communications Equipment: Due to the recent proliferation of Google Glasses, Internet watches, and other visible and non-visible wearables, Section 1 of the ACBL Electronics Device Policy shall be amended to prohibit use or visibility in the playing area of “any and all device(s) capable of communicating bridge related information with any other device(s) or with any person”.

Section 4 – Hand Displays On Computer Screens: The USBF General Rule (e) shall be revised for ACBL purposes and shall be adopted as: “No one, other than Internet broadcast personnel and Tournament Directors/Officials, may be positioned or walking in such way as to have any possibility whatever, however slight, of seeing any computer screen or any other device or mechanism which is displaying records or hands in play. This applies to both the Open and Closed Rooms.”

Section 5 Reporting To Tournament Director: All Players and Spectators have an affirmative obligation to address only the Tournament Director/Director in Charge regarding any Player-Spectator issues, or issues involving irregularities at the table. Players do not address Spectators about irregularities or bar Spectators, but instead Players inform the Tournament Director if cause exists; Spectators must inform only the TD/DIC if other Spectators are violating any rules or regulations).

Section 6 – Table Talk: Spectators shall not speak to any Player or to any other Spectator at any time any hand is out of the board.

Section 7 – Viewing Restrictions: Spectators shall not be permitted any table being broadcast on VuGraph, or at any table playing the same hands being broadcast on VuGraph.

Section 8 – Security Improvements: Security at Major NABC Team Games Shall Include:

A) A full VuGraph experience, which shall be well separated from the playing room(s).

B) Each table in play shall be very well separated from any other table(s) in that match.

C) Non-playing Captains not watching their team, and any teammates, shall be two full tables removed (at the third table or further) from any table where their team is playing. NPC’s may watch their team, but only with the express permission of the DIC for each session. While

watching their team, NPC's shall be subject to the same security restrictions and to the entire range of disciplinary penalties, including penalties against their entire team, as if they were a Player.

D) The entrances to the playing room(s) shall be sufficiently secured (cordoned off) so that loud chatter outside the room cannot be heard by the Players.

E) Escorts shall be officially designated to take and remain adjacent to Players on smoke break or in the lavatory.

F) The ACBL shall acquire and employ detection equipment to sense electronics concealed on a Player's person which could be capable of exchanging bridge related information.

G) The ACBL shall formulate policy(s) to allow inspecting Players and anything they are possessing at any time, including at random. A Player may not refuse such inspection of all personal possessions, and shall be subject to sanctions ranging from a warning to and including the most severe disciplinary action.

H) Boards shall be duplicated from the Quarterfinals for increased education and enjoyment, and to enhance expert VuGraph commentary.

Motion failed. Aye: 0 Abstain: 20

TOURNAMENTS	
Robinson (C), Vilhauer (VC)	
Carman, DeMartino, Heller, C. Jones, Whipple	Staff: Horwedel
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 151-246: Naming of 6 Session NABC Swiss Team Events

The Fall Six-Session NABC Swiss Event continues to be named the Keohane North American Swiss Teams and the Summer NABC Swiss (changed from four sessions to six sessions) continues to be called the Roth Swiss Teams.

Effective: Immediately
Carried unanimously.

MASTERPOINT AND EVENTS STRUCTURE	
DeMartino (C)	
Carman, R. Jones, Robinson	Staff: Horwedel
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 151-141: KO Awards for 5-6 person Teams at Sectionals/Regionals

At non-NABC Events, players on KO teams with more than 4 players who are otherwise eligible for overall awards will be subject to the following participation reduction:

For every segment (half a match) of a match that is won and where a participant sits out, the overall awards for that individual will be reduced by 5%. For example, if a player's team wins a 4-session KO and that participant played only half of each match, that player's masterpoint award will be reduced by 20%.

Effective January 1, 2016 (**Requires 2nd reading**)

Carried: Nay: 5, 9, 13, 16, 17, 22, 25. Abstain: 20.

Item 151-142: Regional Non-Championship Events

The following section on page 10 of the Masterpoint rules and regulations is modified as follows:

Events that do not qualify for championship rating by exceeding the number permitted or by being the same as another event that session (side games) are subject to the "M" factor appropriate to the event, with the "M" factor limited to ~~65%~~ 80%. Side games at NABCs are the same as side games at Regionals.

Please note that awards for side game series (page 14) are unaffected.

Effective date: January 1, 2016 (**Requires 2nd reading**)

Carried: Nay: 25 Abstain: 1, 5, 9, 19.

Item 151-144: Six Session NABC+ Swiss

The ACBL Codification is amended by making the following changes:

Six-Session NABC+ Swiss Events

Summer Roth Swiss Teams – Six-Sessions ~~160~~ 170

Fall Keohane North American Swiss Teams – Six-Sessions 150

Motion failed: Aye: 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22.

Item 151-145: Six Session NABC+Swiss

The ACBL Codification is amended by making the following changes:

Six-Session NABC+ Swiss Events

Summer Roth Swiss Teams – Six-Sessions 160

Effective immediately.

Carried: Nay: 4, 8, 11, 12, 15, 20.

NABC FANTASY

Monzingo (C)

Bagley, Calkins, Heller, Weniger

Staff: Van Leeuwen

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Monzingo (C)

R. Jones, Levy, Weniger

Staff: Plato

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

CEO REVIEW

Fairchild (C)

Calkins, Janicki, Reid, Weniger, Whipple

Staff: Hartman

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

CLUBS/MEMBERSHIP

Pinsky (C)

Carman, Janicki, Smith, Weniger, Whipple

Staff: Robertson/Turner

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 151-45: Club Discipline

Chapter VI, Section C of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

4.11 An open club can bar members from its regularly scheduled club masterpoint games, membership games, club championships, charity and international fund club championships, and other special events specifically allocated to clubs as outlined above.

4.12 These regulations also apply to a club with an invitational sanction except that the club has the additional authority to refuse admittance to an invitational game to someone who does not meet the criteria upon which the invitational sanction is based (e.g. a member who has 500 masterpoints is denied admittance to an invitational game that is limited to members with less than 300 masterpoints).

4.13 If the member feels that his barring does not comply with these regulations prohibiting barring players as a class, religious or political affiliations, race, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, physical disability or proficiency at bridge, he or she may appeal the barring to the unit disciplinary committee.

4.14 Appeals from the unit disciplinary committee may be filed in accordance with and under the authority of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations. Until the appeal is lodged and heard, the player remains barred unless reinstated by the club unless a stay is granted by the Unit Disciplinary Chairperson.

4.15 A club may extend the barring of an ACBL member from Grand National teams, North American Pair events, STaCs, qualifying sessions of a progressive sectional, ACBL-wide games, unit or district competitions, and/or unit-wide or district-wide championships held at the club.

4.16 A member so barred may appeal the extension of the barring under the process described in the previous paragraph. In such cases, the written notice to the member barred must include the member's right to appeal the action to the Unit Disciplinary Committee in which the club is located within thirty days of the action taken by the club. Such written notice is required, otherwise the barring shall not be effective.

4.17 Units have jurisdiction in hearing appeals of a barring from a sanctioned game at a club.

Effective Immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 151-46: Charity Club Games

The Codification from Chapter V, Section B Charity Club Games, is amended as follows:

2.3 When a sectional (excluding STaCs) or higher rated event is being conducted within 25 miles of a club's playing site, the club is permitted to hold only its regularly scheduled club masterpoint games (i.e., no special games). This regulation does not apply to Limited/Restricted Sectionals. At a District's option, A District may opt out of this regulation and substitute a more restrictive limitation on clubs within its boundaries. Such a change would have to be approved by the ACBL Clubs Department.

Motion failed. Aye: 4, 7.

INSURANCE

Robinson, (C)

Carman, Levy, DeMartino

Staff: Jones

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

COMMUNICATIONS/DOCUMENTATION REVIEW

Hennings (C)

Bagley, Mamula, Pinsky, Reid, Smith

Staff: Turner

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given. (Attachment C)

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The meeting was called to order by President Suzi Subeck on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday, March 11

Also Present: Same as Wednesday, March 11

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JUNIORS/EDUCATION

Calkins (C)

Heth, Levy, Janicki, Morse, Whipple

Staff: Delfs

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 151-130: Educational Scholarships

Chapter I, Section G, Section 1.4 of the ACBL Codification is rescinded.

Effective Immediately
Carried unanimously.

ONLINE BRIDGE

Levy (C)

Carman, Hennings, C. Jones, Smith

Staff: Delfs

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

SPECIAL EVENTS

R. Jones (C)

Anderson, Fairchild, Monzingo, Weniger

Staff: Robertson

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 151-220: GNT Entry Fee Structure

That GNT Entry Fee Structure are modified as follows:

For the first two days for Flights A, B, and C of the GNT National Final, the entry fee is waived as an award for winning the District portion of the GNT competition.

Effective 2015 Summer NABC

Carried: Nay: 2, 4, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 25.

Item 151-221: Grass Roots Fund

The distribution of Grass Roots Funds is changed to the following:

At the conclusion of the collection cycle, 80% of the funds, net of total entry fee awarded by the ACBL Flights A, B & C, is returned to the respective Districts that raised the monies. The remaining 20% is retained by the League and distributed according to the following process:

- 1) Calculate the amount of Grass Roots Funds raised per member in the District;
- 2) Sort the Districts based upon number of members from highest to lowest. Give the nine largest the value of '0' in the Rank Column, the next eight the value of "1" in the Rank Column, and the remaining eight the value of "2" in the Rank Column;
- 3) Calculate the Mean and Standard Deviation (SD) for the value of the amount raised per member for the 25 Districts. If the respective District raised less than 1 SD below the mean, place a value of "0" in the Fund Rank Column. If the District raised between 1 SD and 0.5 SD below the mean, place a value of "1" in the Fund Rank Column. If the District raised between .5 SD below the mean and the mean, place a value of "2" in the Fund Rank Column. If the District raised between the mean and 0.5 SD above the mean,

place a “3” in the Fund Rank Column. If the District raised more than 0.5 SD above the mean, place a “4” in the Fund Rank Column;

- 4) Calculate the amount of Rebate based upon the formula:
Rebate = Total Pool * ((Size Rank + (Fund Rank * 4)) / (Sum of all Size Ranks + Sum of all Fund Ranks))

Effective Immediately

Carried. Nay: 2, 3, 7, 9, 12, 16, 17, 19, 24, 25

WEBSITE REVIEW AND EVALUATION

R. Jones (C)

Bagley, Hennings, C. Jones

Staff: Turner/Knoll

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

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Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session at 11:05 a.m. the Board of Directors resumed in open session.

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INTERNATIONAL

Janicki (C)

Levy, Vilhauer, (Heth, ex-officio as WBF Rep)

Staff: Delfs

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

RANKING

C. Jones (C)

Heller, Levy, Monzingo, Vilhauer

Staff: Whitten

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given. (Attachment D)

RECORDER SYSTEM REVIEW

Janicki (C)

DeMartino, Fairchild, Heth

Staff: Whitten

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

HONORARY MEMBER

Weniger (C)

Anderson, Fairchild, Smith

Staff: McGuire

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

AUDIT

Mamula (C)

DeMartino, Heth

Staff: Jones

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

FINANCE

Reid (C), Robinson (VC)

Calkins, Carman, Heller, Monzingo, Morse, Pinsky, Whipple

Staff: Brown

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 151-85: 2015 Budget

The 2015 operating budget showing an excess of revenue over expenditures of \$9,461.00 is ratified.

The 2015 capital budget of \$270,170.00 is ratified.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 151-86: NAP Monetary Award

NAP Monetary Award (071-65) (101-111) is modified as follows:

A fixed amount prize will be awarded in all flights as follows:

1. Part A In districts with three qualifiers, the first place qualifiers will receive \$800 per person and the second place qualifiers will receive \$400 per person.

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2. In districts with four qualifiers, the first and second place qualifiers will receive \$800 per person and the third place qualifiers will receive \$400 per person.

3. Invited defenders will receive \$800 per person.

Motion failed: Aye: 1, 6, 7, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 Abstain: 2

1. Part B The third – and fourth in Flights B and C— qualifiers will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive any prize.

Carried. Nay: 8
Effective 2016 Spring NABC

Item 151-87: Designated ACBL Financial Account Signers
(Non-Agenda Item from Finance Committee)

1) Appendix I of Chapter II of the Codification is amended to rescind the section titled “Designated ACBL Financial Account Signers” and replace it with the following:

Designated ACBL Financial Account Signers

A. The following positions are authorized for purposes of establishing company bank and investment accounts for the ACBL.

ACBL Chief Executive Officer
ACBL Chief Financial Officer

B. The following positions are authorized to wire transfer funds from ACBL.

ACBL Chief Executive Officer (confirm only)
ACBL Chief Financial Officer (initiate and confirm other

than his own initiations)
ACBL Accounting Manager (initiate only)

- C. The following positions are authorized signers on checks written by ACBL.*
ACBL Chief Executive Officer
ACBL Chief Financial Officer
Other ACBL Management as designated by the CEO
* - Stamp or machine impression signatures also allowed.

In addition, the following positions are authorized signers on the ACBL disbursement account that is used exclusively for the North American Bridge Championships:

NABC Finance Office Director
NABC Assistant Finance Office Director

D. Management requests the current practice regarding the number of signatures per check set forth below be continued:

1. One Signature required
ACBL Disbursements under \$1,000
ACBL Payroll Account
2. Two Signatures required:
ACBL Disbursements of \$1,000 or greater.
3. CEO Signature Required:
All ACBL disbursements of \$25,000 or greater

And, 2) that Appendix 2, dealing with the formation of a Finance Committee subcommittee in 2000 be rescinded.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

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Moved that the ACBL_bidding policy as it applies to the contract entered into with Pianola is waived.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously.

Moved that the obtaining of 3 competitive bids for credit card services constitutes compliance with the ACBL bidding policy as it applies to the contract entered into with BrainTree.

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously.

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Closing Remarks

It was moved by Morse and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 10 and its units, District Director Russ Jones Tournament Co Chairs Eleanor Onstott and Dee Moses and Honorary Chair John Onstott and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Marriott New Orleans for its fine cooperation.

The Board adjourned *sine die* at 2.20 p.m.