

**022 NABC – Washington, D.C.**  
**ITT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Sunday, July 21, 2002, 10:30 A.M.**

Michael Becker, ITTC Chairman conducted the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Present: Dave Berkowitz, Peter Boyd, Ira Chorush, Billy Eisenberg, Joan Gerard, Rena Hetzer, Chip Martel, Barbara Nudelman, Bill Pollack, Hugh Ross, Paul Soloway, Alan Sontag, John Sutherlin, Adam Wildavsky, Kit Woolsey

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the Houston, TX, spring 2002 NABC meeting were approved.

**New Residency Rules Issued by WBF?**

Correspondence between the USBF and WBF was reviewed. A determination of the WBF's approach to the residency issue will be made in Montreal. The USBF is hopeful that USBF residents will be able to continue to represent the US in WBF events, at least thru 2003.

**2003 Conditions of Contest**

Wildavsky presented a report of the Conditions of Contest Committee on suggested changes to the 2003 conditions and the following changes were discussed and approved:

1. Shuffle 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, then in 4's, regardless of whether teams have byes or not.
2. File mid and superchart methods on the website at least a month in advance, allowing a two week review and objection period. Then refiling corrections after objections (another week), not allowing any mid or superchart method to be played that is filed after the *initial* posting date.
3. Cap seeding points at 65 instead of 55.
4. Modifying tray passing rules as follows:
  - (a) A bidding tray returned in less than 20 seconds creates no presumption of Unauthorized Information (UI). A tray returned after a longer period may provide UI if it is likely that one side is responsible for the time taken.
  - (b) In tempo sensitive situations, the tray should be held on one side of the screen for up to 20 seconds. Under certain circumstances, questions asked may be considered the equivalent of holding the tray.
5. Deletion of Appendix C due to possible conflicts with USBF Bylaws and Grievance procedures.
6. Scientifically modifying the VP scales – volunteers asked to compose a scale. No one volunteered.
7. Restricting all communications devices in the playing areas – they must be checked with the D.I.C.
8. An Alert review may be initiated by the declaring side only after auction ends.

**Site and Date of 2003 Trials**

There was a discussion of site and date of 2003 Trials. If in Memphis the dates would be June 1-9 at the same hotel. The committee was overwhelmingly in favor of continuing to hold the trials in Memphis if costs could remain similar to the costs of holding the event at a regional and/or similar to the previous trials. Becker stated that the decision would be made before the next meeting.

### **USBF Update**

Becker gave a brief USBF Update and discussed: USOC, IOC Developments, the 2003 Elections, Active Member Numbers, Donation Numbers, Financial Report on the \$1.95 tag line and the USBF's bottom line.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.