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2006.3 NABC – Honolulu Hawaii ITT COMMITTEE – MINUTES OF MEETING Hawaiian Hilton Village, November 22, 10:30am

Chris Compton, ITTC Executive Committee Member, conducted the Committee of the Whole meeting in the absence of Michael Becker, Chairman.

Present: David Berkowitz, Henry Bethe, Gary Blaiss, Peter Boyd, Mark Feldman, Bob Hamman, Marty Harris, Chip Martel, Jeff Meckstroth, Dan Morse, Bill Pollack, Adam Wildavsky, Howard Weinstein

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the Sunday, July 16, 2006, Chicago meeting were approved.

Website

Players can now pay dues online and join online. Will soon (probably January) be able to enter the USBC, USWBC, & USSBC, and complete and file System forms on the site. Details on how to do all this are coming soon.

2007 Conditions of Contest

Format

Harris presented extensive information related to the problem of Large Entry leading to short round robin matches. The Harris spreadsheets were adopted to be used subject to being overridden after the close of entries by a 60% vote of the Committee. Minor details in the format spreadsheet are to be worked out.

Card Fee

Pollack presented a financial picture requiring either a substantial raise in card fees or substantial sponsorship. The Open Trials cost approximately \$30,000 which must be raised from the 24 to 32 teams which traditionally enter. A fixed fee plus per diem cost was suggested. Pollack was appointed to Chair a Card Fee Committee containing Feldman, Becker, Wildavsky and Boyd.

2008 Conditions

Hamman requested consideration of straight knockout. The decision regarding the 2008 Format should be made in St. Louis, if practical.

2009 Format Report

The Committee felt by an informal vote of 7-6 that consideration be given to selection of 2009 USA II through a pairs repechage running concurrently with the 2009 trials to select

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USA I. Morse requested considering the format of the trials of the early 60's. Bethe was appointed chair of a committee to propose a format for a pairs repechage trials with Wildavsky serving as a member. The proposal for the 2009 pairs trials should be received by the Summer 07 NABC so that the final decision can be made no later than the Fall 07 NABC.

2008 and 2009 Locations

White Plains is unavailable in 2008, but available for May 29-June 8 2009 at a higher hotel rate (around \$150/night). The sense of the committee is that lodging cost is only one consideration but that a rate of somewhere around \$160 is the ceiling. 2008 was discussed with possibilities of Sacramento to be looked into by Jan Martel and Philadelphia by Danny Sprung with consideration given to Memphis.

USBC Security Report

The Security Report was received with formal action deferred until St. Louis. It was suggested that the prohibition against possession of any electronic device be replaced by a prohibition against any electronic communication device. Pollack noted that "Pipe and Drape" is an illusory solution not really providing the desired environment sealed from overhearing play at other tables.

The Directors are instructed to enforce Law 43 specifically regarding procedural penalties for a dummy looking at a defender's hand.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 52 PM.