

013 NABC - Las Vegas, NV
ITT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING
Saturday, November 24, 11:00am

Michael Becker, ITTC Chairman conducted the Committee of the Whole meeting. Also present were: Ed West, Sr. and Iris West (representing the ABA), Dan Morse, Chris Compton, David Berkowitz, Bruce Reeve, Richard Colker, Larry Simon, Gary Blaiss and Rena Hetzer.

Becker expressed his disappointment with such a small turnout for the meeting. Only four former trialists attended the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Toronto, Ontario NABC meeting were approved.

2002 Conditions of Contest

Various odds and ends of the 2002 Conditions were discussed:

1. A modified victory point scale and a new logarithmic scale for converting masterpoints into seeding points were approved.
2. A proposal to award seeding points (SPs) for good RR performance was defeated. A proposal to reward good RR performance by allowing the RR second place and first place finisher the option of changing to adjacent positions in the bracket was tabled (the Martel proposal). Berkowitz, Martel and Woolsey were authorized to come up with a method that rewards the top RR finisher(s) in some way.
3. The problem of teams complying with the COCs as to providing convention cards was discussed. The conditions were altered to read "Each partnership must make their ACBL convention card available to their opponents upon request." (Page 16, Section IX.C).
4. The C of C will attempt to revise Appendix C to eliminate references to ACBL and ABA and replace with it with USBF. Gary Blaiss will get the current ACBL Disciplinary Guidelines to Chris Compton so that the USBF may incorporate same into newly created USBF Disciplinary Guidelines. Ed West of the ABA was similarly asked to provide the ABA's disciplinary procedures.
5. The Canadian National Teams section in Appendix B, Seeding Points, Section IV will be removed.

Berkowitz suggested that Positioning Points be awarded for the National 4-session Open BAM beginning in 2003. It was pointed out that to date only events of 6-sessions or more received Placing Points.

Berkowitz reported that Fred Gitelman had volunteered to cover the trials (Vugraph live coverage) if his expenses and any operational expenses were paid. Becker will contact Gitelman and discuss the matter with him.

Bob Hamman began a discussion regarding the eligibility of non-citizen, USA residents to participate in the USA trials. He expressed the opinion that until such time as bridge is accepted as a scheduled Olympic sport that no "lines should be drawn in the sand." Peter Rank will consult with the USOC attorney and present a scenario we think may be acceptable to the USOC without jeopardy to the USBF's acceptance as an associate member of the USOC.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

