

NCTTA Championship Committee Online Meeting Minutes

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Meeting was called to order at 9:05pm EST by Champ Committee chair: Willy Leparulo
Other committee members present: David Del Vecchio (DD); Joe Wells (JW); Mike McFarland (MM); Dalton Hoffine (DH); From Rochester: John Larsen, Ben Boldt and Phyllis

I. Transportation

- A company named "Transit" has been lined up and is reliable. Phyllis believes they have handicap access and is nothing more for us to worry about
- she however needs to know specifics on flights and what time coming in as well as how many numbers in each party
- Phyllis is the convention/services manager as well as the Banquet person working with McFarland
- asked about tax exempt form for NCTTA hotel rooms and Joe Wells will follow up with her on this

II. Volunteer Information

- David will be following up with Mitch to see if there are any questions

III. Site Visit

- Talk about flying Ed Hogshead to MN to see the facility and hang out there a couple of days and NCTTA will take the bill for travel while Rochester takes care of the accommodations
- Rochester folks suggested Feb. 21st – 23rd or any other end of the week day except for week of March 10th

IV. Registration Information

- Decisions about deadlines, entry fees, online v paper,
- discussing that online deadlines will be same as last year
- discussing currently if entry fees should be raised or stay the same
- decided that most is online except for signature forms for liability

Information to collect on registration forms:

- will you need a shuttle—if so, how many ppl are in your party
- anyone with special needs
- arriving with buses or vans that don't fit in parking 6 ft 9 inches, can't be too wide
- Flat out lot is very important

V. Referee

- In December David and Willy got to speak with Kagin Lee about his needs and wants
- does want to do this, charges 150 a day for his services and does not drive, so will need either a plane ticket and or a person to ride up with
- wants a deputy referee (David is following up for ideas from him)

-discussion about what other volunteers are needed: Field of Play coordinator and people; production (will speak to Ed H) about this; Results (Dan/Jason); Registration (Ed H's wife)

-Non TT volunteers is what Rochester people are requesting—David will work on this**

VI. Media/Promotional Plan

-Championship logo needed---get NCTTA people on this

-an email to be sent out about this is needed

Promotion Plan

-(DD) has brought up plan to get more notoriety with the 08 Championships by promoting it out to USATT tournaments in Midwest to drum up interest

-a mass email to Midwest USATT club directors and or club tournament directors might work

-John Larsen from Roch suggests press releases can be done and set up stories for human interest stories with local media

-Ben from Roch adds that generally those already interested in TT will be the ones to come (get Rochester TT involved)

VII. Food Service

-Ben based on numbers going to go after veggie plates and menu; if not Rochester will bring it in themselves

-** Rochester guys need a guesstimate on how many athletes need veggie plates and how many ppl are they feeding each day at each meal

-Ben from Roch went over they will have water and granola bars for volunteer and break room

Merchandise

-Ben Boldt asks what other vendors will be there, is there a call to sell Championship T-shirts for the event?

-Killerspin and Newgy and or a general TT equipment sponsor may be in the place depending on a lot of factors

-will find out the championship T-shirt sales from OSU**

-Rochester folks has good local vendors and if it is something to do—we can do that

-(DD) mentioned that we need volunteer polos

-Rochester needs CHAMP Logo

-Rochester needs #'s of volunteers and potential sizes

-1 month March 11th prior to make it work

NEWGY

1) Who gets Robot

-McFarland suggests have all teams in the raffle and shouldn't pay anything (WL) agrees

-Joe has an idea to charge for Raffle to raise some revenue; it is just a matter of organizing it

-McFarland mentioned having normal restaurants like Outback getting involved and will volunteer to make contact with them to see if he can get gift certificates for that weekend

-Joe brings up having Newgy print of coupons to put in gift bags; McFarland will follow up with Newgy**

2) What to get winners?

-Joe, David, McFarland say just the trophies

-subject to vote in the championship committee

Sponsors—Equipment

-it is set that with Ed H we have 15 Killerspin tables

(question to self) where are the practice tables coming from? Rochester TT club?

-McFarland brings up that if KS doesn't get an official contract with us then we are free to get remaining equipment from Butterfly or other equipment sponsor

-David adds that another vendor could be brought in as well to sell equipment.

Meeting adjourned 10:25pm