

ACBL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes: SUMMER GENERAL MEETING

August 4, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Advisory Council Chair Doug Couchman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Eastern Time on Sunday, August 4, 2024. A quorum was present.

OPENING REMARKS: Chair Couchman welcomed and thanked all attendees and reminded Council members that their mandate is to act as a conduit between the membership and management and the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Spring General (March 2024) and Summer Special (July 2024) meetings were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: League President Margot Hennings presented the President's Report.

MANAGEMENT'S REPORTS: Executive Director Bronia Jenkins presented the management, litigation, and financial reports, and answered questions thereon.

BYLAWS CHANGE: Proposed Bylaws Change 23S4-05, having been approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, published in the bulletin, and then approved again by a two-thirds vote of the Board at a second reading, came before the Advisory Council for final approval. (Due to a miscommunication, presentation to the Council was delayed by several months.) The proposed change passed, 32–2.

CHAIR'S REPORT ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIONS: Chair Couchman presented his report on the various actions taken by the Board of Directors at its summer meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding various motions, not separately noted here except those that generated motions for reconsideration (see below).

MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION: Motions were made to send two different (albeit related) motions back to the Board for reconsideration:

242-BR03, Conditions of Contest for North American Pairs — changed to add fourth flight and updated flight limits and definitions. The primary objection raised by Council members was to the removal of the “non-life master” portion of the definition of the lowest flight. Motion for reconsideration passed, 28–5.

242-BR02, Conditions of Contest for Grand National Teams— changed to align flight limits and definitions with those in 242-BR03. Again the primary objection raised

by Council members was to the removal of the “non-life master” portion of the definition of the lowest flight. Motion for reconsideration passed, 28–5.

PRESENTATION REGARDING EDGAR: Regional Director Larry Sealy (Chair, Appeals and Charges Committee) presented a report on progress to date using EDGAR (the online cheating detection system). He also took questions from Council members.

NOMINATIONS: Nominations were solicited for elections (to be held at the Fall General meeting) for Chair and Vice Chair.

Candidates for Chair: Peter Marcus, Steve Moese, and Richard Popper

Candidates for Vice Chair: Henry Robin; unsuccessful candidates for Chair will be considered to have been nominated for Vice Chair if they choose to run.

OLD BUSINESS: None except as above.

NEW BUSINESS: Teachers and Clubs Committee Chair Steve Moese presented the committee’s input regarding upcoming contract negotiations for online bridge providers.

CLOSING REMARKS: Chair Couchman moved that members attaining the rank of Life Master be recognized as such. Approved by acclamation. He thanked attendees and other volunteers and reminded everyone to be kind and generous and to enjoy bridge.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:28 pm EST.