

2008.2 NABC – Las Vegas, NV
ITT COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING
Las Vegas Hilton Conference Center
July 21, 2008, 10:30 a.m.

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

17 were present: David Berkowitz, Peter Boyd, Ira Chorush, Joan Gerard, George Jacobs, Chip Martel, Jan Martel, Bill Pollack, Eric Rodwell, Larry Simon, John Sutherlin, Howard Weinstein, Sol Weinstein, Roy Welland, Adam Wildavsky, Kit Woolsey

Becker called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Sunday, March 9, 2008 Detroit meeting were approved.

2009 Conditions of Contest

The draft 2009 CoCs were presented by Becker.

- The Committee approved a modification of Track Record Points as presented in the 2009 CoCs.
- A discussion took place on the PPs to be awarded in the USA2 bracket, as outlined in the draft Appendix H. Becker reported that the latest CoCC vote had half in favor of the PPs presented in Appendix H, but that the other half favored awarding fewer PPs. Rodwell proposed to leave the PPs awarded in the USA1 bracket unchanged from 2008, and Becker proposed to reduce the PPs shown in Appendix H for the USA2 bracket in accordance with the “average” of the CoCC’s ballot - that perhaps there be only a 25% chance that the additional PPs would result in giving one additional team a bye to the R16 in the 2010 USBC. The committee agreed with both proposals and appointed the Technical Subcommittee to decide the PPs awarded for the 2009 USBC, USA 2, bracket.
- A discussion took place on Appendix G. Becker reported that the Technical Subcommittee had much difficulty writing the 5 pages of minutia, and that it had concluded that starting the USBC with R16 losers was a mistake. Having gone thru creating the Appendix in order to comply with the ITTC’s wishes that the USA2 bracket start with the USA2 R16 losers, the Committee did not recommend changing the CoCs, but did recommend that the next repechage, perhaps in 2013, begin with the USA R8 losers. Becker also reported that Appendix G may have errors in it, as few have had the fortitude to review it. It was agreed, as usual, that a supermajority of the CoCC, (60%), could change the CoCCs after entries close, if the CoCC found that such a change would improve the event.

USBF Update

- J. Martel reported that the USBF Board had approved a Code of Conduct for U.S. representatives in WBF competitions and presented it to the Committee.
- J. Martel reported that the GCoCs contained a modification of the rules concerning kibitzers. After discussion, it was agreed that, in matters involving kibitzers during the K/O stage, “closed room rules” will apply to open and closed rooms, whether on Vu-graph or not.
- Becker asked whether there were any modifications made to the augmentation rules in lieu of the Nickell team losing some of its PPs when they augmented Compton to replace Soloway. A review of the CoCCs and GCoCs revealed that this wording still needed to be modified to better reflect the intent of the CoCC.
- Certain minor wording changes were approved as presented.

2010 Conditions of Contest

Becker reported that the CoCC held, (at the request of the USBF), a lengthy internet discussion on the length of the USBC, in days, the length of each day, the number of boards played each session and the time allowed for each board. Pollack thanked the CoCC for taking up the issue. Becker said that an initial CoCC poll on each matter suggested leaving the CoCCs alone, except that the vote on whether to reduce the amount of time allowed per board was tied. J. Martel reported the results of a follow-up survey suggested an even split between leaving the CoCCs as they are currently written or amending them to play 14 boards a day, allow 8.57 minutes per board, and provide an additional 15 minutes for the lunch break, with the day ending at 8:00 instead of 8:45. In an attempt to resolve the issue, it was agreed to develop a questionnaire on the matter for voting by previous USBC K/O participants. The CoCC will then review the results and attempt to resolve the matter.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.