

031 NABC – Philadelphia, PA
ITT COMMITTEE - MINUTES OF MEETING
Sunday, March 9, 2003, 10:30 A.M.

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

Present: Dave Berkowitz, Gary Blaiss, Peter Boyd, Ira Chorush, Rich Colker, Chris Compton, Jan Martel, Chip Martel, Dan Morse, Barbara Nudelman, Hugh Ross, Paul Soloway, John Sutherlin, Sol Weinstein, Adam Wildavsky, Bobby Wolff

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Phoenix, AZ, Fall 2003 NABC meeting were approved.

Compton Congratulated

Becker congratulated Compton on his election to the USBF Board, and becoming its Vice-President.

2003 Conditions of Contest

Compton led a discussion based on changes made (since the last meeting) in the draft conditions.

1. The requirements and procedures for filing mid and superchart conventions were reviewed and minor modifications were made. Rich Colker and Kit Woolsey were asked to review mid-chart/superchart submissions during May.
2. A third form was added to appendix C.
3. The new “Bethe” VP Scale was approved.
4. A new appendix, outlining the length of the trials based on the size the entry will be added.
5. Other changes in the conditions were approved as presented in the draft conditions.
6. The USBF is considering creation of a universal USBC General Conditions of Contest, with conditions specific to each USBC in a separate document.

Credentials

Becker mentioned that the USBF was merging the Credentials Committees of the ITTC, WITTC and USBF. The pool may be called upon to hear credentials matters of any USBF member or resident, but persons with a potential conflict will not be asked to serve. Full details will eventually come forth from the USBF.

USBC Hospitality

Nudelman informed the committee that she and Gerard will not be attending the USBC. Nudelman was thanked and applauded for the magnificent hospitality she has provided the USBC since its inception. Blaiss said that ACBL staffers and volunteers will “man” the hospitality suite and provide the players amenities.

\$50 Dues

Wolff asked where his \$50 dues was going, and an extended discussion took place between Wolff, Becker and Compton on the USBF's purpose, accomplishments, goals, income and expenses.

The USBF asked the Committee of the Whole to submit a list of Committee members. Becker thought that anyone who has attended any of the last three or four meetings was a member of the committee. Accordingly, the committee list was amended for submission to the USBF Board. The list of names will also appear on page one of the 2003 USBC Conditions of Contest.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

**ITT Conditions of Contest Committee
Minutes of the Conference Call Meeting
Monday, July 8, 2003, 8:00 P.M.**

Michael Becker and Chris Compton conducted the meeting

Present: Ira Chorush, Rich Colker, Chris Compton, Joan Gerard, Henry Bethe, Jan Martel, Chip Martel, Mary Oshlag, Barnet Shenkin, John Sutherlin, Adam Wildavsky, Bobby Wolff, Kit Woolsey

A large group.

1. Adjusting PPs needed for a bye.

The committee approved Chip Martel's recommendation of a change where teams with between 37 and 45 PPs would get byes to the round of 16 when there were less than 6 bye slots taken up. The committee agreed that teams with 37-45 PPs that were tied for the last bye position would not get byes.

2. Seeding points for residents who have been awarded some by ACBL.

It was agreed that and that the conditions should clarify and confirm that any V/S points awarded (not earned in combat) by the ACBL to residents would count in determining a players ACBL seeding points per Appendix B.

3. Capping ACBL seeding points at ...40 SPs for Rd of 16 seeding.

It was agreed that there should be no cap on V/S points, even though there are caps on PPs and MPs.

4. RR - K/O tournament length and starting dates/times.

It was agreed that Becker's proposal revising RR lengths be incorporated into the conditions.

The current definitions of medium, large and extra large entries would be revised.

Becker was asked to draw up a method whereby, in a 2.5 or 3 day RR, some teams may qualify or be eliminated with one day of play remaining.

It was agreed to ask the Hilton to begin the event on Saturday, regardless of RR length.

5. Is the reward for winning the RR sufficient?

The committee asked Henry Bethe to prepare a proposal that awards PPs to top performers in the RR.

The committee rediscussed whether there should be PPs awarded for past trials performance, but no conclusion was reached. It would be discussed at the July meeting of the C-o-t-W.

6. Review small wording changes in conditions.

Several small changes made by Becker and Compton were brought to the committee's attention and approved.

7. Should fees be paid before or after the event in which PPs could be/are earned?

(Kamil team gets bye but can't use it last year because they were not Active members prior to the Vandy).

The CoC Committee recommended to the C-o-t-W that it ask the USBF Board to reconsider charging dues before an event earning PPs. One suggestion, originating from Stansby, suggests that players may join before an event, but allows them to join within a short period after the event for double the dues.

8. Percentage of boards requirement.

It was agreed that the conditions should state that no exemptions from playing requirements will be granted prior to the start of play for any reason. Also, the Conduct and Ethics Committee may sanction a player and/or his team if such player failed to play the required percentage of boards for non-health related reasons.

9. Matters involving slow play and convention filing were tabled.

10. The authority of the ITT Executive Committee after entries close was replaced by committees composed of non-participants.

11. Overview of USBF General Conditions.

Jan Martel is planning to separate all the USBF conditions into a General Conditions and a specific conditions for each event. The General Conditions would include such subjects as: Slow Play, Conventions Submission, Victory Points, Eligibility, Play Requirements, Penalties for Tardiness, Tie Breaks. It was not clear whether the General Conditions would be ready for this year.