

## MINUTES

ACBL Competition & Conventions Committee  
2012 Spring Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee  
Monday, March 19, 2012 – 10:00 AM

### Members Present:

Tom Carmichael, Chairman  
Doug Doub  
Joan Gerard  
Barry Harper  
Jeff Meckstroth  
Dan Morse  
Craig Robinson  
Elaine Said  
Linda Trent  
Sol Weinstein

### Also Present:

Sharon Anderson, ACBL President  
Sam Whitten, Assistant National Recorder  
Ken Horwedel, ACBL Manager of Bridge Quality & Systems  
Michael Becker  
David Berkowitz

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Committee members discussed the minutes from the Seattle meeting. A motion to approve the Seattle minutes was made and seconded. The Seattle minutes were unanimously approved.
2. The Committee heard a report from Mike Becker, Chairman of the Seeding Subcommittee. The report includes recommendations for assigning seeding points to foreign players that play in the Spingold, Vanderbilt, Baze, and Wagar Knockout Teams. Mr. Becker discussed the subjective seeding method which was used in the Vanderbilt this year and the Spingold last year. The Seeding Committee recommends making the subjective seeding method permanent for the Spingold, Vanderbilt, and Baze Knockouts. The Seeding Committee recommends closing the entries in these events at 5:30 p.m. the night before the event begins to allow the Subjective Seeding Committee sufficient time to seed the event.

3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Seeding Committee's report and send it to the ACBL Board of Director's for approval. The Committee thanked Mike Becker and the Seeding Subcommittee for their hard work on this project.
4. The Committee discussed alert rules regarding artificial 2 Club auctions. The Committee approved removing all alerts of artificial 2 Diamond responses.
5. The Committee discussed the Woolsey 2 Diamond over 1NT Convention. Some committee members felt that this convention should remain on the ACBL Mid-Chart while other argued that it should be moved to the ACBL General Convention Chart. No consensus was achieved.
6. The Committee discussed changes to the ACBL Limited Convention Chart. The Committee approved revising the Limited Chart for use in Limited games of less than 300 masterpoints. ACBL Staff will work on revising the Limited Chart.
7. The Committee discussed whether 100 Masterpoints was an appropriate award for the Championship Flight of the GNT. Committee members felt that this was too low for a five-day event. The Committee tabled the topic for future consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Whitten