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By now you have probably had the opportunity to use the new ACBL opening web page. The technology committee is now working on improving the remainder of the web site and having ACBL SCOR rewritten. You will see in the March bulletin that they are looking to our membership for help. What sort of features would be useful to you? If there are any features you would like to see in either of these please send them to me. I will make sure they are passed along to the technology committee.

Louisville's Board of Directors meeting was very productive. I will share some of the more interesting happenings. To see a complete recount of the Board meeting check the ACBL web site or watch for it in May's Bulletin.

Item 111-20: Diamond Life Master

For the rank of Diamond Life Master and above, the Black and Silver masterpoint requirements are removed.

The Ranking Committee is presently reviewing all requirements for the rank of Life Master and higher. This motion was withdrawn and referred to the Ranking committee. It was felt it is better to have this considered as part of the entire picture. Watch for proposals at the July meeting in Toronto.

Item 111-31: Stop Cards

Stop cards may not be used after the first round of a non-competitive auction.

Defeated: Defeated 2-23. I voted against this motion.

This motion had been referred to the Competitions and Conventions committee. They had recommended that the entire stop card procedure be eliminated. Watch for a motion at the July meetings in Toronto.

Item 111-32: Swiss Teams Conditions of Contest.

The time allotted for play is seven minutes per board plus two minutes of administrative time per match.

Our current time allotment is 7.5 minutes per board.

This item was withdrawn. It was felt the entire issue of time limits needs to be examined. An action item was moved that a directive be given to the tournament directors. They are to come up with a policy that will take into consideration both how they can enforce this and how it will affect all players. Again, watch for a motion at the Toronto's July meeting.

Item 111-110: Robot Points.

ACBL masterpoints shall not be awarded in any game that includes one or more robots as participants.

Defeated: 4 – 21. I voted against this motion.

The opinions on this are very polarized with players feeling strongly one way or the other. I felt robot play is an important service offered to members who may not be able to participate in face to face play.

Item 111-111: Sanctioned Online Games

A player may not enter more than two ACBL sanctioned online games of any kind in any 60 minute period.

Carried: Unanimously. This was necessary to prevent online players from jumping from one game to another if they felt they were doing poorly in the first game.

Item 111-120: ACBL-wide games.

No ACBL-wide special games be conducted during February.

Carried: Unanimously.

February is Junior month and the ACBL should not schedule other games that would compete for this funding.

Item 111-152: 2018 Fall NABC San Francisco, CA.

2018 Fall NABC to be held in San Francisco November 22-December 2 is rescinded.

Carried: Unanimously.

Hotel considerations had to be met and there is an agreement being worked on for the Fall of 2019. Watch for confirmed 2019 dates.

If you have any questions about any of the motions please contact me. Thank you to everyone who responded to my Pre-Louisville newsletter. Your opinions are important to me and aid me in making informed votes.

May all your finesses be successful,
Claire Jones