

**Minutes of a Meeting of the WBF Laws Committee
held in Shanghai on 7th October 2007**

Present:

T. Kooijman, Chairman
C. Martel, Vice Chairman
G. Endicott, Secretary
J. Wignall, Chairman of the Law Drafting Subcommittee
M. Di Sacco
J. Gerard
B. Gignoux
A. Levy
J. Polisner
W. Schoder

1. Opening the meeting the Chairman welcomed the members present and invited Mr. Wignall to speak on the progress of the Drafting Subcommittee in its task.
2. Mr. Wignall reminded the Committee of the requirement in the Bye-Laws to “make a comprehensive study and updating of the entire laws structure” once in every decade. He noted the current composition of the subcommittee, Mr. Polisner and Mrs. Gerard having joined it to replace Mr. V. Anderson and the late Mr. Ralph Cohen, a great loss to the subcommittee. Mr. Wignall gave a history of the subcommittee’s activity over five years, approximately, since it was first appointed, and referred to its use of technological developments to assist its work. He said that the subcommittee had “pretty much arrived” at the end of its task and expected to discharge its duties finally in the course of the current championships.
3. The Chairman expressed a desire to hear the committee’s views in relation to a number of subjects, in particular those contained in Laws 13, 14, 27, 61 and 69.
4. The committee discussed each of these laws and members offered their opinion severally in relation to them.
5. Mr. Kooijman recorded that the subcommittee had an intention of preparing an appendix of guidance on and illustrations of some of the more interesting matters in the 2007 Code. This would not have the force of law but would be helpful, it was believed, to Directors confronted by problematic situations.
6. The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting.