

NCTTA Board of Directors Online Meeting Minutes

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Meeting was called to order at 9:00pm EST by President Willy Leparulo
Other board members present and members: David Del Vecchio (DD); Wassim Chao (WC); Joe Wells (JW); Seemant Teotia (ST); Liang Liu (LL); Michael McFarland (MM);

1) Committee Approval

- (WL) notified board that Committee approval would go out this week and need board approval
- many new faces in several committees, though still many committees need to be covered: Disabled, alumni relations; media relations, etc.
- another outreach for new committee people will be done in up coming months

2) Historian position

- Mike Meier is only one to submit form to be Historian on NCTTA board
- voting will go out this week for his approval

3) Division Director Selection

- Liang put forward wording to place in USATT magazine for division director selection and as soon as the magazine hits people's mailboxes a timeline will be set up whereby NCTTA sends out listserv messages and announcements for division directors

4) TTP 3rd Year Issues

- (DD) doesn't understand what the hold up is b/c the document was given almost a month ago and it isn't that long or difficult to look at
- At US Open; McFarland, Willy and Joe will meet with TTP to discuss the future of this agreement and of NCTTA's relationship with them as league sponsor
- the uncertainty is a problem
- (WL) suggests to board that TTP can still abide by the stipulations of the original agreement which says they don't have to reply until August 31st
- At the US Open when approaching TT companies the chat will be general

5) Newgy Issues

- McFarland stated that he thought Newgy was ok with sharing barriers, but now is not sure, will get clarification next week
- Issue with Newgy barriers and different other equipment sponsor
- (DD) brings up what if sponsor comes up with all or nothing proposal with lots of perks?
- What to do with decade long relationship with newgy?
- (WL) and (MM) in favor of keeping it no matter what
- (ST) adds that Ed Hogshead has thrown in his interest with Killerspin in doing the competition manager and having KS come in with the tables again.

6) Championship/League Combined

- The idea is coming again b/c NCTTA has such a difficult time finding a championship sponsor that for the time being it might be an opportunity to put it together to help build the products
- several perks involved including not worrying about the championship sponsors yearly
- (DD) says it would be nice to keep them separate but understand the need for the time being
- (MM) and (JW) remind the board that they are only equipment sponsors and not title or presented by

7) League Sponsorship

- NCTTA BOD discusses certain areas of the league sponsorship that McFarland put together
- Questions as to why there is so much reference to the championships
- 10 percent donation to NCTTA from equipment bought

8) Balls and Barriers

- Because TTP was late in sending everything we have left over STIGA balls and barriers in NCTTA possession
- question is what to do about them if STIGA/TTP does not come in to be sponsor in 3rd year?
- Barriers can be offered for membership to schools; balls can be passed out
- (DD) says to pass them out anyways since league sponsor is only sponsor for league matches and NOT all other club things
- (ST) questions how much money it would cost to ship these out
 - he brings up a good point that NCTTA has to be careful on since it does cost a pretty penny to ship everything out

9) CSTV Invitational tourney idea

- Number 1 concern: how to get teams to play 3 weeks after 2008 championships
- several ideas were thrown out like TWU vs California allstars or even NCTTA division allstars vs TWU or each other
- (DD) brings up a good point that it is better for the viewing audience to see team play rather than the split approach
- (WL) says to weigh how to get teams/kids to the event with what would make a good show.
- Questions:
 - How soon does CSTV need to know of when the teams would come or not
 - If individual teams are sponsored by outside places, is it ok?
 - (MM) warns against rushing into this, maybe 2009 championships is a better place; 1st impression is always important

10) Yau-Man Chan update

- Liang interviewed Yau-Man and will be forwarding a script to the board to eventually put up on our website as an NCTTA interview