

MINUTES OF THE ACBL LAWS COMMISSION
MARRIOTT RENAISSANCE HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MO
MARCH 10, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chip Martel, Chairperson	Jeff Polisner
Allan Falk	Eric Rodwell
Ron Gerard	John Solodar
Dan Morse	Adam Wildavsky
Matt Smith	
Robb Gordon	

ALSO PRESENT:

Rick Beye
Gary Blaiss
Mike Flader
Georgia Heth

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 AM by Chip Martel.

The minutes of the Hawaii meeting were approved.

The committee discussed the proposed revision of the laws as currently received from the WBF drafting committee.

In discussing law 10, there was a consensus that the drafting committee should consider including as a preface or in the definitions a statement that where, in the body of the laws, there is a requirement or option to make or substitute “a or any call” or some such language, that this should be understood or specified to mean “ legal call.”

In discussing law 12, there was a consensus that the drafting committee should consider:

- Reviewing the structure of B. such that 1 and 2 be reversed or that B.1 be moved to A.
- Rewording the definition of damage in the proposed B2 section. While no alternative wording was suggested for the complete definition, there was agreement on replacing, “ ..in the instant prior to the infraction.” with “... had the infraction not occurred.

In 12 C 1 e (i) and (ii), there was a consensus to suggest that both sentences should end with “..had the irregularity not occurred.”

In discussing law 16:

16 A 1 c: it might be helpful to reference 16 B 1 a re alerts and questions (since these are exceptions).

16A 1-3 would seem to suggest as unauthorized things such as knowledge of: one's own system, probabilities, the conditions of play (e.g. the IMP table), one's partner's tendencies (e.g. doesn't play the dummy well),

To clarify this, it would be helpful to distinguish between two types of information:

i) things a player knows prior to the start of the deal (such as those listed above), where almost everything is presumably authorized (except such things as listed in C). Here it makes sense to list those things which are NOT authorized, and have the rest be deemed authorized.

ii) things a player learns during the play of a hand. Here only a few specific things are authorized and it makes sense to list those and have the rest be deemed unauthorized.

16B: since A refers to "authorized and unauthorized" it seems better not to introduce a different term like "extraneous" (or is there intended to be some subtle distinction between these terms? if so. it would be helpful to clarify this).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM, leaving it up to Chip Martel to schedule future face-to-face or teleconference meetings to address remaining priority items.