

Minutes of WITT Committee Meeting in Las Vegas
July 20, 2014

Attending: Cheri Bjerkan, Jan Martel, Sylvia Moss, Beth Palmer, Rozanne Pollack, David Sokolow, Migry Zur-Campanile

Dallas Minutes: Unanimously approved.

Membership: Janet Robertson is no longer a member. Migry Zur-Campanile now is. Adding a younger person was discussed. Dana Berkowitz was suggested as a possible candidate.

2015 Trials: Everything is set but the director. Bernie will do it if he doesn't have a family conflict. Sylvia suggested Patty, a Florida director. The Dutch director is possible, but may not have enough ACBL experience. The issue will be resolved in the next few weeks by Jan and Sylvia.

2016 Trials: If the Ft. Lauderdale Regional works out, we will probably go back in 2016. If not, we will look for other regionals, and use the Open or Senior Trials as a fallback.

WKO: We need to make recommendations to the ACBL on how to run the KO if there are a small number of teams. (1) **Shuffling.** With 16 or fewer teams, teams 3-8 will be shuffled in pairs (3-4, 5-6, 7-8); lower seeded teams will be shuffled as evenly as possible in groups of three or four, but if there are an uneven number of teams, the smaller group will be the lower-numbered teams (e.g., 9-11 and 12-15). (2) **First-day matches with less than 16 teams.** Jan questioned the possible disparity between four-way and head-to-head matches. Sylvia will check with Meyer Kotkin on how to make the process as fair as possible. The committee does not object to three-way matches, and feels they should be considered.

Trials Poll: We will poll everyone who played in the Trials the last two years on preferences regarding starting time; number of boards; timing/length of dinner break; sequestering; scheduling concurrent with Open/Senior Trials or a Regional; whether the RR losers should play in the USA2 bracket; and other issues.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Next Meeting: Saturday, November 29, 2014, in Providence at a location to be announced.