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Minutes of the WBF Laws Committee Meeting Held in Bali, Indonesia on Thursday 19th September 2013

Present:

Ton Kooijman (in the Chair)
Laurie Kelso (Secretary)
Max Bavin
Maurizio Di Sacco
Al Levy
Jeff Polisner
John Wignall
Adam Wildavsky

Apologies:

Grattan Endicott
Chip Martel
William Schoder

Guests:

Georgia Heth, Tadayoshi Nakatani, Herman de Wael

The meeting was called to order at 10.00am

1. The Chairman welcomed members and guests. He noted the recent loss to the committee of both Jaime Ortiz-Patiño (Chairman Emeritus) and Joan Gerard, and spoke of their past contributions. The absence of both Mr Schoder and Mr Endicott was also noted with regret. The committee was then informed of Mr Endicott's intention to retire as Secretary. The Chairman went on to acknowledge Mr Endicott as an active and influential long-term Committee Secretary and member. He also foreshadowed the possibility of Mr Endicott retaining membership of the Laws Committee via a new honorary position. The Chairman then asked Mr Kelso to accept the position of Secretary and offered him the attendant privileges of a committee member.
2. Mr Kooijman reported that no real progress had been made in respect to the Laws of On-line Bridge and that matters were still pending.
3. Mr Levy reported that he and Roger Stern were continuing to liaise with the Portland Club's representative (Giles Hargreave) in respect to the next edition of the Laws of Contract (Rubber) Bridge. He indicated that the global use of the word 'rectification' (as it appears in the current Laws of Duplicate Bridge) would not be mirrored in the Laws of Contract Bridge, as it was thought that a more selective use of both 'penalty' and 'rectification' would be more appropriate.



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4. The committee then turned its attention to the preliminary examination and discussion of material received following the WBFLC's previous worldwide invitation for suggestions relevant to the next review of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

5. In response to a suggestion received from an NBO, the Committee confirmed the following interpretation:

Law 21B2 – When a player elects not to change a call because of misinformation, Law 16D will still apply. The situation is analogous to the withdrawal of an original call followed by the subsequent replacement of the same call. Information arising from inferences that only become available because of the correction of misinformation is authorized to the non-offending side, but unauthorized to the offending side.

At 1.00pm the meeting resolved to adjourn with a view to reconvening at 2.45pm on 22nd September 2013.