



## WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

**MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> MEETING  
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA  
Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 10:00 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 Ernesto d'Orsi, Member  
Mr Jean-Louis Derivery, Member  
Ms Georgia Heth, Member  
Mr Mazhar Jafri, Member  
Mr Radislaw Kielbasinski, Member  
Mr Al Levy, Member  
Mr Bernard Pascal, 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**

Ms Doris Fischer  
Mr Dan Morse  
Mr Nick Nickell  
Mrs Chen Zelan

**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 10:00 a.m. After declaring a quorum, the meeting proceeded as follows.

**1. Committee Reports*****a) Women's Committee***

Mrs Torlontano reported verbally on the Women's Committee meeting. Copy of her report is attached as Exhibit 1a.

***b) Finance Committee***

Mr Derivery read his report which is attached as Exhibit 1b.

The President noted that it might be necessary to take care when placing foreign investments in Switzerland as these could be subject to taxes. The EBL invest in short-term.

***c) Master Points***

Mr d'Orsi reported that a few minor changes had been made to points in the Rosenblum.

**2. Report by Mr De Pauw, the Treasurer-Elect**

Mr De Pauw presented a Budget for 2011 and a memorandum on the WBF Reimbursement Policy. He proposed that the NBOs in Zone 1 be invited to pay their dues in Euros at the average US Dollar/Euro rate of exchange for the last quarter of the previous calendar year.

The President does not think that the IOC and ARISF grants should be included in the income of the WBF as they were linked to specific events. They should perhaps appear in the variables. The exchange rate could be fixed using the average of the last quarter of the previous year.

The proposal of the President-Elect is to hold meetings of the Officers in Lausanne early in each year, meetings of the Management Committee at a Zonal Championship, probably alternating between Zone 1 and Zone 2, and of the Executive Council at the site of the annual World Championships. In 2011 when the EBL hosts its Zonal Championship in Poznan, Poland, the Management Committee will meet there. The proposal also is that the WBF will pay the travel and per diem costs for the delegates and the Zonal organization pay the accommodation.

The entry fees for the 2011 World Teams Championships were approved as €3,200 for the Open, Women's and Seniors' Teams; €1,200 for the Transnationals. Local teams in the event would pay €800.

The Executive passed the following resolution:

*On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010, at the Marriott Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, the Executive Council of the World Bridge Federation resolved as follows:*

- 1. That Marc De Pauw, duly appointed Treasurer of the World Bridge Federation be authorized to open Bank Accounts in the name of the World Bridge Federation with PNB Paribas of Lausanne, Switzerland.*
- 2. The Bank Accounts in the name of the World Bridge Federation held at Merrill Lynch, Société Générale, Union des Banques Suisse or otherwise, may possibly be transferred partly or totally.*
- 3. Marc De Pauw be further authorized to open Bank Accounts in such other countries as are necessary for the running of the World Bridge Federation championships or otherwise.*
- 4. The authorized signatories of the Bank Accounts of the World Bridge Federation shall be the President and/or the Treasurer.*

The President-Elect announced that Ms Carol von Linstow will take charge of the office in Lausanne.

### **3. Laws Committee Report**

Mr Wignall reported that the meetings were still in progress

#### **4. Motion proposed by Mr Jafri**

On the motion of Mr Jafri, the Council moved to amend the By-Laws of the World Bridge Federation to establish the position of Chairman Emeritus of the Executive Council. This was carried.

Mr Jafri also moved that By-Law 8.4 be amended to increase the maximum number of members of the Management Committee to 9, including the President.

General Counsel then advised that these amendments would be circularized to member NBOs.

#### **5. Proposal by Mr d'Orsi**

Mr d'Orsi moved that the retiring President, Mr José Damiani, be appointed Chairman Emeritus for life. The Executive Council approved by acclamation.

The President thanked the members of the Executive Council for all their assistance and then handed over the meeting to the new President.

Mr Rona announced that there would be a final meeting of the Executive Council to hear the final Committee reports on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 9:15 am.

Mr Jafri thanked Mr Damiani for his 16 years of service to the World Bridge Federation and expressed the sincere appreciation of the Executive Council for his chairmanship of the meetings.