

## **NCTTA Championship Meeting Online**

**August 5, 2007 via Gotomeeting.com software**

Meeting was called to order at 9:08pm EST by President Willy Leparulo

Other committee members: David Del Vecchio (DD); Joe Wells (JW), Mike McFarland (MM); Jason Sun (JS); Marta Bastrzyk (MB); Rochester: John Larsen and Ben Boldt; Kahler Hotel: Julie Haldeman

Absent: Dalton Hoffine and Michael Shao

### **1) RASC/NCTTA Contract**

-discussion about update of contract

-John Larsen says they are waiting for signature from Exec. Director and have been busy with back to back tournaments

-doesn't think anything in it is an issue

### **2) Volunteer Coordination**

-RASC has a URL where volunteers can sign up and Ben Boldt spoke specifically about being confident that since they had done another event in past that they would be able to get volunteers thru the Minneapolis and Rochester clubs as well as having their own support volunteers that they usually get

-NCTTA Champ Committee will need to select a volunteer coordinator to head up this area as well.

-Maybe like OSU Champ website had sign ups, there could be again this time

### **3) Hotel Contract discussion**

-(JW) spoke on behalf of the committee with questions about attrition, cut off dates, hotel room block commitment and insurance.

-talked about possibly moving more rooms to the Grand Kahler to keep everyone in the same place

-see Joe's email to committee for more information

-most everything, Julie from Kahler was able to agree to

-David will follow up with Julie on this

-question about whether NCTTA has insurance for hotel....question will be forwarded to Karen Chang, Pro Bono lawyer for clarification

-Julie said she would move the 90 percent attrition to 80 percent attrition/this mirrors what we had last year with OSU.

-(MB) asked about wireless internet free or of charge in rooms and it is free

#### **Julie's questions**

a) How everyone was going to make reservations?

-(JW) most will call. (JW) asked about an online reservation system since most of our students are connected online a lot. Julie will get back to us on that

b) How do you want block labeled?

-(WL) we should call it "College Table Tennis Nationals"

### **4) USATT Certified Ref and Competition Manager**

-John Larsen wants to know how local these people are since there is a budget line item in question then specified that NCTTA has the final call on this since it is our area of expertise

-(WL) mentioned that last year's competition manager had mentioned to Seemant that he was interested in doing this year, Ed Hogshead.

### **5) Equipment Sponsorship update**

- McFarland left the call prior to this update so (WL) updated the conference call on things and the document was sent out to all TT manufacturers in the last week of July
- no updates as of yet
- John Larsen requested copy of RFP and will be given
- John Larsen asked if money amount of RFP will go to championship budget or not
- (DD) responds “we don’t know, although depending on overall budget it could go towards budget”

John Larsen mentions a company called “Corporate Rock” that was a 3<sup>rd</sup> party organization that handled sponsorship and promotions for one of their last clients and was even able to cajole a media sponsorship.

- (WL) asked for the contact information

### **6) Championship Website**

- (DD) wants to outline how this will be put together, who is involved with it, how it will look and what information we want to include on it
- Ben Boldt leads us to the RASC website where they have a link to much of the information for each of their championships
- (WL) asks if sponsors can be listed and they said yes.

After meeting is adjourned (WL) gathers NCTTA Committee members to chat about selection of Competition Manager and Referee and they come to agreement to select Ed Hogshead as Competition Manager from last year and ask him his opinion on the Certified referee.

**Meeting Adjourned 10:23pm**