

MINUTES OF THE ACBL LAWS COMMISSION
MARRIOTT RENAISSANCE HOTEL, NASHVILLE, TN
JULY 21, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chip Martel, Chairperson	Matt Smith
Adam Wildavsky, Vice-Chair	Roger Stern
Georgia Heth	Jeff Polisner
Dan Morse	John Solodar

ALSO PRESENT:

Gary Blaiss	Joan Gerard
Mike Flader	Olin Hubert

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

The minutes of the St Louis meeting were approved.

Jeff Polisner gave an overview of the state of the drafting committee's current proposed revision. The proposed revision is scheduled to be sent to the WBF Executive Council in Shanghai at the 2007 Championships to be implemented in 2008.

The proposed revisions to the laws on the agenda were reviewed.

Regarding laws 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 32, 40, 48, 68 and 72: in 72A, the Commission is unanimous in suggesting that the last two sentences should be deleted. The reasons for this are twofold. First, anti-dumping statements should be confined to the sponsor's conditions of contest and second that it is the consensus that the major responsibility of a contestant is to win the event, not necessarily each match or board. There were concerns with changes in other laws in this grouping, however, either they were minor or no alternative wording could be agreed upon.

In law 40A3, for clarity, it is suggested that it contain a second reference to see law 40B2(b) following because this section makes it clear that the Regulating Authority may restrict a player from psyching an artificial call.

There was a suggestion to eliminate law 79C2, which gives authority to make corrections after the correction period. The commission suggests that the current law giving sponsors the authority to set a correction period that is appropriate for the type of event and particular circumstances is sufficient..

There was a brief discussion of how to address multiple irregularities (e.g. misinformation and unauthorized information by the same side). No consensus was reached, which suggests it may be helpful to clarify how to deal with this in the laws.

The meeting was adjourned approximately at noon.