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**MINUTES**  
**SENIOR INTERNATIONAL TEAM TRIALS COMMITTEE**  
**DETROIT SPRING NABC**  
**Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dan Morse at 10:00 am.

**II. ATTENDANCE**

Present: Gary Blaiss, Henry Bethe, Mel Colchamiro, Cecil Cook, Rich DeMartino, Billy Eisenberg, Russ Ekeblad, Lewis Finkel, Joan Gerard, Dan Gerstman, Jim Gordon, Garey Hayden, Gaylor Kastle, Sam Lev, Jan Martel, Reese Milner, Dan Morse, Lou Ann O'Rourke, Gene Simpson,

**III. DATES FOR 2008 SENIOR TRIALS**

After discussion, the committee voted to revert to starting on Monday, June 16, subject to hotel availability. The date will be announced on the usbf website as soon as we hear from the hotel, and all attendees at this meeting will also receive an email.

**IV. 2009 CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

The committee discussed the complexities involved when there is a Trials to pick two teams. There was general agreement that the USA2 bracket should include the losers from the first KO round but not teams eliminated in the Round Robin, and that the losing USA1 finalist should have to win only one more match in order to be USA2. The committee was willing for the losing USA1 finalist to have one day off before playing the USA2 finals. Committee members who are interested in participating in discussions of the specifics of the Conditions of Contest should send their names and email addresses to Henry Bethe <[hbethe@aol.com](mailto:hbethe@aol.com)>.

**V. 2008 CONDITIONS OF CONTEST**

The committee discussed the specific formats for entries of 6-12 teams and agreed on the following:

**6 teams** - Two days of Round Robin play - each day to consist of 5 matches scored at VPs (length of matches wasn't decided, 10, 11, or 12 boards). The VPs from the two days will be added together to get the team's total score. Top 4 teams advance to KO.

**7 teams** - Same as 6 teams except for match length

**8 teams** - KO

**9 teams** - 2 days of Round Robin play - each day to consist of 7 matches, 7 boards in each match, with each team getting a bye each day.

**10-12 teams** - 1 day Round Robin to cut to 8 teams

**In all Round Robins:**

- Teams will submit their lineups in advance. In a one-day Round Robin lineup submission shall be "blind" (don't know which team you are playing against in which match. In the 2 day situation where there are 2 separate matches, each player on each team must play one of the two matches against each other team, but there will be no seating rights - lineups are still submitted in advance. In the 2-

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day Round Robins, the schedule of which team you play when will be reversed on day 2.

- Matches will be played in clumps of a reasonable length
- In the last clump of matches, teams in the Closed Room will be sequestered and there will be no score comparison.

**VI. SEEDING POINTS**

The committee agreed that the seeding points for the event should be reviewed. Gene Simpson volunteered to chair a committee to review the seeding points. For the 2008 event, the rules used for 2007 shall be used.

**VII. 2009 SITE**

The committee was divided on whether the Senior Trials should always be held at a Regional. However, a significant majority do not want the Trials to be held over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. For 2009, committee members will make suggestions for possible sites to Jan Martel <[marteljan@gmail.com](mailto:marteljan@gmail.com)> or Joan Gerard <[joanandron@att.net](mailto:joanandron@att.net)> within the next two weeks, and Jan & Joan will try to find someplace that works.

**VIII. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR**

The committee elected Garey Hayden as its new Chair and thanked Dan Morse for his service as Chair.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.