

**2006.2 NABC – Chicago, IL**  
**ITT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Hiatt Regency Chicago, July 16, 2006, 10:30 A.M.**

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

Present: David Berkowitz, Steve Beatty, Gary Blaiss, Peter Boyd, Chris Compton, Mark Feldman, Joan Gerard, Rena Hetzer, Steve Landen, Jan Martel, Chip Martel, Dan Morse, Barbara Nudelman, Richard Schwartz, Larry Simon, John Solodar, Danny Sprung, Adam Wildavsky, Howard Weinstein, Sol Weinstein, Bobby Wolff, Kit Woolsey

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the Sunday, April 2, 2006, Dallas meeting were approved, as amended.

**Posting ITTC Minutes on Website**

Becker reported that the USBF would like to post xITTC minutes on the USBF website, and he had ITTC minutes dating back to 2000. The Committee unanimously approved posting the minutes on the website.

**2006 USBC Conditions**

Becker led a discussion of the remaining issues of the 2006 USBC CoC.

1. Beginning with the 2007 USBC, in the case of a V.C.3.b. entry, byes to the R32 will be given to any team that earns 40 or more PPs and did not earn a bye to the R16. Notice shall be published in Appendix E of the 2006 CoC.
2. Beginning with the 2006 USBC, PPs earned in the USBC will not count when determining byes to the quarterfinal or semifinal. After discussion, the number of PPs awarded for byes to the quarterfinals and semifinals remain unchanged. Notice shall be published in Appendix E of the 2006 CoC.  
Wildavsky reiterated his suggestion that PPs should be awarded to pairs rather than teams.
3. The Committee approved revised non-substantive wording of the “Authority and Overview” section of the CoC to comply with USBF Board augmentation procedures.
4. Becker reminded the Committee that after entries close on July 24<sup>th</sup>, the event’s format and schedule will be determined. He noted that the first session of the RR will start at 10:30 or 11:00 A.M. rather than 10:00 A.M., if possible.

**General Conditions of Contest**

Jan Martel led a discussion of current amendments to General Conditions of Contest.

Jan presented wording intended to conform with the Dallas meeting’s changes to slow play policy. It was agreed that the new rules should conform to the Dallas minutes (in quotations below) in that:

A. for an IMP penalty to be issued, a monitor need be present for a substantial period of time rather than the entire session. “...However, in order to issue an IMP penalty for slow play, an Observer must have been present for a substantial part of that segment...”

B. Directors should be given the more latitude in assessing penalties. “...Egregious slow play may result in accelerating this ladder...” Woolsey termed this allowing a director to give a red

card before a yellow card, if warranted. (The World Cup was recently held.)  
Otherwise, the sections on slow play and time monitors were approved.

Also, it was agreed to note that a director's determination of slow play and assessing of ladder penalties will not be appealable.

Sol Weinstein introduced a somewhat different method of handling slow play. The Committee asked the CoCC discuss his suggested procedure by email, but the current (new) procedure for dealing with slow play will be used in the 2006 USBC.

Jan reported that she made non-substantive changes to the system and conventions section of the GCoC.

### **Rena**

Becker noted the great assistance of Rena Hetzer to the ITTC and USBF and the Committee applauded her efforts.

### **Verona**

Compton suggested and the Committee approved that the USBF ask the WBF to publish, with or without comment, the bidding and play of the hands the Chinese men and women played against each other in the Open and Women's Pairs finals.

Compton asked the CoCC to discuss and review ACBL and WBF security procedures with an eye toward making suggestions as to how to improve them. For example, whenever practical, physically separate playing areas for the closed and open rooms of the V and S, including snack bar, restrooms, and smoking areas are desired, and stricter enforcement of cell phone restrictions.

### **Website**

Jan Martel noted that the USBF website will contain special pages for the USBC, which will have pictures and biographies of the players, as well as system information, and asked that everyone cooperate with the "reporters" who will be asking for information for biographies, as well as provide their ACBL and possibly WBF convention cards for posting on the site. Jan also said that the hands, contracts and results from the Round Robin will be posted on the website and asked that everyone cooperate by completing table score cards during the Round Robin.

### **Foreign Captains of USBC Teams**

Becker asked the Committee to review its policy in the GCoC that, "All participants in any USBF Championship (players and NPCs) must...be either an Active or Resident member of USBF who is in good standing..." After discussion, no motion was made to change the current policy. Howard Weinstein's motion that teams be allowed to designate one person as "coach" who could only be barred for cause was defeated.

### **2009 USBC Pairs Trials?**

It was agreed that the CoCC should discuss holding a pairs trials in 2009 for the USA II team and present a report at the next ITTC meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 P.M.