

MINUTES

ACBL Competition & Conventions Committee
2014 Fall Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona
Monday, December 2, 2014 – 10:00 A.M

Members Present:

Tom Carmichael, Chairman
Richard DeMartino
Craig Robinson
Doug Doub
Bob Hamman
Jeff Meckstroth
Chris Compton
Ellen Kent

Also Present:

Rand Pinsky, District Director
Dan Morse, District Director
Margot Hennings, District Director
Robert Hartman, ACBL CEO
Christina van Leeuwen, ACBL Assistant National Recorder
Sol Weinstein, ACBL National Tournament Director
Mike Flader, ACBL National Tournament Director

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M.

1. Accepted the minutes from the Atlanta meeting with a minor revision to Item #4.
2. Craig Robinson gave the Board of Directors Report to the Committee.
3. The Committee discussed the proposed NABC Schedule including:
 - a. Expanding the Roth Swiss to a three day event so that both the Summer and Fall NABCs would conclude with a three day Swiss event (as opposed to swapping the Roth Swiss and the NA Swiss as on the proposed schedule). The Committee reached a consensus that they were in favor of this change to the Roth Swiss.
 - b. Moving the Blue Ribbon Pairs to the day after Thanksgiving was put to a vote. For: 1 Against: 4 Abstained (Pending More Information): 1
 - c. Moving the Fast Pairs to the end of the Spring NABC was put to a vote. For: 5 Against: 0

- d. It was noted the Committee felt that conceptually having a 6-session pairs event run into a premier team event is desirable when scheduling NABC events.
 - e. The Committee chose to defer questions about the women's event schedule to the Women's Committee.
4. The Committee reviewed the discussion items from Conditions of Contest (133-C1 & 133-C2) and reached a consensus that the proposed changes were fine.
 5. The Committee had no objection to the suggestion that Districts be allowed to send a second GNT 'Flight C' team based on attendance at the District level.
 6. The Committee voted on reducing the number of board in the Spingold, Vanderbilt, GNT, Senior and Wagar KOs from 64 to 60, For 5: Against: 0. The Committee requested that management prepare a motion on the Committee's behalf asking for this change to be enacted in 2015.
 7. The Committee reached a consensus that the agreement that a weak 2 Spade or Heart bid promised a four-card minor would make those bids alertable.
 8. The Committee discussed allowing 12-14 HCP hands that include a singleton to be opened 1NT systemically in Mid-chart events. The Committee reached a consensus that if such agreements were made allowable under the Mid-chart that they should be alerted and limited to 4441 hands, but further discussion was tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina van Leeuwen