

MINUTES

ACBL Competition & Conventions Committee
2012 Summer Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Monday, July 16, 2012 – 8:30 PM

Members Present:

Tom Carmichael, Chairman
Doug Doub
Joan Gerard
Barry Harper
Ellen Kent
Jeff Meckstroth
Dan Morse
Craig Robinson

Also Present:

Ken Horwedel, ACBL Manager of Bridge Quality & Systems
Paul Janicki
Jim Miller, ACBL National Recorder
Sam Whitten, ACBL Manager of Bridge Administration

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m.

1. Committee members discussed the minutes from the Memphis meeting. A motion to approve the Memphis minutes was made and seconded. The Memphis minutes were unanimously approved.
2. The Committee discussed the recent meeting of the ACBL Board of Directors. A report was made updating the Committee regarding the Comprehensive Seeding motion. The ACBL Board passed all portions of the Seeding motion except for the portion involving the Baze Senior KO. Members of the ACBL Board objected to changing the first place award of four points for winning the Baze. There was also disagreement about the proposal to shuffle in groups of four in the Baze. ACBL staff will work with Mike Becker's subcommittee to prepare a revised motion about Baze seeding.
3. The Committee also discussed the Board motion regarding qualification from NABC+ Pairs events. The Committee agreed that the motion should be resubmitted to allow additional discretion for the DIC in these events.
4. The Committee discussed the ACBL Handicap Formula for use in Bracketed Knockouts Events. The Committee agreed to appoint a subcommittee to work on

the ACBL Handicap Policy. Sam Whitten, Joan Gerard, Dan Morse, Ellen Kent, and Doug Doub were appointed to the subcommittee.

5. The Committee discussed the approval of a weak 2D or 2H opening bid indicating 5-4 distribution in the majors, with at least one known 5-card suit for the ACBL Mid-Chart (2 Board segments). If the five-card suit is unknown, then it would be approved for six-board segments. The Committee approved the convention and recommended sending it to the ACBL Board for final approval.
6. The Committee deferred discussion of a BAM KO event at the Fall NABC until a future meeting.
7. The Committee discussed modification of the ACBL Limited Convention Chart to be used in limited events of less than 300 Masterpoints. The Committee decided that the ACBL Limited Convention Chart was not necessary at this time. Instead, the Committee decided to modify the ACBL General Convention Chart to allow the sponsoring organization to limit conventions in events for players with less than 300 masterpoints.
8. The Committee discussed the appropriate award for the Championship Flight of the GNT. Committee members felt that this was too low for a five-day event. The issue was tabled for future discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Whitten