

Minutes of WITT Committee Meeting in New Orleans
March 20, 2015

Attending: Cindy Bernstein, Cheri Bjerkan, Bernie Gorkin (guest), Jan Martel, Beth Palmer, Rozanne Pollack, David Sokolow

Providence Minutes: None.

2015 Trials: Bernie Gorkin will direct. If there are only four teams, we will start with the semifinals. We voted unanimously to seed by Women's KO seeding points after the New Orleans NABC, randomly assign teams 3/4, and make the semifinals a two-day event with 60 boards played each day. Penalties for arriving late at the table will apply unless the director finds good cause: e.g., the table is not available because the previous match had not ended.

2016 Trials: Starting in 2016, if we start with a KO, the seeding points will include individual positioning points using the same method as the Open Trials.

We discussed the issue of timing. There was general agreement women should be able to play in the Open Trials and the Women's USBC, if possible. One choice is starting opposite the quarter- or semi-finals of the Open Trials; another is at a Memorial Day regional (Cincinnati, Independence, Sacramento or Raleigh). Open Trials, 5/6-16; Senior Trials, 6/17-22; World Championships, 9/3-17. Jan will check with the regional tournament managers to see if they want us, and the site of the Open Trials in Denver to see if they'd have room for us.

WKO: We need to make recommendations to the ACBL on how to run the first day of KO if there are less than 16 teams. Jan questioned the possible disparity between four-way and head-to-head matches. Cheri will check with Suzi Subeck on how to make the process as fair as possible. The committee does not object to three-way matches, and feels they should be considered.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 a.m.

Next Meeting: Saturday, August 9, 2015, at the Hilton Chicago Hotel.