SENIOR INTERNATIONAL TEAM TRIALS COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2006 HONOLULU, HI

Present: Dan Morse, Chairperson

Tony Ames John Solodar Henry Bethe John Sutherlin Gary Blaiss Nadine Wood

The meeting was called to order by Dan Morse at 10 AM.

There was agreement to post the minutes, after review, on the USBF web page.

Additionally, more information about the USSBC are to be placed on the web site to include:

- General information about the ACBL Regional tournament at which the USSBC is being held. Include reference to tournament information on the ACBL web site if possible.
- Eligibility requirements to include age of participants.

Try to get an article in the April and/or May ACBL Bulletin.

There was agreement to use local area people for appeals.

Henry Bethe's suggested format was accepted as follows:

- An entry of 8 or 16 teams would start directly with KO play.
- An entry of 17 or 18 would be handled by a one session RR of 2 boards against each team (BAM play). The second session would be a 24 board KO match of the bottom two teams. With 19 or 20 teams, there would be similar approach. The teams eliminated would not go forward in the loser's bracket this will also be true for teams eliminated from an original entry of 9 or 10 teams.
- With other entry numbers, those teams eliminated from the RR or first day's play will proceed to the loser's bracket.

Other CoC on which agreement was reached were:

- A time limit of 8 ½ minutes per board regardless of screens being used.
- Screens to be used in the KO portions of the winner's bracket and in the loser's bracket only when there are no more than 16 tables in both brackets.
- An entry fee of \$120/team/session was agreed upon.

Henry Bethe has agreed to write the supplemental CoC based upon the above determinations.

Nadine informed the committee of the expense involved with broadcasting play from the playing rooms (using regular hotel rooms is not an option). She is able to provide reasonably priced broadcasting of two tables a session by using one of the tournament's suites. She will discuss other possibilities with Jan Martel.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM.