

Draft Minutes of the  
ACBL Board of Governors  
Philadelphia, PA

March 11, 2018

Richard Popper, Chairman of the Board of Governors, called the meeting to order on Sunday Marcy 11, 2018, at 10 a.m.

**OPENING REMARKS**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The approval of the Toronto, ON meeting minutes held July 23, 2017 and the San Diego, CA minutes held November 25, 2017 are approved.

**CARRIED**

**CEO'S REPORT**

Bahar Gidwani presented the CEO's report. (See Board Attachments)

**LITIGATION REPORT**

Linda Dunn presented the Litigation report. (See Board Attachments)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Joe Jones, ACBL CFO, presented the Treasurer's report.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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

**MOTIONS**

**MOTION 181-BG01 ACBL Temporary Membership**

Moved by Bob Bertoni, district 25 and seconded, that Chapter I, Paragraph C, Sections 4 and 5 of the Codification shall be amended to read as follows:

- 4.1 A Temporary Membership will be available only for players who have not been previously a regular ACBL member. However, a member who has only held a Temporary Membership may buy another Temporary Membership **up to a maximum of three times.**
- 4.2 Temporary members can only be referred by a teacher, club, or tournament. The referring teacher, club or tournament will receive a recruitment bonus **of \$4 for each temporary membership, and an additional \$2 plus the current recruitment incentives for each member who joins for the year during their trial .**
- 4.3 Temporary memberships are valid for ~~one~~ **three** months.
- 4.4 During the membership period, a Temporary Member is a General Member, with the same rights and obligations as full-membership members.
- 4.5 A Temporary Member will become inactive after the expiration of her/his Temporary Membership **when the membership expires he/she loses the \$7.99 credit toward renewal to a full year.**

Effective March 1, 2018

Section 5 – Rates for Dues and Life Master Service Fees

- 5.1 Current rates for full membership dues and life master service fees—as determined by the ACBL Board of Directors—are (USD): 1-month 1-year 3-year 6 New members can now test-drive ACBL for three months before committing to a full-year membership plan (New members can purchase up to 3 temporary memberships). Also due to low demand, we are eliminating the 2-year membership. As of August 15, 2018, here is a list of ACBL membership plans available:

Temporary	<b>\$7.99 3 Months</b>	
Junior	\$5	
New Member <b>1st Yearly Membership</b>	<b>\$32.99</b>	
Regular	\$49	\$117
Household	\$82	\$216
Life Member	\$46	\$108
Patron (Individual)	\$275	\$750
Patron (Household)	\$375	\$1,050

- 5.2 Welcome Membership Packets will be created and be available to order and customize one the ACBL website, a quick download version will be made available.**

**CARRIED**

### **MOTION 181-BG02: Flight AX Pair Events at NABC**

Moved by Steve Gaynor, district 14 and seconded, that directors are strongly encouraged to use a movement that will ensure that all pairs in regionally rated flight A (A/X) championship events play the most common boards as possible.

**CARRIED**

### **MOTION 181-BG03: Conditions of Contest**

Moved by Peter Marcus, district 25, and seconded, ACBL Management is explicitly prohibited from changing the conditions of contest for any ACBL contest without approval of the ACBL Board of Directors. Specifically, no wording of any existing rules or conditions can be used as justification for such change. All conditions of contest, both written and customary from decades of practice, would require BOD approval before Management could make any changes. In an emergency situation, ACBL Management can request the BOD Executive Committee to act until the full BOD can consider any change.

**MOTION FAILED**

### **MOTION 181-BG04 ACBL Tournament Directors**

Moved by Peter Marcus, district 25, and seconded, Whenever an ACBL tournament director, independent of title or rank, is assigned as a tournament director to a specific tournament, but performs work that is not related to that tournament but to other tournaments or the ACBL itself, the ACBL will lessen the charge to the tournament sponsor according to the following schedule:

0-15 minutes – no deduction

16-60 minutes, 1/3 of a session deduction, based on the charge rate for that director's rank

61-90 minutes, 1/2 of a session deduction

91-120 minutes, 2/3 of a session deduction

121-210 minutes – no charge for the session

Additional time away will repeat according to the same schedule, e.g., a director who spends 300 minutes (5 hours) doing work not specific to the tournament they were assigned to would charge that tournament sponsor 1.5 sessions less than their actual attendance at the tournament would create.

This deduction will only affect the session charge to the tournament sponsor to be paid to the ACBL. The individual director will still receive their full pay, since they are working, just not for the specific tournament to which they are assigned.

In fulfillment of this motion, the ACBL Codification will be modified as follows:

Chapter II, Business Management, Section A, Finance, Section 3, Management Functions

3.1.20 – Management shall ensure that all charges to tournament sponsors, including but not limited to directors’ fees, equipment charges, and supply fees, shall reflect the actual services and supplies provided to the sponsor and be used specifically for the benefit of the sponsor’s tournament.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 181-BG05 Limited Substitution at NAP Final Stage**

Moved by Jay Apfelbaum, district 4 and seconded, that the NAP Conditions of Contest, section on “Substitutes”, Part 2, be amended to read as follows:

Beyond the district final stage, a replacement is permitted only if one member of a pair that qualified to play in the National Final stage is either:

- A) Deceased.
  - 1) The surviving qualifier may select a new partner, who will be fully eligible to play in the National Final stage.
  
- B) Medically diagnosed as being unable to travel to or play in the National Final stage and the medical condition that renders the member unable to travel to or play in the National Final stage was unknown to the member at the time of the District Final.
  - 1) The otherwise qualified member may request permission to obtain a substitute. Either member will have an opportunity to provide medical documentation of the condition. ACBL Management will decide the request fairly and promptly and is the sole judge of whether a substitute will be allowed. Its decision will be final. If approved, the surviving qualifier may select a new partner, who will be fully eligible to play in the National Final stage.
  
- C) The new partner must meet all of the eligibility requirements of this event listed. The replacement may not appreciably strengthen or weaken the partnership.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 181-BG06: Fragrance Policy**

Moved by Joann Sprung, district 17 and seconded, that the ACBL implement an ACBL-wide fragrance free policy to include but not limited to notification on the web site, tournament advertising and coordination with hotels hosting NABCs.

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF NEW LIFE MASTERS**

Moved by Joo-Hee Janicki, and seconded by all, that all members who have achieved Life Master Status 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 are extended to It was moved by Levy and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 4 and its units, Tournament Chair Bob Glasson, and District Director and Co-Chair Joann Glasson and all the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown for its fine cooperation.

There being no further business, the Board of Governors adjourned *sine die* at 11:50 a.m.