

Minutes of WITT Committee Meeting in St. Louis
March 22, 2013

Attending: Cindy Bernstein, Cheri Bjerkan, Gail Greenberg, Beth Palmer, Rozanne Pollack, David Sokolow, Peggy Sutherlin, Sally Wheeler (guest)

San Francisco Minutes: Approved with one clarification: if both pairs from a team arrive late at their tables, there will be two penalties (one for each pair).

Voted on in Philadelphia for 2013 Trials [NOTE: no minutes]:

In the 128-board matches, teams will play 120 boards, not 128.

In the RR, there will be random draw on Day #1; teams will play in the reverse order on Day #2.

If there is no bye, the number of boards will follow the COC, with a 2-hour dinner break; if there is, the number of boards played will be the number in play with 1-1/2 hour dinner break.

2013 Trials:

RR: A player may not leave the room during any segment or sequestration. [Unanimous]

KO: [Postponed until Jan was present, but Jan never arrived]

Convention Cards: All pairs must submit their ACBL CC and SSF to Jan by the deadline. The penalty for failure to submit a CC on time is the same as for failure to submit an SSF on time.
[Unanimous]

2015 Trials: General consensus that July is too late. [No vote]

Women's KO: Suggestions for increasing the number of teams were discussed: shorter matches; stratifying or bracketing the field; running a pro-am; and starting with Swiss qualifying. [No vote]

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 a.m., followed by 30 minutes of gossip.

Next Meeting: Sunday, August 4, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta.