

MINUTES

ACBL Competition & Conventions Committee
2013 Summer Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.
Monday, August 6, 2013 – 8:30 PM

Members Present:

Tom Carmichael, Chairman
Richard DeMartino
Doug Doub
Jeff Ford
Jeff Goldsmith
Bob Hamman
Barry Harper
Jeff Meckstroth
Craig Robinson

Also Present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m.

1. Committee members discussed the minutes from the St. Louis meeting. A motion to approve the St. Louis minutes was made and seconded. The St. Louis 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 Atlanta meeting.
3. The Committee discussed at length a proposal considered but not decided by the ACBL Board of Directors to add teams to the Grand National Teams event. A second team could be added from each District if they had a large enough entry into the District Finals. There was a lengthy discussion about the proposal but no consensus was achieved. The Committee also discussed the removal of the Grand Life Master qualification from the Wagar KO and Women's Swiss NABC+ events.
4. The Committee continued their discussion about the legality of opening one notrump with a singleton. The Committee agreed that in some situations, bridge

judgment indicated that opening a notrump with a singleton honor is prudent. Many proposals were considered about disclosure of a pair's notrump tendencies. No consensus was achieved.

5. The Committee discussed the current procedure for allowing the ACBL Mid-Chart at Sectionals and Regionals. The Committee agreed to create a standard policy for all ACBL tournaments but give tournament sponsors the option to deviate from the policy with appropriate disclosure. The Committee unanimously approved sending a motion to the ACBL Board of Directors to standardize the Mid-Chart policy as currently provided on the ACBL Mid-Chart.
6. The Committee discussed moving a Weak Two Bid that guaranteed a four card minor to the General Convention Chart. This bid is currently on the ACBL Mid-Chart. The Committee felt that this bid was relatively easy to defend against and should be placed on the General Convention Chart. The Committee unanimously approved the change.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Whitten