

MINUTES OF THE ACBL LAWS COMMISSION
MARRIOTT HOTEL, DETROIT, MI
MARCH 8, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Chip Martel, Chairperson | Dan Morse |
| Adam Wildavsky, Vice-Chair | Matt Smith |
| Alan Falk | John Solodar |
| Robb Gordon | Eric Rodwell |
| Georgia Heth | |

ALSO PRESENT:

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| Rick Beye | Joan Gerard |
| Gary Blaiss | Olin Hubert |

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:45 AM.

The minutes of the San Francisco meeting were approved.

Dan Morse communicated the appointments to the Laws Commission. Chip Martel and Jeff Polisner were re-appointed to five-year terms. Chris Compton was appointed to a five-year term. The Laws Commission extends its thanks to Ray Raskin for his service while a member of Laws Commission. Since Dan Morse and Mildred Breed resigned their seats on the Commission, Peter Boyd and Howard Weinstein were appointed to complete the terms (expiring in 2011).

It was noted that the ACBL Board of Directors accepted the recommendations of the Commission regarding "elections" by a Zonal Authority and the implementation date of September 8, 2008 was approved.

A review of some of the revisions in the Laws that may require some added interpretation by the commission was commenced:

1. [law 12 C 2] The ACBL may continue to use its current method of calculating the score for a contestant that receives an average minus instances where the opponent receives more than 60% for the average plus because the contestant's session score was greater than 60%.
2. [law 25 A 1 and 45 E 4 (b)] Defining "pause for thought" was continued since a decision is not crucially necessary and the commission has ruled on 45 E 4 (b) previously.
3. [law 40] Robb Gordon will circulate a proposal to address misinformation and misbid concerns of forgetting one's methods in instances where the confusion caused by forgetting causes more damage to non-forgetters rather than the forgetters.

4. [law 45 D] After the time within which an incorrect card played by dummy is past, must means “must be corrected and otherwise may not be corrected.”
5. [64 B 7] The commission affirmed that this law definitely requires that the revokes by each side are offsetting even when one revoke is a two-trick rectification and the other is a one-trick rectification. The director applies law 64 C.
6. [69 B] This limit is not set by the law based upon time; therefore, there is no reason to ensure that the amount of time be the same from board to board.
7. [70 E] The procedures specified should be viewed as default guidelines that may be disregarded based upon mitigating circumstances.
8. [93 B 3] Once a committee renders its decision, it may not elect to meet to reconsider the decision unless the director has determined that the decision is illegal and does not accept the decision.

The drafting committee sent a revised law 27. The draft will be distributed and approved by e-mail discussion and vote. Chip Martel explained that the previous draft had been worded incorrectly. The intent of the drafters was to allow the correction without penalty when the meaning of the sufficient call was essentially the same or showed a subset of the hands shown by the insufficient bid. For example, if the insufficient bid had a range of 10-16 and the sufficient bid had a range of 13-15, the correction would be permitted without penalty. However, if the insufficient bid had a range of 12-15 and the sufficient bid had a range of 15-16 or 10-18, a rectification is imposed.

Adam will submit for the Las Vegas agenda an item to address concerns in UI rulings of whether to treat the hesitation (an irregularity) as part of the infraction when the partner acts on the hesitation.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.