



## WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

**MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA  
Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 10.30 am**

### **In Attendance**

Mr José Damiani, President in the Chair  
Mr Jaime Ortiz-Patiño, President Emeritus

Mrs Sevinç Atay, Member  
Mr Yves Aubry, Member  
Mr Patrick Choy, Member  
Mr Marc De Pauw, Member  
Mr Jean-Louis Derivery, Member  
Ms Georgia Heth, Member  
Mr Mazhar Jafri, Member  
Mr Radislaw Kielbasinski, Member  
Mr Al Levy, Member  
Mr Dan Morse, Member  
Mr George Retek, Member  
Mr Gianarrigo Rona, Member  
Mr Jonathan Steinberg, Member  
Mr John Wignall, Member

### **Also in Attendance**

Mr Jeff Polisner, General Counsel  
Ms Carol von Linstow, Secretary to the President

### **Excused**

Mr Ernesto d'Orsi, Member  
Mr Bernard Pascal, Member

**By Invitation as observers**

Mr Jens Auken

Mr Ata Aydin

Mrs Joan Gerard

Mr Panos Gerontopoulos

Mr David Harris

Mrs Anna-Maria Torlontano

The President called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. After declaring a quorum, the meeting proceeded as follows.

**1. Item 15 of the Agenda – Organization, programs and plans of the new Legislature**

The President-Elect wishes to have a full meeting of the new Executive Council following the Congress meeting on Friday so that they can discuss the future, including the selection of officers and committees.

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The President noted that there would be several presentations this afternoon from The Netherlands for 2011 and Las Vegas in 2018. He advised that Indonesia had made a bid to hold 2013 event in Bali and it was agreed that they should be received by the Council.

**2. Item 22 of the Agenda – Women's Committee**

Mrs Torlontano read her report on the activities of the Women's Committee in the past year.

The President congratulated Mrs Torlontano and said that the WBF needed to encourage women to come to the Championships to play duplicate bridge. He thanked her for a fine job.

**3. Item 23 of the Agenda – Seniors Committee**

The President noted that Nissan Rand, who was Chairman of the Seniors Committee, died last year. His widow made a donation to the WBF and the

Seniors event has now been renamed the Rand Cup in memory of Nissan. A new Chairman will have to be nominated this year.

The qualifying age of the seniors has been changed progressively over the past few years and now stands at 60 which the President considers to be perfect. He noted that the rules for the seniors are not the same as for the open and women's and, therefore, they are not required to play in the World Bridge Games to qualify to play in the D'Orsi Senior's Cup.

#### **4. Item 28 – Internet and WBF website**

Mr Gerontopoulos gave a verbal report. He considers that they are running an information/communications service using the medium of internet to provide data to the bridge players. The website has covered all the championships since its inception in 1995.

The website provides information on the past as well as the present.

The President thanked Mr Gerontopoulos for his report. Mr Levy wondered whether it would be possible to farm out any major projects rather than trying to do them in house.

#### **5. Item 24 – Laws Committee**

The Code of Practice has been reviewed to see whether it is still in accordance with the 2007 revised Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

The Committee will be helping to review the laws of Rubber Bridge. The President emphasized that the difference between Rubber Bridge and Duplicate Bridge should be clearly defined between the Portland Club for Rubber Bridge and the WBF for the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

The Laws of on-line bridge will also be addressed.

A report on the meeting of the Laws Committee on Friday will be presented to a later Council meeting.

#### **6. Item 25 – 2010 Worldwide Bridge Contest & Charity event**

Mrs Gudge reported on the Charity contest that was run earlier this year just after the Haiti disaster. Whereas the event usually brings in approximately £4,000, this year they raised £28,000 which was sent to the Haiti Disaster

Fund. As a result, Mrs Gudge had received an invitation to the House of Commons in London – unfortunately for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October!

The Worldwide Bridge contest met with approximately the same success as in previous years.

**7. Item 26 – World Championship Book and other historical books**

**a) *WBF History Book – publication***

The President Emeritus reported on the project that he has undertaken to complete by next year with Mr Gerontopoulos on the history of the WBF.

The Championship Book this year will be as it was in Beijing and will include the Junior events being held here. There will be a reception for the Juniors at the Hampton Inn on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> October and the President was keen that members of the Executive who had juniors playing in Philadelphia should make a short appearance at the reception.

**8. Item 34 – any other business**

**a) *Suzy Howes Proposal***

The President reported that Mrs Howes had contacted him to say that her husband, the former General Counsel of the WBF, had left the WBF \$100,000 in his Will but only upon the death of Mrs Howes.

**9. Item 29 – Master Point Plan**

It has been improved here in Philadelphia to include points for the KOs in the Rosenblum and the McConnell.

The meeting resumed after lunch and Mr Jean-Claude Beineix joined the meeting as an observer.

**10. Item 19 – Future Championships**

**a) *Presentation on 2018 – Las Vegas***

Mr Chris Compton was invited into the meeting together with Mr Dave Berkoski, National Sales Manager, Paris/Bally's, Las Vegas and President Justine Hancock who is the President of the Las Vegas Unit to give a presentation on 2018 Las Vegas.

A motion was made to thank the Las Vegas people and Mr Compton for their presentation and the WBF will give their proposal serious consideration providing an invitation is forthcoming from the USBF and ACBL.

***b) Presentation on 2011 – The Netherlands***

Mr Armand Trippaers was invited into the meeting to make a presentation on the 2011 World Team Championships which will be held in Eindhoven from 15<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October. After his presentation, he presented a Bridge Card Recognition System showing cameras over the table recording continuously the bidding and play of every deal, which President Damiani had requested.

The President said that the WBF were looking forward to a very successful tournament in Veldhoven and thanked Mr Trippaers for his presentation.

The meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October will start with the presentation from Bali followed by item 15 on the Agenda. We will also hear the Zonal reports.

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Before ending the meeting, the Executive watched a short presentation from Mr Gerontopoulos on the history of the EBL.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:40 to be reconvened at 10:30 on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October.