

## WITT Meeting Washington, D.C. July 2009

Present: Beth Palmer, Chairman, Rozanne Pollack, Cheri Bjerkan, David Sokolow, Cindy Bernstein, Sally Wheeler, Peggy Sutherlin, Sylvia Moss, Terry Lavender, Nadine Wood, and guests Barbara Nudelman, Joan Gerard and Rhoda Walsh .

Nadine apologized for not getting out the minutes of the previous meeting in Houston, but promised them for the next meeting.

Sacramento, the site of the trials recently held was discussed. It was felt that we need sites that are more accessible by air. Some felt that conditions on site were not good, particularly in the beginning when the playing rooms were a good distance apart.

The next trials, in 2011, will be in Detroit at the same time as the Senior trials. There will be separate space and they may, or may not, start at the same time and have the same meal breaks. This will probably not be possible because we want to keep the 11:00 a.m. starting time with short lunch break and "normal" dinner break and the seniors want to start at 10:00 a.m. and have a long lunch break and nothing further til they finish at 9:30/10:00 pm.

Current conditions call for ties to be broken with an 8 board playoff. No one thought that needed to be changed.

The ITT conditions re the illness issue are being discussed by the general committee. They would like input from those interested.

The number of teams entered into the Wagar this year has hit a new low. We would like to try the social events again to encourage more women to enter our events. The first one should be in Reno between session of the Womens Pairs on the first day, then again in the Summer at New Orleans for the Wagar. In addition to advertising these events in *The Bulletin*, at least for Reno, we need an article put in the *Forum*.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 26, 11:30 p.m. in the Molly B room on the second floor of the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Diego.