

Minutes from San Diego, Fall 2009

1. Steve Beatty seeking BoD approval for Tom Carmichael to replace Henry Bethe as a member of the Committee.
2. Frivolous Appeals - Report
 - a. Report on analysis of statics for appeals cases.
 - b. Taking no action is reasonable given the stats, although some feel that some sort of strengthening is warranted.
 - c. More quota suggestions, such as 5 appeals / 5 upholds, no quota hit.
 - d. Rich DeMartino suggested recording "dropped" appeals due to large wins/losses. Keep records, but don't act.
 - i. Augmentation to proposal: Record info about withdrawn appeals starting with San Diego tournament. (Looking at Appeals Without Merit – AWM)
 - ii. Information gathering only
 - iii. Appeals: heard/not heard, won/lost
 - iv. Update appeals forms to make sure all people with standing (both parties and captain) sign. (Not just 1 member of the partnership of the appealing side.)
 - e. Sol Weinstein asks if appeals committees can assign penalties above and beyond AWMW. Sent to Adam Wildavsky (Chair, NAC) for comment.
3. Woolsey 2D over 1NT (and others).
 - a. General consensus is that this structure should be allowed under GCC, but not under current rules.
 - b. Proposal to modify GCC to allow bids with no anchor suit to include double, 2C and 2D
 - c. Sent to BoD for approval
4. High level tactics, sent to subcommittee
5. Pro/Client Tactics, sent to subcommittee
6. Proposal to modify seeding point caps to 5 for masterpoints. *No motion, failed.*
7. Proposal to allow substitutions by quarter in BAM events. *No motion, failed.*
8. Midchart violations remediation – *No motion, failed.*
9. Discussion of possible skew in results if 2 teams are awarded +3 IMPs in a 3-way match.
 - a. Sol Weinstein examined the possibility, found it to be a non-issue due to the way 3-way matches currently work.
10. DeMartino comments
 - a. Monitoring. Discussion with management, nothing for C&C right now.
 - b. Slow Play.
 - i. Possible discussion of watching repeat offenders, being harsher.
 - ii. Time Monitors if used should be at both tables. Players should be compared against the direction as well, as one side could have majority of decisions.
 - c. Convention Cards – BoD issue in March, address then.

11. Motion to make 0-5000 Blue Ribbon Pairs Midchart. Currently 0-5000 Spingold allows MC, but pair game does not. Passed.
12. Suggestion for a bracketed Spingold rejected by BoD.
13. Motion to amend alert procedures to make cheapest club bid after natural NT as any flavor of Stayman not alertable. Passed. Will be included in final alert chart recommendations to BoD.
14. PotY masterpoints for GNT & NAP.
 - a. Currently the masterpoints awarded for the GNT is 100 MP. The 36 MPs for the district level win is not Platinum and does not count towards PotY in current structure.
 - b. Same basic issue with NAP
 - c. Currently BoD is scheduled to review in 2011, but can be addressed early if deemed important enough.