

WITT Meeting Washington, D.C. July 2002

Present: Beth Palmer, chairman, Shawn Quinn, Gail Greenberg, Nadine Wood, Sylvia Moss, Rozanne Pollack, Jo Morse, Cheri Bjerkan, Margie Gwodzinsky, Mike Becker, Charlie MacCracken and Mary Oshlag.

Cheri Bjerkan was welcomed as a new member of the committee.

The 2003 trials have been set with the Memorial Day regional tournament in Orlando. We will begin the trials on Sunday before the Regional begins and end on Monday the last day of the tournament. NOTE: Subsequently, the hotel informed us that due to a large medical convention we would not be able to have any sleeping rooms until Tuesday night. The doctors have taken all the hotel rooms in the area. Therefore, our dates have been adjusted to beginning Wednesday morning, May 21 and ending on Thursday evening, May 29.

The conditions of contest for the 2003 trials were approved as written with the addition of the dates.

The conditions of contest for the next cycle need to be reviewed and approved before the Fall NABC in Phoenix which is the start of the new cycle. The only change under consideration is the amount of positioning points given for our qualifying events. We will vote on any changes by e-mail prior to Phoenix.

If a WITT member misses two meetings in a row when they are at the NABC (without proper excuse), they will be replaced on the committee.

Shawn gave a report from the USBF. The residency requirements for World championship play will be dealt with in Montreal.

Jan Martel's proposal on changing seeding points for the Women's Knockout has been sent to the Competition and Conventions committee. (Credit will be given for women who do well in the major team events even if there are one or two men on the team.)

We nominated Beth Palmer and Cheri Bjerkan to the Credentials committee of the USBF. Gail will also ask Amalya if she would consider being nominated to this committee.

Mike Becker asked for interested people to run for the USBF Board. There is a real need for more women (the current Board has only one).

Next meeting: Saturday, November 30, 2002, 11:45 p.m. Hyatt Regency Phoenix. Room location to be determined.