

**Minutes of the
ACBL Board of Governors
Phoenix, AZ
December 1, 2013**

Richard Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday, December 1, at 10 a.m.

Opening Remarks

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Atlanta, GA meeting held August 4, 2013 are approved.

Carried

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Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting of the American Contract Bridge League convened at 10:10 a.m. Bill Cook, ACBL President, presided. Cook announced that there was not a quorum.

Being no further business, the annual membership meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m. The Board of Governors reconvened from recess.

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

There were no motions for reconsideration.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Moved and seconded that the ACBL Board of Directors appoint a professional writer who would volunteer to write a clear and detailed document describing the conventions allowed under the various levels of GCC, Mid-Chart and Super-Chart. Ideally, it would be comparable to the EBU Blue Book.

Carried.

Moved and seconded that the ACBL Board of Directors shall make a policy that pairs who protect themselves against unaltered or unannounced bids shall in turn be protected if the opposition was at fault for not alerting or announcing. Any unauthorized information (UI) arising from the questions shall not restrict the askers, except for blatant use of such information.

Deferred to the Spring 2014 Dallas, TX.

Deferral carried.

Moved and seconded that ACBL Management and the ACBL Board of Directors look into finding ways to give more recognition to NABC+ event winners.

Carried.

Moved and seconded that ACBL Board of Directors instruct ACBL Management to make every effort to negotiate free Internet access at all Nationals playing areas and hotels; alternatively, that Management implement free Internet access with equipment procured for that purpose by the League.

Carried.

Approval of New Life Masters

Moved by Sandy DeMartino, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status (#101,112 to 102,079) 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 17 and its units, District Director Bonnie Bagley and Tournament Chairs Marsha and Darryl Helton and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Sheraton Downtown and Hilton Downtown Hotels for their fine cooperation.

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There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 10:55 a.m.