

ACBL Technology Committee
Louisville, KY.
March 8, 2011

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Bill Arlinghaus, Claire Jones, Al Levy, Ken Monzingo

Also present (for some part of or all of the meeting): Rich DeMartino, Butch Campbell, Sol Weinstein, Craig Robinson, Patricia Glover, Joe Jones, Jeff Johnston, Steven Tover

Special Reports

- Website: Phase 1 is complete. Improved navigation and organization of the home page.
 - Next, monitor and adjust home page in response to member and management input: beginning March 22, 2011.
 - Discuss future possibilities to include:
 - Content management of internal pages so that hard coding of individual pages is no longer necessary; facilitates maintenance of site by Horn Lake staff.
 - Introduction of creative elements on existing materials.
- The big eventual push will be to fit website needs with broad technology goals. Note that our article submitted to the ACBL Bulletin has been published. We might consider similar possibilities for the future.
- ACBLscore:
 - A segment of SA's Google Docs account has been donated to store materials from Steve Bailey and others in association with initial study considerations.
 - Report of Bill Arlinghaus, Chair, Steering Committee on the status of ACBLscore.
- Chief Technology Officer: on hold at present pending the report of Steve Bailey on ACBLscore by mid-April. Following Bailey's Initial Study, we look forward to hearing more on this topic from Jay Baum.

Old Business—see above

- Updated credentials file for this committee to fold into the Annual Report of this Committee.
- From 2010 Goals: Develop an overall technology policy which will enable the ACBL to make optimum use of technology.
 - Enhance the reporting of club results by including hand records and travelers (completed)
 - Enhance the ACBL website to make it easier to navigate (completed)
 - Produce a detailed plan for replacing ACBLscore (nearing completion)
 - Evaluate all electronic scoring products to build a consensus on what product is best (ongoing)
 - Consider future opportunities: Smart phone (mobile phone) application plan (ongoing)

New Business

- Request from Jeff Johnston for input from us in regard to club management software. Presentation of Steven Tover on Bridge Club Resource. Jeff had asked input from the Technology Committee on whether to move the presentation forward to the full Board. The Technology Committee voted not to do so as they saw the material more as a Marketing tool that employed some technology rather than as technology tool and also as they saw such consideration premature in light of the ongoing work on ACBLscore.
- **Other:** Answered e-mails concerning technology, as they came in since Orlando.