1998 Rule Book Committee Minutes October 1, 1998

Action Items

***	Omit the records from the new mini-rule book.
***	Print 1250 copies of the full rule book and 600 copies of the mini-rule book.
***	Distribute mini-rule books to the LMSC officials chairs.
***	Include one free mini-rule book with each full rule book sent to each registered club in 1999.

Attendance

Number of committee members present: 9. Number of committee members absent: 1. Total number of delegates attending the meeting: 15.

Minutes

I. Award cover design

We were fortunate that 15 designs were submitted this year. We chose the design submitted by Michael Moore of Pacific. Congratulations, Michael!

II. Dedication

After much discussion, we were unable to reach a consensus on who to dedicate the 1999 rule book to. We will continue this debate via e-mail and fax, and make a decision before the rule book goes to press, around Thanksgiving.

III. Award printing of rule book

We received three bids this year, from: Gateway Printing of Hamburg, N.Y., Marshall's Printing, of Silverdale, Wash., and AlphaGraphics of Pompano Beach, Fla. We awarded the bid to Gateway Printing.

IV. Mini-rule book

Tom Lyndon has done a wonderful job laying out the mini-rule book. We thank Tom for all his hard work. All committee members were satisfied with the layout.

Tracy Grilli pointed out that we still have a couple of boxes of full-size rule books left over. Because our goal is to print only about as many as we need, we decided to cut back on the number we print. Meg said that Officials Chairman Bill Tingley had requested that mini-rule books be sent to the LMSC officials chairs.

We decided to give each registered club a copy of the 1999 mini-rule book, in addition to the full-size rule book they already receive, to let the membership know this new product is available.

Tracy said there are approximately 450 clubs. We have 53 LMSCs, so in theory we should have 53

LMSC officials chairs. Therefore, we decided to print 600 copies of the mini-rule book. Approximately 500 of those copies will be given away, and the remaining 100 will be sold for \$3 each.

We were concerned that the bid to print the mini-rule book was relatively high per unit copy, compared with the cost to print the full rule book. This is because of the shorter print run. We felt it would be unwise to print too many of the mini-rule books the first year, and decided we need to look for other ways to lower the cost of the mini-rule books. Because including all the records, as the House of Delegates had directed us to do last year, adds 24 pages to the mini-rule book, we decided to ask the House to allow us to exclude the records from the mini-rule books. We will also ask Gateway about other options to lower the cost.

We decided to print 1250 copies of the full-size rule book, or 100 fewer than last year.

V. Amendments proposed by the Rule Book Committee

Meg reported that as far as she knew, most of the housekeeping proposals made by the Rule Book Committee had been approved by Rules, Legislation, and Long Distance.

Adjournment

Tasks for upcoming year

- *** Compile the 1999 rule books.
- *** Proofread the 1999 rule books.
- *** Get the camera-ready copy to the printer by Thanksgiving.