

NABC Review Committee

The NABC Review Committee had a very fruitful meeting Monday morning, November 23.

Topics of discussion included:

Whose responsibility is the promotion of NABCs, our corporate product?

Suggestions for better promotion included more flyers being produced and distributed and electronic flyers emailed to players, a series of articles in the *Bridge Bulletin* providing information on NABCs, a sort of "Did You Know?" feature and an electronic schedule/flyer emailed to players.

Another subject was dirty cards, there are all new cards for this tournament and in the future two colors of cards a year will be replaced. Also, for this tournament, all table mats were cleaned by Wendy, Montie and Murray, as well as screens "orange oiled" with new Velcro on the kick plates.

Vulnerability inserts in boards was discussed at length, with an action item that options other than inserts be investigated so that vulnerability is easily discerned by players.

Wendy Sullivan reported:

The Housing Bureau has a new contact person for ACBL and complaints are fewer and a good job is being done

Chicago is a popular site and attendance was higher than predicted

The major complaint was the distance of restrooms from the playing area and the distant location of some of the playing areas.

Issues for the future:

Should there be different hands for NABC events in Pairs games? Currently the first day of an NABC event, the hands are the same.

Are qualifications for events necessary, i.e. Blue Ribbon, Silver Ribbon, Red Ribbon.

It is suggested this committee be combined with NABC Site Selection and NABC Schedule since many of the topics considered by all these committees overlap.

The committee commended Wendy Sullivan for the job she has been doing.

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