

00.3 NABC - Birmingham, AL ITT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING

In the absence of Michael Becker, Chairman, Howard Weinstein conducted the Committee of the Whole (the "Committee") meeting. Also present were: Chris Compton, David Berkowitz, John Sutherlin, Larry Simon, Peter Boyd, Richard Colker, Gary Blaiss, Bobby Wolff, Bob Hamman, John Solodar, Kit Woolsey, Sam Lev, Shawn Quinn, Sol Weinstein, Adam Wildavsky, Russ Ekeblad, Dan Morse, Gary Cohler, John Mohan, Peter Rank, Joan Gerard, Barbara Nudelman and Rena Hetzer.

Approval of Minutes from 00.2 NABC, Anaheim, CA

The minutes from the Summer NABC meeting were approved as presented.

2001 Conditions of Contest

A general discussion of trials conditions covered various topics including the following:

1. Size of entry and the possibility of KO matches as early as the round of 32.
2. Ambiguous wording in seeding section to be cleared up with the help of Richard Colker
3. Desirability of no 3-way matches
4. The possibility of North American teams in future world championships

Blaiss reported that the 2001 Conditions of Contest were approved by the Board and that the Canadian Bermuda Bowl proposal failed.

Colker asked for guidance as to how the ITTC wished appeals to be handled. The committee agreed that it would be left to Colker's best judgment, in consultation with Gary Blaiss as to how to handle the appeals in a manner suited to the budget and the best results possible.

ITT Sponsorship

An ITTC Sponsorship subcommittee was formed to work jointly with the WITTC in the hopes of obtaining corporate sponsorship for the ITT and the WITT. Shawn Quinn had volunteered to work on sponsorship and was appointed Chairman. Chris Compton volunteer to serve on the committee as did John Mohan.

Blaiss will arrange for the ACBL Chief Marketing Officer, Michael Calhoun, to attend the Kansas City meeting and briefly present suggestions as to how the media and potential sponsors should be approached.

ITTC Chairman and other Committee Matters

Mike Becker was unanimously selected as the ITTC's recommended Chairman to be appointed by ACBL 2001 President Jim Kirkham.

The importance of recruiting new members was discussed and new members at this meeting were welcomed.

Shawn Quinn and David Berkowitz were appointed to act as liaison's with the ACBL Board to further cooperation and understanding between the two bodies.

Chip Martel was thanked for his many hours of excellent work as the chairman of the ITT Conditions of Contest. Martel has resigned as chairman and Compton will now serve as chairman with Martel still serving as a committee member.

The meeting adjourned.