

ACBL Competition & Conventions Committee Minutes  
November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 10AM PDT

Members present:

- \*Tom Carmichael, Chair
- \*Jeff Meckstroth
- \*Doug Doub
- \*Chris Compton
- \*Jeff Goldsmith
- \*Jeff Ford
- \*Will Ehlers
- \* Danny Sprung

Ellen Kent, BOG representative  
Linda Trent, BOG representative

Also present:

Dennis Carman, BOD  
AJ Stephani, BOD  
Russ Jones, BOD  
Jay Whipple, BOD, President-Elect  
Sol Weinstein, Staff  
Linda Dunn, Staff  
Robb Gordon, Staff

The Toronto Minutes were reviewed and approved.

The Board of Directors Report:

Drop-Ins Detailed Report – there will be no carryover to Roth Swiss.

Soloway KO Motion (Passed) – Dennis Carman gave detailed report There will be a 2 Session Swiss qualifying. Seeding position will be 75% from the Swiss standing and 25% from regular seeding points. The event will start in the fall of 2019.

There was a side discussion of a plan to run Swiss and round-robin qualifiers for Regional (and Sectional?) KO events.

There was a suggestion of a B-A-M movement by Chris Compton.

For small brackets – The BOD is trying 3 matches non-reduced points, additional points for 4 matches in 6-month pilot.

Convention Chart Subcommittee - Russ Jones

Motion by Board deferred to Philadelphia – but no problems expected

Bridge Committee is reviewing charts in detail, expect few changes. New charts will probably take effect for Honolulu.

Management must deal with implementation logistics, such as education, etc.

There was discussion of possible BOD motion to move IMP Pairs in the spring to Sunday then new Open Pair starts Friday.

Tom Carmichael suggested to move IMP Pairs to Saturday.

There was comment that younger players have nothing on Monday if not playing Vanderbilt.

There was a suggestion of 3-day swiss in the spring.

Both Swiss and Pairs will get rewarded for gold rush tables. Anticipate switching Swiss awards to strength of field in 2018.

Management Report:

Discussion of "Comparable Call" in new Laws

Discussion of HCP requirements for various strong actions.

Short discussion of Multi Defenses and disclosure.

There was a proposal of a 60-day notification (up from 30) proposed for provided defense

As new charts are released there will be commentary clarifying.

Discussion about cramped conditions in major events in Toronto

Discussion of cuts being too large

Convention Card Update Subcommittee -

Possible employment different cards for different levels

Expand size (8x11 or two-sided)

Desire to coordinate alert chart updates with Convention Card updates.

There was concern about announcements (NT range etc.) in barometer

Suggest paper announcement instead of verbal?

General support for 1 convention card per table

New Business -

Strong 2 Club opening alert requirements discussed when hand is based on playing strength.

Swiss pairs  
Pair/Team events (random teammates)  
Retire AcblScore by 2020 go open source  
The meeting adjourned at 11:55AM PDT.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robb Gordon