

ACBL Board of Directors
Chicago, IL
August 3 – 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Suzi Sobeck on Monday, August 3, 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 Sobeck #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.

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Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. the Board of Directors resumed in open session.

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The meeting was called to order by President Suzi Sobeck on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Monday, August 3

Also Present: Richard Anderson, Chairman Board of Governors, Peter Rank, League Counsel, Robert Hartman, CEO, Joe Jones, Mitchell Hodus, Alex Turner, Sylvia Hardin, Sam Whitten, Ken Horwedel, Carol Robertson, Natasha Brown, Dan Plato, Chris Van Leeuwen, Steve Bates and Kelley McGuire, Secretary.

Approval of New Orleans, LA Minutes

The Spring 2015 New Orleans, LA minutes are approved.

Carried unanimously

Item 152-: Executive Committee Minutes

The minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held April 22, 2015 are received.

Carried Nay: 4, 17, 22 Abstain: 2, 7, 9

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 22, 2015

The Executive Committee met Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. CT, 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, Beth Reid, Rand Pinsky, Treasurer, (non-voting).

Also present, representing management, were Robert Hartman, CEO, Sam Whitten, Chris Van Leeuwen and Kelley McGuire.

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RE: *Complaint against*
 Complaint against

After discussion, the Executive Committee decided to make charges and submit the complaint against to the ACBL Disciplinary Committee for hearing at the Summer 2015 Chicago NABC.

After discussion, the Executive Committee decided to make charges and submit the Complaint against to the ACBL Ethical Oversight Committee for hearing at the Summer 2015 Chicago NABC.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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NABC SITE ADVISORY

Sullivan (C)

Anderson, Bagley, Calkins, Hennings, Morse

Committee Report by Chairman

The Fall 2021 NABC, will be held at the JW Marriott, Austin, TX on November 25 – December 5, 2021.

Carried Abstain: 2

The Fall 2025 NABC, will be held at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis on November 27 – December 7, 2025.

Carried unanimously

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)

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GOVERNANCE

Heth (C)

Anderson, Bagley, Hennings, Mamula, Morse, Pinsky, Smith

Staff: McGuire

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 152-95: Article VIII Bylaws - Election Procedures

Article VIII of the ACBL Bylaws is amended as follows:

Article VIII ELECTION PROCEDURES

8.3 Term Limits

Members of the ACBL Board of Directors are limited to four consecutive three-year terms.

If an alternate assumes the position of District Director and is in office for a period of six regular meetings or more, it shall count as a full three-year term.

Terms served or started prior to January 1, 2016 shall not be counted towards the four consecutive three-year terms.

Motion Failed. Aye: 1, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23 Abstain: 20

Item 152-96: Board Voting

Chapter IVA, Section 3.2 of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

3.2 Voting Procedures

3.2.1 All voting will be by secret ballot.

3.2.2 Single seat available.

3.2.2.1 One person nominated: No vote is necessary; the nominated person is elected.

3.2.2.2 Two people nominated: Voting continues until one of the two nominees gains a majority of members present.

3.2.2.3 Three or more people nominated: Voting will proceed as follows:

- a. On the first ballot, each elector casts one vote. The nominee with the highest number of votes, if a majority, is elected.
- b. If there is no nominee with a clear majority on the first ballot, the one nominee, if any, with the fewest number of votes is eliminated and another vote is taken. If there is no single nominee with the fewest number of votes, then no nominee is eliminated and another vote is taken, provided that a nominee or nominees receiving no votes shall be automatically eliminated.

3.2.3 Two or more seats available.

3.2.3.1 Voters will vote for one position at a time. If the terms are different, the positions will be filled in order of term length starting with the longest or longer.

3.2.3.2 The voting will proceed as follows:

- a. On the first ballot, each elector casts one vote. The candidate with the highest number of votes, if a majority, is elected.

b. If there is no nominee with a clear majority on the first ballot, the one nominee, if any, with the fewest number of votes is eliminated and another vote is taken. If there is no single nominee with the fewest number of votes, then no nominee is eliminated and another vote is taken, provided that a nominee or nominees receiving no votes shall be automatically eliminated.

Carried unanimously

APPEALS AND CHARGES

Heth (C), Mamula (VC)

Fairchild, Janicki, Pinsky, Reid, Smith

Staff: Van Leeuwen

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 152-01: Report on Hearings

As to the matter of the automatic review of the discipline of Patrick Lauterbach, ACBL #L615545, the Committee confirms the findings and decision of the Unit 160 Disciplinary Committee as to guilt under Code of Disciplinary (CDR) sections 3.7 and 3.20 and amends the discipline imposed on Mr. Lauterbach to read as follows:

- Expulsion
- Removal of 100% of Mr. Lauterbach's masterpoints.

As to the matter of Sharon Crawford's appeal of the District 2 Appellate Committee decision, the Committee vacates the decision of the Committee and remands this matter to the District 2 Appellate Committee for a new hearing with proper notice given to Ms. Crawford.

Item 152-02: ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations – Definitions

The Definitions section of the ACBL Code of Discipline Regulations is modified to include:

ACBL Officials

For the purposes of this CDR, "ACBL Officials" are defined as: Members of the ACBL Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, members of any ACBL Foundation Board or of any ACBL committee, sub-committee or commission appointed by the ACBL President, or by the ACBL Board or by a member of the ACBL Board. It shall also include members of the Board of Governors.

Members of any District or Unit Board within the ACBL and of any duly appointed or elected committee or sub-committee of such a Board.

Members of any ACBL Tournament Committee and all independent contractors hired by a Tournament Committee. This includes all Tournament Assistants and Caddies hired to work at an ACBL sanctioned tournament.

ACBL employees, the ACBL Recorder, and ACBL League Counsel.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 152-03: Amendment to CDR 9.1

CDR 9.1 is amended as follows:

“9.1 When it is alleged that a Unit has violated ACBL, District, or its own bylaws or regulations, has acted in an illegal or improper manner, or has improperly failed to act upon a disciplinary complaint, a member, or group of members, or Unit or District may bring the matter directly to the District Disciplinary Committee to request a hearing. The District Disciplinary Committee may decide not to conduct a hearing if it finds that the case does not warrant any action or the matter was dealt with in a reasonable manner at the Unit level.”

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

HONORARY MEMBER

Weniger (C)

Anderson, Fairchild, Smith

Staff: McGuire

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 152-110: Distinguished Employee Award

Chapter II, B, 2.2 of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

2.2 Jeff Johnston Distinguished Employee Award

An award shall be established to recognize contributions that are made by an employee that dramatically change the nature of the Game or the way the League functions. This award shall be called the Jeff Johnston Distinguished Employee Award. Management, through the CEO, shall recommend to the Board for approval the name of such employee when it deems it appropriate. A plaque designating this award shall be designed, included in a position of honor, and a story about the recipient shall appear in the Bridge Bulletin. The recipient of this award shall receive a plaque and a remembrance of management's selection not to exceed \$2,500 in value.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

NABC FANTASY

Monzingo (C)

Bagley, Calkins, Heller, Weniger

Staff: Van Leeuwen

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

REGIONAL ALLOCATION

Heller (C)

Carman, DeMartino, C. Jones, Robinson, Vilhauer

Staff: Horwedel

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 152-211: NLM Regionals

Chapter IX, Section 2.2 of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

2.2 Each district is allocated four annual regionals which may be open or senior. Each district is allowed to split one regional. In addition, a district is allocated three limited regionals which may be any of the following: Junior regional, Youth regional, or Non-Life Master regional with an upper limit of no more than 750 points).

Effective January 1, 2016

Carried Nay: 3, 25 Abstain: 22

TOURNAMENTS

Robinson (C), Vilhauer (VC)

Carman, DeMartino, Heller, C. Jones, Whipple

Staff: Horwedel

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 152-245: Limited Sectionals

The ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

CHAPTER X - SECTIONALS

A. GENERAL

1. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT ALLOCATIONS

- a. Each Unit is required to hold a Sectional at least once every two years.

- b. Sectionals are allocated to Units. There are no restrictions as to the number of Sectionals a Unit may conduct. A District has the right of approval for Sectionals conducted by its Units. A Unit must abide by the decision of the District as to how many Sectionals it may run.
- c. Sectionals must be at least two days and no more than five days in duration, with the following exceptions: Limited/Junior Sectionals and Sectional Tournaments at Clubs (STaCs). Limited/Junior Sectionals must be at least one day and no more than five days in duration. A Limited Sectional is defined as a sectional with a masterpoint limit of no more than 0-500. A Unit may not schedule more than three one-day Limited Sectionals in any calendar year. STaCs must be at least two days and no more than seven days in duration. A Unit may not attempt to circumvent this rule by scheduling back-to-back sanctions that run consecutively.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

BOARD OPERATIONS

Harlan (C), Anderson (VC)
Morse, Pinsky, Reid, Robinson
Committee Report by Chairman

Staff: McGuire

Item 152-20: Board of Governors Meeting

The Board of Governors meets at 10 a.m. the first Saturday of every NABC.

Deferred to the Fall 2015 meeting
Deferral carried unanimously

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

Monzingo (C)
R. Jones, Levy, Weniger
Committee Report by Chairman

Staff: Delfs

Item 152-70: North American Pairs National Conditions of Contest

The NAP Condition of Contest, Substitutes, # is amended as follows:

SUBSTITUTES

1. At any stage of the competition, the District Director (or his designee), the District NAP Coordinator or the tournament committee may approve a substitute in an emergency. A substitute must meet the eligibility requirements listed on page 1, under FLIGHT ELIGIBILITY, and the replacement may not appreciably strengthen the partnership and is subject to the following limitations:

- a. At the club or unit stage, if a substitute plays more than 50 percent of the boards, he becomes the contestant of record if otherwise qualified.
- b. At any stage beyond the unit stage, a substitute is not permitted for more than 50 percent of the boards played in a qualifying session or sessions; for more than 50 percent of the boards played in a final session or sessions; or more than one session in any case.

2. 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 deceased. The surviving qualifier may select a new partner, who will be fully eligible to play in the National Final stage. 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 Nay: 3, 8, 13, 24, 25 Abstain: 10, 14 Absent: 9, 20

Item 152-71: Collegiate Qualifier and Championship C of C

The Collegiate Qualifier and Championship Conditions of Contest is amended as follows:

Qualifying Stage:

C. The first month of each Qualifying Stage will be a random draw assignment. The remaining two months will be Swiss assignments with no playbacks in each qualifying period.

Effective September 1, 2015

Carried unanimously

Item 152-72: Allowable Strats

Chapter XIII F VI & VII of the ACBL Codification is amended as follows:

1.1.6 Regional Strat/Flight Upper Masterpoint Limits

Flighted Pairs

Flight A	0-infinity, or two strats (lower strat must be at least 500 above B top to 5000)
Flight B	Up to two strats with at least 500 above C top
Flight C	Up to two strats

Stratified Pairs

Strat A	TOP "B" -UNLIMITED
Strat B	TOP "C"
Strat C	

Strat A	Both over 300
Strat B	One over and one under
Strat C	Both under
Stratiflighted Pairs	
Flight A	UNLIMITED – Up to three strats with bottom strat at least 500 higher than upper limit of B, Max 5000
Flight B	TOP OF “C”
Strat C	TOP OF “D”
Strat D	
Flighted Knockout Teams	
Flight A	0-infinity
Flight B	
Flight C	
1.1.6.1 Bracketed Knockout and Swiss Teams	
Must be bracketed by: Average MP’s all team members	
Average or total of top two masterpoint holders	
Flighted Swiss Teams	
Flight A	0-INFINITY, or two strats (lower strat must be at least 500 above B top to 5000)
Flight B	Up to two strats with at least 500 above C top
Flight C	Up to two strats
Stratified Swiss Teams	
Strat A	TOP “B” -UNLIMITED
Strat B	TOP “C”
Strat C	
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams	
Flight A	UNLIMITED – Up to three strats with bottom strat at least 500 higher than upper limit of B, Max 5000
Flight B	TOP OF “C”
Strat C	TOP OF “D”
Strat D	

1.1.7 Sectional Strat/Flight Upper Masterpoint Limits

Flighted Pairs

Flight A	0-INFINITY, or two strats (lower strat must be at least 500 above B top to 5000)
Flight B	Up to two strats with at least 500 above C top
Flight C	Up to two strats

Stratified Pairs

Strat A	TOP "B" -UNLIMITED
Strat B	TOP "C"
Strat C	
Strat A	Both over 300
Strat B	One over and one under
Strat C	Both under

Stratiflighted Pairs

Flight A	UNLIMITED – Up to three strats with bottom strat at least 500 higher than upper limit of B, Max 5000
Flight B	TOP OF "C"
Strat C	
Strat D	TOP OF "D"

Flighted Knockout Teams

Flight A	0-infinity
Flight B	
Flight C	

Note: May be bracketed to end in three sessions

1.1.7.1 Bracketed Knockout and Swiss Teams

Must be bracketed by: Average MP's all team members or average or total of top two masterpoint holders

Flighted Swiss Teams

Flight A	0-INFINITY, or two strats (lower strat must be at least 500 above B top to 5000)
Flight B	Up to two strats with at least 500 above C top
Flight C	Up to two strats

Stratified Swiss Teams

Strat A	TOP "B" -UNLIMITED
Strat B	TOP "C"
Strat C	

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams

Flight A	UNLIMITED – Up to three strats with bottom strat at least 500 higher than upper limit of B, Max 5000
Flight B	TOP OF "C" 750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 2000, 2750, 3000
Strat C	
Strat D	TOP OF "D"

Deferred to the Fall 2015 meeting

Deferral carried Nay: 1, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16 Abstain: 20

Item 152-73: Electronic Device Policy

Chapter VIII - North American Bridge Championships, Section E. Operations

1.11 Electronic Devices is amended as follows:

Electronic Device Policy

1.11.1 The electronic device policy at NABCs allows players to bring electronic devices into the playing area. Except for health-related equipment and/or by permission of the Director-in-Charge of the tournament, all such devices must be inoperable and turned off.

1.11.2 Any device capable of either sending or receiving electronic signals must not be visible during the session.

1.11.3 This policy applies to all pairs, team members, captains, coaches, play recorders and kibitzers with the exception of those persons designated by the ACBL. This policy is in force throughout any actual playing session or segment of play.

1.11.4 A violation of the policy will result in an automatic penalty pursuant to Law 91 of Laws of Bridge of one full board at Matchpoints/Board-a-Match, 12 IMPs at IMP

Pairs/Knockouts or 20% of the maximum VPs available per match at Swiss Teams for the first offense. A second offense will result in disqualification from the event for the pair/team. Kibitzers violating this policy will be required to leave the playing area for the remainder of that session.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

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The Western Zone reported that Bonnie Bagley was appointed as the Western Zone Executive Committee Member Alternate term ending, December 31, 2016.

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BRIDGE

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

Item 152-30: ACBL Laws of Duplicate Bridge, Law 12C1 election

The ACBL revokes it's election of 12C1(e) in the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

Effective January 1, 2016
Carried Nay: 7, 8, 11, 13, 19 Abstain: 14

Item 152-31: Online Instant Tournaments

“Instant Tournaments” be allowed as a format for online club games.

Effective Immediately
Carried Nay: 1, 4 Abstain: 7

Item 152-33: KO Teams Conditions of Contest

The Knockout Teams General Conditions of Contest be amended as follows:

SCORING AND PLAY

12. The team(s) eliminated from a round robin shall be determined as follows:
(Definitions: Net IMPs: The difference between the total number of IMPs won and the total number of IMPs lost.)
 - A. When two teams progress and one team has not lost both matches:
 - (1). If each team has won a match:

- a. Net IMPs.
- b. Result of the head-to-head match if two teams are tied in negative net IMPs.
- c. If the net IMPs for each of the three teams is zero: Play-off (continuing three-way matches of two boards until the tie is resolved) except for a Compact KO match where there is another match to play in the current session. In this instance, the tie is broken using the following methods until the tie is resolved:

Board-A-Match Scoring

Total Points Scoring

Coin-Flip (odd man out)

- (2). If one team has won two matches and the other two teams tied, use #9 above for head-to-head ties
- (3). If one team has tied both of their matches, the team that has one loss and a tie shall be eliminated.
- (4). If all three teams have tied both of their matches:

Play-off (continuing three-way matches of two boards until the tie is resolved) except for a Compact KO match where there is another match to play in the current session. In this instance, the tie is broken using the following methods until the tie is resolved:

Board-A-Match Scoring

Total Points Scoring

Coin-Flip (odd man out)

B. When one team progresses and one team has not won both matches:

- (1). If each team has won a match:

- a. Net IMPs.
- . Result of the head-to-head match if two teams are tied in net IMPs.
- c. If the net IMPs for each of the three teams is zero: Play-off (continuing three-way matches of two boards until the tie is resolved) except for a Compact KO match where there is another match to play in the current session. In this instance, BAM scoring is used to resolve the tie. If still tied, total points scoring is used to resolve the tie. If still tied, coin-flip.

- (3). If two teams defeat the third team and tie their match, use #9 above for head-to-head ties.

Effectively immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 152-34: ACBL Handbook for Appeals Committees

Changes shall be made to the ACBL Handbook For Appeals Committees as follows:

II. APPEALS COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

F. Tournament Director's Role

- A Tournament Director (TD) is no party's adversary. As a professional arbiter, the Tournament Director is expected to make each ruling after a careful effort to discover every relevant fact and understand the bridge judgments involved. However, the TD is permitted to and should defend his or her decision.
- If, during the committee hearing process, the TD acquires new information he deems significant, or realizes that he overlooked or misinterpreted an applicable provision of Law, he should advise the committee that his ruling might well have been different given his newly acquired knowledge.
- The Appeals Committee should support the Tournament Director as a neutral person. During the hearing, this means treating the Tournament Director with respect.
- The Tournament Director testifies first. He or she should give a summary of the facts and issues, recite the pertinent law and regulations, explain the ruling, and describe the available sanctions. An Appeals Committee may not overrule a Tournament Director on a point of law. In such a case, particularly when the Committee feels it has factual information not available to or possibly overlooked or misinterpreted by the TD, the Appeals Committee should ask the Tournament Director to reconsider his or her ruling per Law 93B3.
- The Tournament Director should inform the committee when bridge judgment is not relevant by showing a copy of the applicable law or regulation.

III. PROCEDURES

H. Explaining the Burden of Proof

- The chairperson should explain to those present that the standard of proof to accept one version of the facts over another version is a preponderance of the evidence. This means that the committee accepts the version more likely to be true. If a committee member has any doubt he or she will accept the Tournament Director's determination.

I. Presentations

- First the Tournament Director summarizes the relevant facts and issues along with the pertinent law and regulations. Next, he or she explains the ruling and presents a list of alternative rulings and sanctions and informs the Appeals Committee of the full range of its authority. After responding to any questions from committee members and parties, the Tournament Director may withdraw, but may remain if the Committee so requests and other duties allow. The chairperson may and should recall the Tournament Director, especially when more information regarding law or regulation is needed.
- Each appellant (the contestant lodging the appeal) or their advocate (not both) gives his or her version of the facts plus their reasons why they believe the Tournament Director's ruling

is incorrect and that the Appeals Committee should decide matters in their favor. After each appellant is finished, the appellee (the opponent of the appellant) and any committee members may ask any pertinent questions. If an advocate represents the appellant, the appellant speaks only as a witness.

K. Deliberations

- The Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge (specifically Law 84D) state that if an irregularity has occurred for which no penalty is provided by law, the Tournament Director awards an adjusted score if there is even a reasonable possibility that the non-offending side was damaged. An Appeals Committee is subject to the same Laws. In gray areas both a Tournament Director and an Appeals Committee should rule for the non-offending side. Members are completely free to find facts and make bridge judgements that are completely at odds with the facts and bridge judgements found by the Tournament Director, but absent cogent reasons for doing otherwise, should generally accept the TD's assessment of the facts, the credibility of witnesses, the application of presumptions, and the fairness of adjustments. Committees are expected to possess, collectively, expertise in bridge judgment, and in that area do not defer to the TD.
- The foregoing notwithstanding, an Appeals Committee should be prepared to accept the bridge judgment of players polled by the TD, but only if it judges that the sample size was sufficient and the questions asked were relevant to the matter at hand. Accordingly poll questions and answers must be written so that they can be presented to the committee should an appeal be filed.
- An Appeals Committee is bound by the Tournament Director's statement of applicable law and regulation. If a committee finds the same facts as the Tournament Director and makes the same bridge judgments, then it must make the same ruling. A committee cannot overrule a Tournament Director on a point of law or regulation. A Committee may decide that a different Law applies and inform the Tournament Director of the facts that led to this conclusion. The Committee may not apply a different law if the Tournament Director disagrees.
- When announcing a decision the Appeals Committee should state whether or not it is upholding the TD's ruling and give the reasons why.

IV. PRINCIPLES OF EVIDENCE

B. Burden of Proof

- A committee must review the evidence independently, and make its own determination of fact or bridge judgment. If, after consultation with fellow members, a committee member has any doubt in either case he or she should accept the Tournament Director's determination.
- A Tournament Director has no burden of proof in an Appeals Committee hearing. The appellant does.

- Remember, that if the committee finds the same facts and bridge judgment as the Tournament Director, it must make the same ruling, subject to attempting to persuade the Director that another Law, or a more correct interpretation of Law, requires a different result per Law 93B3.

Effective August 6, 2015
Carried Nay: 19, 22

FINANCE

Reid (C), Robinson (VC)

Calkins, Carman, Heller, Monzingo, Morse, Pinsky, Whipple
Committee Report by Chairman

Staff: Brown

Item 152-85: Entry Fees NABC+ Team Events / Screens

The ACBL Board of Directors rescinds item 142-71 Entry Fees NABC+ Team Events / Screens.

Effective Fall 2015 NABC

Motion Failed Aye: 2, 3, 12, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25 Abstain: 1, 16

Item 152-86: Capital Budget

The 2015 capital budget is increased by \$100,000 for technology infrastructure improvements. The total 2015 capital budget is \$370,170.

Effective immediately
Carried unanimously

Item 152-87: STaC Non-Member Surcharge

The ACBL Codification will be amended by making the following changes:

CHAPTER X - SECTIONALS

B. FINANCE

1. GENERAL

- a. Sponsoring organizations are required to pay all funds due the ACBL at the conclusion of the tournament.
- b. The ACBL strongly recommends Units and Districts make student discounts available at Sectionals and Regionals.
- c. Except for charity events or events limited to players with fewer than 20 masterpoints:

- (1) For all sectionals including STaCs, the sponsoring organization shall charge a mandatory additional fee of at least \$3.00 per person per session for non-members and non-service fee paying LMs.
- (2) It is suggested that the sale signage present this as a discount to members.
- (3) The additional fee shall be retained by the sponsoring organization.

2. FEES AND CHARGES

- a. Sectional tournaments are charged a surcharge in lieu of the transportation cost of the highest-ranking director, in addition to the usual table sanction fees, and tournament director fees.
- b. STaC sanction fees are calculated on a sliding scale dependent on the number of tables in the STaC.

Effective January 1, 2016

Motion Failed Aye: 3, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 19, 21 Abstain: 2, 4, 14, 20

MASTERPOINTS AND EVENT STRUCTURE

DeMartino (C)

Carman, R. Jones, Robinson

Staff: Horwedel

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 152-141: KO Awards for 5-6 person Teams at Sectionals/Regionals

Second Reading

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

Motion Failed Aye: 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 15, 18, 19, 20

Item 152-142: Regional Non-Championship Events

Second Reading

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 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 January 1, 2016

Carried Abstain: 1

Item 152-143: Masterpoint Awards for Bracketed Swiss

Second Reading Required

A. The following formula for calculation of masterpoint awards for bracketed Swiss is deleted: Masterpoint awards will be computed according to the General Formula using "M" values calculated as follows. Each of the brackets will have a minimum "M" value according to the table below:

Brackets	I	II	III	IV	V	VI, etc.
	1.00	0.75	0.60	0.50	0.40	0.33

The "M" value for any bracket will be higher whenever the average masterpoint holding of the highest team in the bracket would have a higher value according the "M" table in the ACBL masterpoint book. For example, if the average holding for the top teams in bracket 3 were 800 points, the "M" value for that bracket would be increased to 0.70, the value of the "M" factor for the next lowest upper limit in the book (in this case 0-750).

For regionally rated events, overall awards will be red and gold according to the following table:

I	100% Gold
II	100% Gold
III	90% Gold, 10% Red
IV	67% Gold, 33% Red
V	50% Gold, 50% Red
VI (or higher)	33% Gold, 67% Red

Match awards will be computed according to the formulas, using the appropriate "M" value. First overall in any bracket will be based on the number of teams in that bracket plus all of the number of teams in all lower brackets. The number of overall awards in any bracket will be one third of the number of teams rounded up. (Board of Directors - Summer, 1996)

B. The above formula is replaced by the following:

MASTERPOINT AWARDS FOR BRACKETED SWISS

First Overall = Basic Award x K x P x 2/3 (to adjust for a 2-session event instead of a 4-session)

The following current rule for bracketed KOs is applied to bracketed Swiss:

In Regional Bracketed Swiss teams of two or more sessions, the top bracket will always award 100% gold as long as the average masterpoints per player is greater than 750.

For lower brackets, the percentage of gold awarded for overalls is as follows:

Average Masterpoints per Player	Pigmentation of Award
750+	100% gold
500 - 749	2/3 gold; 1/3 red
300 - 499	1/2 gold; 1/2 red
Less than 300	1/3 gold; 2/3 red

Effective January 1, 2016

Carried Nay: 7, 17, 22

Item 152-144: Masterpoint Awards for Four Session Regional Events

Second Reading Required

For those 4 session Regional events where another unrestricted event of the same type starts on the same day, the Masterpoint Awards computed by our formula shall be increased by 40%.

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously

Item 152-145: KO Formula Change

Second Reading Required

The following statement shall be eliminated from the KO Section of Masterpoint Awards Manual.

“Note: After application of the Bracket Size Adjustment Reduction Factor, the resulting award must be at least 105% of the award for the next lower bracket.”

Effective immediately

Carried unanimously

Item 152-146: Masterpoint Awards For Team Trials and Canadian Championships

Second Reading Required

A. Awards for the following events be changed as follows:

- Lower the US Women’s Bridge Championship award to 100 masterpoints (currently 120) to make it identical with the Wagar.
- Increase the Canadian Senior Teams award to 80 Masterpoints. (from 60)

B. Minimum Table Requirements will apply to all Trials/Canadian Championship events, beginning at 16 tables, as follows:

16+ teams	100% award
< 16 teams	for each team below 16, there will be a 6.25% reduction in the award coming down to 50% for 8 or fewer tables.

C. Knockout Match Awards for the following events will be changed to make them more consistent with their championship counterpart:

US Bridge Championship	10.00
US Women's Bridge Championship	8.00
Canadian National Teams	8.00
Senior Team Trials	8.00
Canadian Women's Teams	6.00
Canadian Senior Teams	6.00

D. For these trial type events, the depth of field will be the same as for a knockout event with the same number of teams, independent of the format used to reach the KO stage. To be eligible for an overall award a team must have progressed past the first stage of the event.

Effective: Immediately
Carried Nay: 8, 14, 19

ONLINE BRIDGE	
Levy (C)	
Carman, Hennings, C. Jones, Smith	Staff: Delfs
Committee Report by Chairman	

Item 152-180: ACBL Lifetime Masterpoints Lists Online

All ACBL lifetime masterpoints lists, points won online be separated from points won face-to-face. There would be two categories of lifetime lists: Online points and face-to-face points. This would apply to the ACBL Lifetime Top 500, Canadian Top 100, Mexico Top 50, Bermuda Top 25 and any other ACBL lifetime list.

Effective immediately
Motion Failed

Item 152-181: ACBL Lifetime Masterpoint Lists

ACBL Board of Directors interprets item 143-26 ACBL Lifetime Masterpoint Lists to apply to all published online lists as well as all “printed” lists.

Effective immediately
Motion Failed Abstain: 2, 7, 9, 10, 18, 19, 25.

Item 152-182: ACBL Lifetime Masterpoint Lists denoting online masterpoints

Item 143-26 is rescinded.

On all printed lifetime Masterpoint lists issued after December 31, 2014, online Masterpoints will be included next to the total.

Effective Immediately
Carried Nay: 1, 3, 7, 9, 10, 18, 19 Abstain: 22

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Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 4:30 p.m.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session the Board adjourned.

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The meeting was called to order by President Suzi Sobeck on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Same as Wednesday, August 5
Also Present: Same as Wednesday, August 5

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Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. the Board of Directors resumed in open session.

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INSURANCE

Robinson, (C)

Carman, Levy, DeMartino

Staff: Jones

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.

TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT AND EVALUATION

Whipple (C)

R. Jones, Mamula, Vilhauer

Staff: Hodus

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.

INTERNATIONAL

Janicki (C)

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

Staff: Delfs

Committee Report by Chairman

Item 152-120: WBF Membership

Chapter VII A and Chapter VII B of the ACBL Codification be amended as follows:

Section 3 – WBF

3.1 WBF Dues

3.1.1 The ACBL shall not pay any amount to the WBF for membership dues.

B. WBF REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives of Zone 2 to the World Bridge Federation shall be appointed by the Zone 2 NBOs under rules which shall be adopted jointly by those NBOs.

Effective January 1, 2016

Deferred to Fall 2015 meeting

Deferral Carried

JUNIORS/EDUCATION

Calkins (C)

Heth, Levy, Janicki, Morse, Whipple

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

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.

WEBSITE REVIEW AND EVALUATION

R Jones (C)

Bagley, Hennings, C. Jones

Staff: Turner/Hodus

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

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 C)

RECORDER SYSTEM REVIEW

Janicki (C)

DeMartino, Fairchild, Heth

Staff: Whitten

Committee Report by Chairman

An oral report was given.

NABC REVIEW

Bagley (C)

Hennings, Heth, Mamula

Staff: Sullivan

Committee Report by Chairman

A written report was received. (Attachment D)

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Closing Remarks

It was moved by Morse and carried unanimously that the Board expresses its thanks to District 13 and its Units, District Director and Tournament Chair Suzi Subeck and all of the other chairpersons and numerous volunteers. We also wish to thank the Chicago Hilton for its fine cooperation.

The Board adjourned *sine die* at 2:16 p.m.

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