

### **WITT Meeting Philadelphia March 2003**

Present: Beth Palmer, chairman, Shawn Quinn, Nadine Wood, Jo Morse, Cheri Bjerkan, Roseanne Pollack, Cindy Bernstein, Gail Greenberg, Charlie MacCracken and guests Peggy Sutherlin, Jan Martel, Carlyn Steiner, Marinesa Letizia, Margie Gwodzinsky and Kerri Sanborn.

There is a correction to the previous minutes. The positioning points will be decreased by 1/4 if there is one ineligible player and by 1/2 if there are two ineligible players. The minutes from Washington, D.C. were then approved as corrected.

Jan Martel made proposals from the USBF. The credentials committee will be just one committee so that those not effected or playing in the event in question can serve. (Women who don't play in the Open could approve open credentials and men could approve credentials for womens events.) She would like suggestions of names of knowledgable people, who don't generally play in the trials, for this committee.

Jan also asked us to adopt the ITT VP scale. It is too late to change for the trials coming up, but we will consider it for next year.

The USBF would also like us to consider holding our trials with the ITT. Motion was made to keep separate trials. This was unanimously approved.

A discussion was held on the problem that happened with this year's trials. Our original starting dates were changed (because of the medical convention) and some made plans based on these dates. This is the first time we have run into this problem and we will endeavor to see that it does not happen in the future. At least we did know of the change over eight months in advance. Regardless of how many teams enter this years trials, the starting date will be May 21.

We discussed next year's trials. This is for the Team Olympiad (one team per country). The event is to be held in Turkey October 25 through November 6, 2004. Since the World Championship is so late, we could hold our trials as late as August which would give us more flexibility. There are tournaments in Denver, Sacramento, Austin, St. Louis and Omaha (council Bluffs) which might be considered. Nadine will check with these tournaments to see if there is space available and the local hosts would like to have us. We have received an offer from Raleigh to come there Memorial Day. Report of the possibilities will be made at the next meeting at which time a decision must be made.

Next meeting: Sunday, July 20, 11:45 p.m. Long Beach Hyatt. Room location to be determined.