



THE WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

**MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> MEETING  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
Veldhoven, The Netherlands  
Thursday, 20th October 2011 – 3:00 pm**

**In Attendance**

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

Mrs Sevinç Atay, Member  
Mr Yves Aubry, Member  
Mr Ernesto d'Orsi, Member  
Mr Jean-Louis Derivery, Member  
Mrs Joan Gerard, Member  
Mr David Harris, Proxy for Mr Jens Auken  
Ms Georgia Heth, Member  
Mr Mazhar Jafri, Member  
Mr Radoslaw Kielbasinski, Member  
Mr Al Levy, Member  
Mr Bernard Pascal, Member  
Mr George Retek, Member  
Mr Jonathan Steinberg, Member  
Mr John Wignall, Member

**Also in Attendance**

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

**Excused**

Ms Chen Zelan, Member  
Mr Patrick Choy, Member  
Mr Marc De Pauw, Member  
Mr Robert S. Wolff, Past President

**Invited**

Mr Craig Robinson, President of the ACBL  
Mr Panos Gerontopoulos, Honorary Member of the WBF  
Mr Ata Aydin, Chairman of the Youth Committee

The President called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. After declaring a quorum, the meeting proceeded as follows.

## **1. Item 28 – Zonal Presidents' Reports**

### *a. Zone 3*

Mr d'Orsi read his report which is attached as Annex 28a. The President thanked Mr d'Orsi for his report and congratulated him on the foundation of the Brazilian Association of Mind Sports. He said he had enjoyed his visit to the Zone and was pleased to have helped the team that had been able to go to Croatia for the World Youth Bridge Congress.

### *b. Zone 1*

Mr Aubry read his report which is attached as Annex 28b. The President thanked Mr Aubry for his detailed report on activities in the Zone. Ms Heth asked about the youth camps which Mr Aubry explained.

### *c. Zone 2*

Mr Robinson read his report which is attached as Annex 28c. The President thanked him for his report, for coming to Veldhoven and looked forward to seeing him in Seattle in November when he will be pleased to attend the leaving party of Jay Baum, the ACBL CEO who is retiring.

### *d. Zone 4*

Mr Jafri read the report on behalf of the new President of the Zone, Uma Shankar Bhartia, who was unable to travel to The Netherlands. The President was very impressed by the new President of the Zone during his visit to Chennai, who seems to be both intelligent and determined to improve things in the Zone. The report is attached as Annex 28d.

Mr Guido Resta, Mr Ton Kooijman and Mr Duccio Geronimi entered the meeting.

### *e. Zone 5*

Mr Derivery read the report on behalf of the President, Mrs Sheena Rayner who will be arriving in Veldhoven next week. The President thanked Mr Derivery and expressed the gratitude of the WBF to Mrs Rayner for providing the Bermuda Bowl replicas once again this year. The report is attached as 28e.

### *f. Zone 7*

Mr Wignall read his report which is attached as Annex 1f. The President thanked Mr Wignall for his report and underlined the improvement in the number of members in the zone. In Australia the President met a lot of youth playing bridge and felt confident for the future of bridge in the zone.

### *g. Zone 8*

Mr Pascal read his report which is attached as Annex 28g. The President thanked Mr Pascal for his report and for having dealt with a very difficult situation. The President hopes that in a few years it will be possible to hold a World Championship in the Zone.

## **2. Item 30 – WBF Committee Reports**

### *a. Laws Committee*

Mr Kooijman reported for the Laws Committee that two meetings had been held here in which the laws on revokes and unintentional calls have been discussed at length.

Work has begun on the 10-yearly revision of the Duplicate Laws and NBOs will be asked for suggestions.

The Laws of Rubber Bridge and of Electronic Bridge will need to be updated so guidance from the Executive will be appreciated.

Mr Dan Morse entered the meeting.

### **3. Item 18 – Youth Activity**

Mr Aydin, Chairman of the WBF Youth Committee read his report on the Youth Committee which is attached as Annex 18.

The President reported on a meeting with the Chinese delegation where a decision was made for this event to be held in Taicang. He had discussed the conditions and suggested a rate of €45 for the student's accommodation including full board, breakfast and dinner at the hotel, lunch at the venue. For the 4\* hotel for the officials, a rate of €70 for a double room or €60 for a room with a third bed was proposed. The specifications will have to be defined and the President will sign the contract in Beijing. He will advise the Executive accordingly before the end of the year.

The President presented a CD he had received from students at a bridge school, which could be used as promotional material.

### **4. Item 23 – Seniors Committee**

Mr Guido Resta gave a report on the activities of the Seniors. He proposed a Transnational Seniors Championships every two years, specifically in the even years, taking them away from the World Series. There was discussion but no decision was reached. His report is attached as Annex 23.

The meeting was adjourned at 5.45 pm to be reconvened on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 10:00.