

WITT Meeting Reno March 2010

Present: Beth Palmer, Chairman, Cheri Bjerkan, Rozanne Pollack, Sally Wheeler, Martha Katz, Peggy Sutherland, David Sokolow, Gail Greenberg, Nadine Wood, Jan Martel, Terry Lavender and guest Steve Robinson. *Linda Bergstein Barbara Rudelman*

The San Diego minutes were corrected to state that the team that has the bye gets to pick their opponent in the semi-finals. The minutes were then approved.

An official welcome was given to our new committee member Martha Katz.

Steve Robinson, chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee discussed a problem his committee has. That is, getting Hall of Fame recognition for women. He would like input from our committee. We talked briefly about the problem and will readdress the issue in the summer.

Detroit has raised \$5,000 for hospitality at the trials which will be held along with the Seniors in 2011. This should be more than sufficient for both events. The plan is to begin play, at least on the first day, at 10:30 am.

We discussed having a Round Robin recharge or losers bracket in a future trials. This would add days and expense to the trials as they are currently held. Jan will come up with a proposed schedule to discuss in the Summer.

Other suggestions regarding our trials were having them, up until the final four, on line at clubs. Security and monitoring would be a problem. We also would like to take a poll among trials participants on having trials in the fourth year as the Open does now.

The problem of the premier women's NABC+ event, the Wagar, was discussed and several ideas were brought up.

1. Time of the event - move it forward one day
2. Start with a Swiss qualifying into a KO phase
3. Offer first day free entries to players new to the event

One practical thing we can probably do immediately is change the sign-up to the entry to two hours in advance (whatever is now in place for the Senior KO) instead of the night before. This might get us one or two more teams and every one is important.

*Nadine
couldn't
do it in
time*

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, July 25, 11:30 p.m. in the Regent Room, 4th Floor, Marriott Hotel in New Orleans.

WITT Meeting Orlando November 2010

Present: Beth Palmer, Chairman, Cheri Bjerkan, Rozanne Pollack, Cindy Bernstein, Martha Katz, Peggy Sutherlin, Gail Greenberg, Nadine Wood, Jan Martel, and guests Danny and Joann Sprung.

A request was made to correct the New Orleans minutes that stated, "Terry announced that the starting times for the Women's and Senior Trials in 2011 must be the same. As a middle ground they will begin at 10:30 am. In addition she will need another director at least for the first few days." The change was not made because after checking with Terry, this is what was said and agreed to at the meeting. However, subsequent to that time, the seniors met and agreed that they would start at 11:00 a.m. (the women's normal time), so now both the men and women will begin each day at 11:00 am. In addition, instead of Terry having an assistant director, a "ranked" director will be hired to be in charge of the Senior Trials.

A discussion was held on the 2011 World Mind Sports events and sending a team to Beijing. The problem is how to choose a team. It is too late to set up a competition. Perhaps we should set up a panel and pick a team.

We need a site for the 2013 Trials. Perhaps Philadelphia?

We asked Joann Sprung to join the WITT committee and she accepted.

We are proud to announce that our chairman, Beth Palmer is on the High Level Players Committee of the World Bridge Federation. The other two members from our zone are Nick Nickell and Eric Kokish.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 18, 11:30 p.m. at the Galt House Hotel, Louisville.

2012 trials
in LV (adds m)
- start late
- will not be
in LV if it
negatively
affects the
calendar

2011 trials
- p'fact & lunch
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USDF Mich. Bridge Ass'n

WKO: 2-day seniors qualifying
- probably move to spring
(M-F) & more mixed
pairs to M/F or keep
women's pairs or move
W/P & W/pairs to summer

suggestions to:
Stan subeck @ prodigy.net

PASSED ⇒ 2 day qual, seniors
≤ 24: cut to 8
> 24: cut to 16

HOF only →

MINUTES OF WITT MEETING
SEATTLE, NOVEMBER , 2011

The meeting was called to order by president, Beth Palmer at 11:45pm
Attending: Rosanne Pollack, Peggy Sutherlin, Gail Greenberg, CheriLou Bjorkin
Also attending: Joan Gerard who agreed to take the Minutes in David Sokolow's absence

Gail Greenberg made a motion to accept the Minutes from Toronto. This was seconded and passed.

1. There was a discussion of how many boards should be played in the Trials.

A motion was made and passed to have the semi-finals be 64 boards (down from 96) and to leave the Finals and the Repechage at 128 boards.

2. Repechage – it was decided to wait until the March 2012 meeting to decide on how this will be run

3. Seeding – Janice Seamon-Molson, Toby Sokolow, Irina Levitina and Beth Palmer were involved on the conference call with Michael Becker and others when the Women's Seeding was discussed. They agreed that there would be no subjective seeding. But felt that the new Seeding Formula would work well . 13 out of 84 would change with the new formula but not significantly. It was moved and carried to go with the new formula .