

REGIONAL ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

The Committee: Joan Gerard, Chair – Bob Heller, Ken Monzingo, Sharon Fairchild, Phyllis Harlan, Nadine Wood, Shirley Seals, Butch Campbell, Doug Grove.

Goal: To review and make suggestions, where needed, to the motion: Regional, Sectional Tournament Schedule & Sanctioning Status Report.

The entire committee was present at our two tele-conference calls as well as Butch and Doug. Both staff members were extremely helpful in furnishing necessary information. The current guidelines and regulations that are being used can be found in Chapter 6 of the Handbook of Regulations. The Committee is going through the Regulations in its entirety and will be prepared at the meetings in July to present a complete report to be voted on.

There is a new “kid” on the horizon and it is “A Regional at Sea”. We will be discussing this between now and July and will bring back a recommendation to you at that time.

SECTION TWO: REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- * one Youth or Junior Regional

- * add ...or one Non-Master Regional or one Non-Life Master Regional with an upper limit of 500 MPs we have not yet discussed Split Regionals

- *Qualification for additional Regionals will be based on the following:

population of District – 9000, 12,000 15,000, and a new category – 18,000. A District reaches a category using a quarterly membership average. (New Wording) – A District will be entitled to keep its additional Regional (s) for 2 years notwithstanding the drop below the required number

- * Off shore Regionals have been put into a separate category and these are:

Alaska; Bermuda; Hawaii; Mexico (2); Europe

- * The United States Bridge Federation & The Canadian Bridge Federation may each run one Regional a year. The approval of the district where the Regional is being run is required.

- *The following Permanent Site Regionals are allocated to their respective Districts:

Las Vegas – D17, Gatlinburg – D7, Arizona Seniors – D17, Cape Cod Seniors – D25, New England Individual – D25

- * A tournament becomes exempt from the allocated regionals for that district when it reaches 3000+ tables for 3 or 4 consecutive dates. Same requirements apply for losing this Regional as the additional Regional based on population

- *There will be a cap of 9 Regionals that any district may run

- *An Individual Tournament may not be more than 2 ½ days (was 2)

- *We removed the example of times where scheduling of 4 Gold Point sessions is discussed and used the wording: “A split schedule – for example

- * added: or other unforeseen circumstances to the paragraph that discusses “moving a regional” . .

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SCHEDULING REGULATIONS

We finally arrived at this section and more or less stopped here. . . .

We do want everyone to realize that each of these subjects had their touchy moments but we persevered and came to a majority vote on each of the items. . . Your input would be greatly appreciated on this section now and we will surely review all these thoughts as we move on to the problems of scheduling and how to best handle them,

Thanks to this hard working committee and to Butch and Doug.