

Competition & Conventions

March 12, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:02AM

Members Present: Tom Carmichael, Chair; Chris Compton, Doug Doub, Jeff Ford, Danny Sprung, Jeff Meckstroth, Ellen Kent (BOG), Linda Trent (BOG)

Staff Present: Sol Weinstein, Robb Gordon

Board of Directors members present – Dennis Carman, AJ Stephani

1. The Minutes from San Diego were approved as amended.

2. BOD Report

Dennis Carman

1. Revised convention charts 181-11 passed 25-0 there was much positive interaction between subcommittee and BOD committee.
2. 181-51 spring schedule – IMP pairs – move to Sunday/Monday B/C NAP move to 2nd Sat/Sunday – another 0-10K Thursday-Fri, Silver Ribbon move to 1st Friday-Saturday.
3. Strength of Field (Russ Jones working on it) still under discussion – ETA Summer 2019 motion
4. (Mark Aquino) helpful if C&C thought about input in SoF discussion. Issues with STaCs – concern about hand records – across the field scoring etc.
5. Sprung suggested a 0-6K event Thursday and Friday.

3. Board of Governors Report

Linda Trent

Sound issues at B-O-G

Discussion about switching to electronic documentation –

4. Management Report

Solly Weinstein

1. Swiss Pairs – not a priority
2. Priority for scoring teams with BridgeMates – target Fall 2019
3. *Alert procedure will be researched because of new Convention Cards

5. Kibitzer Interference

There is some sentiment to enforcing rule despite kibitzer interference. Polling – current regulations (none) and law – enforce laws to best of ability.

6. Old Business

- a. **Convention Chart update subcommittee** – change basic chart to “rule of 19 from rule of 17” and more leeway about 2C strong openings. Effective at beginning of Honolulu. The subcommittee was thanked and congratulated for their fine work.
- b. “anything goes” multiple meaning bids aggregate system is a problem. No resolution.
- c. Education concerning new Convention Chart
 - i. Monthly Bulletin Articles
 - ii. Possible Q&A in Atlanta
- d. Updating Alerts - Jeff Ford will chair.
- e. Convention Card subcommittee – Will Ehlers doesn’t want to continue.
 - i. Ellen Kent Chair. Linda Trent , Tom Carmichael members. Ask Marty Harris.

7. New Business

- a. Pre-alert carding agreements –
 - i. Unusual Carding Agreement
 1. Prism Trump Signal (Vinje)
 2. Upside-down suit preference
 3. question about trick one suit preference (dual meaning)
 4. Slavinsky leads?
 5. Rusinow?

Expand carding area on new Convention Card.

Refer to Alert subcommittee
- b. Mixed Team composition – has been changed
- c. Pre-empts on weak suits – pre-alert, not allowed to bar partner
- d. Reisinger Teams
 - i. Large cuts after first day is problematic. - deferred
 - ii. Minimum team quality – voted to leave “as is”
- e. Slow play in Platinum Pairs
- f. Platinum Pairs tables too close together
- g. Consensus for more screens for semi-final of 28 tables
- h. Barometer final for Platinum Pairs?

Adjourned at 11:47AM