

2008.1 NABC – Detroit, MI
ITT COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING
Marriott Renaissance Center
Rose Meltzer’s Suite, March 9, 2008, 11:00 a.m.

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

Present: David Berkowitz, Henry Bethe, Gary Blaiss, Peter Boyd, Chris Compton, Russ Ekeblad, Joan Gerard, Jim Gordon, Bob Hamman, George Jacobs, Steve Landen, Chip Martel, Jan Martel, Jeff Meckstroth, Rose Meltzer, Jo Morse, Dan Morse, Barbara Nudelman, Bill Pollack, Pratap Rajadhyaksha, Eric Rodwell, Larry Simon, John Sutherlin, Howard Weinstein, Adam Wildavsky, Kit Woolsey (27!)

Becker called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Wednesday, November 28, 2007 San Francisco meeting were approved.

2008 Conditions of Contest

The draft 2008 CoCs were presented by Becker. The Committee approved the use of Track Record Points as presented in the 2008 CoCs, and approved this version of the CoCs as final, pending changes made to Appendices after the cycle ends.

Becker mentioned that after the cycle ends, Appendix D will be prepared, and after entries close, Appendix C will be updated. Henry Bethe has agreed to lead a team working on these Appendices.

2008 USBC Update

- Jan reported that the 2008 USBC will be using Bridgemate scoring for the first time.
- Players in the 2008 USBC will have to submit an electronic or faxed copy of their ACBL convention card, in addition to System Summary and Convention forms.
- Jan reported that the actual title of the 2008 Olympiad was the “2008 Mind Sports Olympiad”
- Becker described the layout of the P.G.A. Resort, the site of the 2008 USBC, both within the hotel and the surrounding area. The website will publicize that a car is necessary to get to off-site restaurants and grocery stores. Gerard reported that she had arranged a group rate with AVIS. Jan said that she would post a links on the website for hotel reservations and AVIS.

2009 Conditions of Contest

- Becker reported that the committee did not enthusiastically participate in the issues brought before it, and where the committee suffered previously from too many emails, it was now suffering from too little input.
- A discussion of Option A, (approved at the last meeting), showed some confusion understanding its complexities. It was suggested that the complexities of the movement led to the dearth of commentary.
- The Committee resolved that teams with Ineligible Players could earn a bye only to the R16, effective with the 2009 USBC.
- The Committee accepted the CoCC's report on its "Split Recommendations," (Exhibit 2) without suggesting any other changes be made to the CoCs.
- Henry Bethe suggested the Committee accept the draft conditions, pending any oversights or brighter ideas, and the Committee agreed.

USBF Update

- Jan reported that the revised Grievance Procedures and guidelines for behavior of teams representing the U.S. in WBF competition were still being written.
- Re: the Shanghai incident, Jan reported that the ACBL Board passed a motion similar to the USBF's restrained motion.
- Jan reported that San Francisco, Phoenix and Salt Lake City were possible sites for the 2010 USBC, but if they did not pan out favorably, the event would be held in Schaumburg, IL

Adjournment and Next Meeting

Rose Meltzer's gracious offer to hold the Las Vegas ITTC meeting in her suite was graciously accepted. The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 PM.