

WITT Meeting Reno March 2010

Present: Beth Palmer, Chairman, Cheri Bjerkan, Rozanne Pollack, Sally Wheeler, Martha Katz, Peggy Sutherlin, David Sokolow, Gail Greenberg, Nadine Wood, Jan Martel, Terry Lavender and guest Steve Robinson.

The San Diego minutes were corrected to state that the team that has the bye gets to pick their opponent in the semi-finals. The minutes were then approved.

An official welcome was given to our new committee member Martha Katz.

Steve Robinson, chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee discussed a problem his committee has. That is, getting Hall of Fame recognition for women. He would like input from our committee. We talked briefly about the problem and will readdress the issue in the summer.

Detroit has raised \$5,000 for hospitality at the trials which will be held along with the Seniors in 2011. This should be more than sufficient for both events. The plan is to begin play, at least on the first day, at 10:30 am.

We discussed having a Round Robin repcharge or losers bracket in a future trials. This would add days and expense to the trials as they are currently held. Jan will come up with a proposed schedule to discuss in the Summer.

Other suggestions regarding our trials were having them, up until the final four, on line at clubs. Security and monitoring would be a problem. We also would like to take a poll among trials participants on having trials in the fourth year as the Open does now.

The problem of the premier women's NABC+ event, the Wagar, was discussed and several ideas were brought up.

1. Time of the event - move it forward one day
2. Start with a Swiss qualifying into a KO phase
3. Offer first day free entries to players new to the event

One practical thing we can probably do immediately is change the sign-up to the entry to two hours in advance (whatever is now in place for the Senior KO) instead of the night before. This might get us one or two more teams and every one is important.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, July 25, 11:30 p.m. in the Regent Room, 4th Floor, Marriott Hotel in New Orleans.