

MINUTES

ACBL Competition & Conventions Committee
2014 Fall Meeting in Providence, RI
Monday, December 1st, 2014 – 10:00 A.M

Members Present:

Tom Carmichael, Chairman
Doug Doub
Ellen Kent
Linda Trent
Chris Compton
Will Ehlers

Also Present:

Ken Monzingo, District Director
Suzi Subeck, District Director
Sam Whitten, ACBL National Recorder
Christina van Leeuwen, ACBL Assistant National Recorder
Sol Weinstein, ACBL National Tournament Director
Tadashi Yoshida, BoD Member of the Japan Contract Bridge League
Eric Rodwell

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M.

1. Accepted the minutes from the Las Vegas meeting with corrections.
2. Eric Rodwell and Ellen Kent presented a preliminary report from the sub-committee working with the Laws Commission to update and amend the Screen Procedures. There was a discussion of UI from Breaks-in-Tempo when screens are in use. There was a suggestion that players might be able to consult with the Director prior to making a call to find out if they are constrained by the UI. Sol Weinstein will consult with other TDs and provide feedback on this idea.
3. Suzi Subeck gave the BoD report highlighting the motions approving the screen surcharge and 7-day regional formats. She also discussed the formation of the new tech committee and the new regional-allocation committee.
4. Ken Monzingo presented the 2015 NABC trial schedule. The implementation in 2016 of the C&C sub-committee's suggestion for the Fall NABC schedule of the Blue Ribbon Pairs followed by the Soloway KO was discussed. There was also a discussion of which event between the Blue Ribbon Pairs and the Reisinger BAM should front the Fall NABC schedule.

5. A discussion on seeding logistics focused on registration closing prior to conflicting events ending the night before (i.e. giving players who fail to qualify in a conflicting event the chance to register for the new event). The Committee recommends closing the registration for smaller events (e.g. 10K events) at 10 AM the day of instead of the evening before.
6. A review of the defense database was tabled until a sub-committee chair can be confirmed, possible candidates include Michael Rosenberg, Will Ehlers and Chip Martel.
7. There was a discussion of using drop-ins from the GNTs to the LM Pairs as a testing ground for this concept. The Committee believed it was doable so long as immediate notice was given to the DIC of the LM Pairs and that no one who would have otherwise qualified in the LM Pairs would be displaced by the drop-in pair. However there was a consensus among the Committee members that more discussion was needed prior to testing.
8. A discussion of pre-alerts and announcements (specifically using announcements in place of pre-alerts) was deferred pending a proposed revamp of the convention charts in 2016.
9. Slow play regulations were discussed at length with a consensus that enforcements is inconsistent and that this probably may be best addressed as a disciplinary issue with recorder forms.

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina van Leeuwen