

022 NABC – Phoenix, AZ
ITT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING
Sunday, November 30, 2002, 11:00 A.M.

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

Present: Dave Berkowitz, Henry Bethe, Peter Boyd, Rich Colker, Chris Compton, Joan Gerard, Rena Hetzer, Chip Martel, Barbara Nudelman, Chris Patrias, Dan Morse, Hugh Ross, Larry Simon, Sol Weinstein, Adam Wildavsky

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Washington, D.C. summer 2002 NABC meeting were approved.

World Relations

Dan Morse reported that WADA, the IOC's drug testing organization, wants randomly test top members of organizations recognized by the IOC as a sport (like the WBF), offsite (not at a world event). The committee thought that if drug testing is to be performed, it should be done at an NABC/Trials site, that it might perhaps be voluntary rather than forced, and that tests be conducted for a narrow list of drugs that might be performance enhancing. Some thought that no drugs have been proven to be performance enhancing, and that the list should be blank.

Morse reported that the 2003 Bermuda Bowl will probably be held in Monte Carlo from November 1-15, 2003.

USBF Update

Becker recited a list of tasks that the USBF still has to tackle, and also went over agenda items for the USBF Board's next meeting. He thought the USBF should continue to exist so long as there were volunteers willing to put the time in to make the organization work. He offered to continue to chair the ITTC.

2003 Conditions of Contest

Amendments proposed at the last meeting were presented and discussed at this one. The committee approved of all changes made to the conditions except:

1. 5-8 should be shuffled rather than 5-6, 7-8, unless team 5 has a bye. If team 5 has a bye, then 5-6, and 7-8 shall be shuffled.
2. Conventions and suggested defenses shall be presented on a standard form.
3. No convention need be submitted and no defense has to be provided for, any convention that presently does not currently require a submission when playing in an NABC event. Also, a convention for which defenses already exist on the ACBL website need not be submitted. However, if playing a modified convention that conflicts with the defined convention, the modification and defense do have to be submitted.
4. An unapproved convention shall not be penalized unless it is employed. An IMP penalty was not popular, but no other suggestions were made.

The Conditions of Contest Committee was asked to review/rewrite the convention and defense sections of the conditions and resubmit them.

The use of new victory point scales was tabled, but there was a consensus that every imp should be worth some portion of a victory point.

Adjournment

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