

2004.3 NABC – Orlando, FL
ITT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday, November 24, 2004, 11:00 A.M.

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

Present: David Berkowitz, Henry Bethe, Gary Blaiss, Peter Boyd, Ira Chorush, Chris Compton, Mark Feldman, Jan Martel, Chip Martel, Dan Morse, Barbara Nudelman, Larry Simon, Danny Sprung, John Sutherlin, Adam Wildavsky

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 11, 2004, New York City, NY, Summer NABC meeting were approved.

USBF Update

Chris Compton summarized the performance of the US teams in the various events in Istanbul. Dan Morse commented that most participants found the city safe and hospitable.

Compton stated that over a 4 year period there is a \$200,000 shortfall toward fully funding the US Open, Women's and Senior Teams. Also, team expenses may rise when the World Senior teams is lengthened. However, the new annual USBF regional and charity event will cover some or all of the shortfall.

Morse said that the WBF granted Canada/Mexico a slot in the 2005 Bermuda Bowl and that Europe was designated additional slots as well. For the 2007 Bermuda bowl, Zone 2's slots will be based on population, and the key number for the U.S. to be allocated two teams is 140,000. Current US ACBL membership is 141,000. The 2007 Bermuda Bowl may be held in Bali or San Paulo.

Compton reported that he, Dan Morse and Sharon Osberg were retiring as USBF Board members and will be replaced by Steve Beatty, Bob Hamman and Shawn Quinn. Becker thanked the retiring Board members for their service in a difficult time. The USBF Board was asked again to develop Credentials Committee procedures.

Becker distributed material on the charity event to be held in conjunction with the 2005 USBC and Regional and USBC. He reported that the regional tournament was well organized. On behalf of Shawn Quinn, Becker reported that Quinn needs a list of experts to auction off at the Charity event immediately. Becker requested at all Committee Members poll Active Members face to face in Orlando to ascertain their availability for the charity event. In addition, Active Members will be asked to volunteer thru an email.

2005 Conditions of Contest

Becker reviewed the changes made to the conditions since the last meeting in New York. After a brief discussion, the conditions were tentatively approved, pending any future changes that may

be found. The conditions shall be posted on the USBF website. Some appendixes will be finalized after entries close in April, 2005.

General Conditions of Contest

Jan Martel reviewed minor changes made to the General Conditions. All changes were approved as submitted except that it was agreed that in the RR, captains shall submit closed room line-ups in advance of each segment of play and shall submit open room line-ups in advance of each match and before the pairings for that match are known. A team will not know what team they are playing next until submitting their lineup.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 P.M.