

ACBL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes: FALL SPECIAL MEETING

November 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Advisory Council Chair Doug Couchman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm Eastern Time on Sunday, November 10, 2024. A quorum was present.

OPENING REMARKS: Chair Couchman welcomed and thanked all attendees.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S FALL AGENDA: The Council discussed various items on the agenda for the Board of Directors' upcoming meetings (in conjunction with the Las Vegas NABC).

Items that generated significant discussion:

243-BR01, a proposed change to the masterpoint awards for one-day swiss and bracketed round robin team events to allow participants who play in less than all the matches (but at least half of them) to receive full awards. Several council members expressed concerns.

A proposal (not a formal motion) to change the entry fee for team events to be per team instead of per person.

243-BY01, a proposed bylaws change consisting primarily of cleanup and removal of deprecated provisions but also altering several provisions regarding the Advisory Council. Council members expressed various concerns about the changes to Article IX (governing the Advisory Council). Concern was also expressed regarding how the proposed amendment had been generated and at what stage AC advice involvement should have occurred.

CHAIR CANDIDATE DISCUSSION: The three candidates for Advisory Council Chair — Peter Marcus, Steve Moese, and Richard Popper — each gave brief presentations to the membership regarding their candidacies.

The floor was then opened for questions to the candidates. No other members having questions, Chair Couchman asked several questions of each candidate.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm EST.