

**2005.3 NABC – Denver, CO**  
**ITT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Adam's Mark Hotel, Wednesday, November 23, 2005, 10:30 A.M.**

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

Present: David Berkowitz, Henry Bethe, Gary Blaiss, Peter Boyd, Mark Feldman, Fred Gitelman, Jan Martel, Chip Martel, Barnet Shenkin, Larry Simon, Danny Sprung, Adam Wildavsky, Howard Weinstein

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the Sunday, July 24, 2005 Atlanta meeting were approved.

**Executive Committee Appointments**

Michael Becker made his annual speech about getting a volunteer to replace him as Chair. There was silence followed by snickering. Becker asked to expand the Executive Committee, and Bethe and Boyd volunteered to serve. The Committee approved their appointment. The Executive Committee only acts on time sensitive matters in between ITTC NABC meetings.

**2006 USBC Conditions of Contest**

Becker reviewed the changes made in the CoCC since the last meeting. . It was agreed that July 24<sup>th</sup> was the RR entry closing date for the 2006 USBC. The 2007 CoC Expert-Disadvantaged section was discussed. Wildavsky's proposal that teams could not earn PPs unless they played fully intact was not approved. Boyd's suggestion to cap PPs won (after dilution) by a team playing without an E-D player at the highest amount earned when the E-D player played was approved. A suggestion that the Credentials Committee be allowed to vary PPs taken away if a player was determined to be E-D was not approved. The Committee approved the draft COC after making some minor changes.

**Security**

The Committee agreed to not ask Bridgebase to delay broadcasts by 10 minutes, reasoning that it was more important to broadcast the USBC live, but looked to improving security in other ways. The Committee agreed that electronic devices shall be checked upon entering the playing area and returned to a player after he completes play of a segment and leaves the playing area. Each time boards are delivered to a table, the director shall make an announcement about the electronic device prohibition. The random use of a metal detecting wand was also discussed, but no vote was taken. Bethe suggested severe penalties for someone caught with an electronic device but nothing was firmed up.

### **USBC Locations**

The Committee agreed in principle that the USBC be held in different locations if such a location was similar to what Memphis offered. Becker commented that the Chicago location for the 2007 USBC could be a problem because there are no nearby restaurants.

### **USBF Finances**

Becker and Jan Martel led a discussion of the USBF's financial plight. Some thought that international team subsidies should be reduced rather than raising USBC card fees. No motions were made. The Committee reaffirmed that USBC amenities should remain the same even if entry fees had to be increased. It was suggested that users of the hospitality suite be charged \$5 a day. Blaiss made a patriotic plea asking for more volunteerism to help support the USBF. Gitelman offered to discuss fund raising ideas with Jan Martel.

### **International Events**

There will be a Ryder Cup in Ireland in September, 2006, with the US contingent selected by Bob Hamman. The 2007, 2008, and 2009 WBF championships will be held in Shanghai, Beijing or Turkey, and Sao Paulo, respectively.

### **Adjournment**

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