

MINUTES

ACBL Competition & Conventions Committee
2013 Spring Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.
Monday, March 18, 2013 – 10:00 AM

Members Present:

Tom Carmichael, Chairman
Bill Arlinghaus
Richard DeMartino
Doug Doub
Jeff Ford
Jeff Goldsmith
Bob Hamman
Barry Harper
Ellen Kent
Jeff Meckstroth
Dan Morse

Also Present:

Ken Horwedel, ACBL Manager of Bridge Quality & Systems
Christina van Leeuwen, ACBL Assistant National Recorder
Sam Whitten, ACBL Manager of Bridge Administration
Matt Smith, ACBL National Tournament Director
Sol Weinstein, ACBL National Tournament Director

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Committee members discussed the minutes from the San Francisco meeting. A motion to approve the San Francisco minutes was made and seconded. The San Francisco minutes were unanimously approved.
2. The Committee discussed the recent meeting of the ACBL Board of Directors. A report was made updating the Committee regarding new regulations passed at the St. Louis meeting.
3. The Committee discussed the ACBL Handicap Formula for use in Bracketed Knockouts Events. The Committee members discussed the use of the handicap formula in different part of the country. Jeff Goldsmith agreed to help the subcommittee to develop a new formula.
4. The Committee discussed the legality of opening a notrump with a singleton. The Committee agreed that in some situations, bridge judgment indicated that opening

a notrump with a singleton honor is permissible. Many proposals were considered about disclosure of a pair's notrump tendencies. No consensus was achieved.

5. The Committee discussed the issues arising as a result of different styles vs different methods in partnership. The issue was tabled for future discussion.
6. The Committee discussed negative inferences resulting from the failure to make a conventional bid. The Committee agreed that the general rule was that negative inferences were not alertable.
7. The Committee discussed the various proposals regarding the addition of 0-10,000 events at the three NABCs. The Committee confirmed their support of adding 0-10,000 events and awarding 10% platinum overall awards in these events.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Whitten