

Minutes from Phoenix (11/30/13)

Present: Cheri Bjerkan, Sylvia Moss, Beth Palmer, Rozanne Pollack, David Sokolow (by phone), Peggy Sutherlin

The committee unanimously approved the minutes from Atlanta.

Beth is going to type up a poll about the WITT to distribute to likely participants. The poll will not ask about the repechage format because it is too confusing.

The USBF is considering holding the WITT during the summer NABC, perhaps on the days when the Women's KO is usually held. Everyone thought it was a bad idea for a variety of reasons (the WITT is not that expensive to run; we should be treated the same as the Open Trials & Senior Trials; etc.).

Starting in 2014, winning the Women's Swiss or Women's KO will not count toward Grand Life Master status. It is too late to do anything about that. However, the BOD is also thinking about scheduling the LM Women's Pairs on Monday-Tuesday and the Women's BAM on Thursday-Friday. Beth thinks this schedule will effectively kill off the BAM, which is the only Women's team event that is currently drawing a decent crowd. No one disagreed.

We discussed different ways to improve participation in the Women's KO. For example, we could make it a bracketed or an invitational event. The consensus was to try out a bracketed event, with the ability to play up. Everyone is optimistic that this structure will increase the number of teams playing in the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 a.m. MST (2:15 a.m. CST for David!)

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 28, 2014, at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel.