

WITT Meeting Long Beach July 2003

Present: Beth Palmer, chairman, Shawn Quinn, Cheri Bjerkan, Gail Greenberg, Lynn Baker, Nadine Wood, Charlie MacCracken and guests Jan Martel, Carlyn Steiner and Renee Mancuso.

The Philadelphia minutes were corrected to reflect that the beginning date for the first round robin on Orlando would be May 21. Gail Greenberg was added to those in attendance.

Raleigh was approved unanimously as the site for the 2004 Trials. These will begin on May 25 and will end no later than June 1. The exact schedule will not be known until the close of registration. Teams claiming a bye based on positioning points earned during the cycle must register by March 30, 2004. Entries for all other teams close April 15, 2004. The next two trials (2005 and 2007) will be held in a non-East location.

Jan will prepare the final conditions of contest for the 2004 trials and submit for approval by the USBF. The revised scale of positioning points will be used.

Cheri offered to investigate a new method for seating rights for the round robin phases. She will also look at the sequestering issues. In addition Cheri and Renee will look into the Victory Point scale we presently use and see if any changes should be made.

Beth will prepare and distribute to trials participants a questionnaire on having a day off in the middle of the trials.

A discussion was held on convention card disclosure. We agreed that the Women's Trials would abide by the rules set by the USBF for the Open Trials.

We need to develop a method to get more women's teams into our events. Shawn volunteered to head a committee to work with ACBL on promoting womens bridge.

Next meeting: Saturday, November 22, 11:30 p.m. New Orleans Marriott. Room location to be determined.