

03.3 NABC – New Orleans, LA
ITT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday, November 26, 2003, 10:30 A.M.

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

Present: Dave Berkowitz, Henry Bethe, Rick Bye, Peter Boyd, Ira Chorush, Rich Colker, Chris Compton, Mark Feldman, Jan Martel, Chip Martel, Shawn Quinn, Richard Schwartz, Barnet Shenkin, John Solodar, John Sutherlin, Bobby Wolff

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Long Beach, CA, Summer 2003 NABC meeting were approved.

The minutes of the Conditions of Contest Committee meeting of 9/10/03 were approved after adding that there was a 6-5 vote in favor of allowing conventions not included in the ACBL's Superchart.

Turkey

Bobby Wolff brought up two matters before leaving the meeting:

1. The USBF should review how the money allocated for world play is spent.
2. The USBF should review its position on sending its teams to Istanbul in 2004.

Later in the meeting the committee discussed Turkey. While most present said that if they won the USBC they would go to Turkey, they were uncomfortable doing so. The committee supported the USBF's current position that it will not send its teams to places it deems unsafe.

2003 Conditions of Contest

Compton appreciated the efforts of Jan Martel in reformatting the conditions and Jan was applauded. Becker noted that the 9/10/03 (second) teleconference of the Conditions of Contest Committee went very well, that the CoC is ahead of previous conditions timelines, and that the USBF paid the \$250 cost of the conference call.

Becker led a discussion of the yellow (shaded) areas of the 111203 draft conditions.

1. A section dealing with substitutes shall be added. Specifics to be discussed.
2. PPs awarded for the 2005 USBC repechage were tabled, noting that the ITTC must approve the actual PPs scale and the configuration of the repechage prior to the 2004 Spingold.
3. Becker will propose the number of PPs necessary to earn various byes in the new four-event cycle. It was suggested by Bethe that the new bye thresholds be approximately 1/6 higher than the present ones.

4. Winning the Bermuda Bowl or Olympiad (not the Rosenblum) shall be considered a major event for the purposes of gaining a bye to the semi-finals. Such a win does not earn any PPs.
5. Slow Play
 - a. Bethe, Compton, Feldman, J. Martel, Shenkin and Solodar agreed to review the "Time" section of the conditions.
 - b. Boards curtailed by slow play would not be adjusted by the IMPs the other table would ordinarily earn.
 - c. The DIC shall instruct monitors on their duties.
 - d. It was agreed that that the new Time regulations be given a [one year] chance and then be reviewed.
 - e. A suggestion was made (not approved) that players being monitored should have to pay for the cost of their monitor.
6. Systems and Conventions
 - a. A new Conventions Committee will be in charge of reviewing, approving/disapproving mid-chart and superchart conventions submitted for the USBC. The committee members are Henry Bethe, Rich Colker, Chip Martel, Kit Woolsey. The Committee list will appear on the committee page of the conditions.
 - b. Captains shall submit to the DIC a system summary and convention card for each partnership.
 - c. The material shall be available by letter box slots near the playing area, and a sign out/sign in sheet shall be used when players remove/return the material from the boxes.
 - d. Conventions not covered by the mid-chart or superchart shall not be permitted. The 6-5 vote that came out of the CoC in favor of permitting such conventions was reversed, (Compton opposed).
7. Augmentation rules shall require that teams representing the US be 6 handed.

USBF Regional

Compton noted that the ACBL allocated a Regional to the USBF. What that actually means was not discussed in any detail.

Adjournment

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