

## **NCTTA Board of Directors Online Meeting Minutes January 20, 2008 via Gotomeeting.com software**

Meeting was called to order at 8:06pm EST by President Willy Leparulo  
Other board members present and members: David Del Vecchio (DD); Wassim Chao (WC); Joe Wells (JW); Seemant Teotia (ST); Mike McFarland (MM)

Absent: Mike Meier, Liang Liu

### **I. Division/League Updates**

- talked to board about updated schedule
- Liang is sending out press releases to school's recreation directors to promote NCTTA meets
- McFarland and Willy had webinars with all division directors
- went over specific numbers in league; up in Women's numbers and divisions with 8 or more schools; and talked about elig. Issues with TWU, GSU, etc.

### **II. LATT Agreement**

- marketing agreement with Christian Lillieroos' company and NCTTA
- discussion about wording and possibly the loss of tax exempt status
- (WL) will follow up with board's questions to Karen Chang
- on an unrelated issue (JW) requests from (DD) a tax statement for no taxes being figured in at Rochester for Champs
- (MM) mentions the thought of having a non for profit tax accountant to protect 501 c 3 status
- board agrees to move forward if it is possible to protect the 501 c 3 tax exemption.

### **III. NCTTA in the future**

- (WL) gives is a little disappointed on how he feels about weight of NCTTA falling on his shoulders alone and others not taking up their share of the work; not checking email daily and announces he will NOT run for President again unless something changes for the better
- (WL) asks for more cooperation from board members as they finish up their term of office in June.
- 1) **Job Descriptions**-brought up by (MM) to widen the scope of people that can run for office for NCTTA
  - each board member will work on their own job description to submit in May 08
  - (DD) asks when elections are and leads it into a discussion of an election committee vs. having Dan Wang do it like in the past
  - (WL) will send an email to Board of Advisors for direction

### **Future NCTTA aspirations from board**

Wassim-No comment; Joe Wells-wants to see NCAA status reached; David-do the very best to get the best ppl in organization; Seemant-is happy where he is; McFarland-would like to work in Coach's area

#### **IV. Highschool Table Tennis Championships in Minnesota**

- (ST) had opportunity to run a highschool team table tennis championship for MN and had a chance to promote NCTTA to them
- 110 kids playing the event, maybe 10 were USATT members
- this can serve as a feeder program to NCTTA

#### **V. Ratings & Wildcard Issue**

- (ST) gives summary of overall team ratings and how they have risen by 500 points over the past year
- situation presents itself where RPI could finish in 4<sup>th</sup> in their division but still place in Nationals as a Wild card rated team and the team ahead of them would not attend
- Is this a problem that a wild card school finishes so low in their division?
- Board consensus is that Wild Cards are done via ratings

#### **VI. UBS Financial and Newgy Scholarship**

- Moving forward with Newgy Scholarship fund money and (MM) suggests to have it deposited into an interest bearing account with UBS financial
- (WL) is against it prior to speaking with Karen Chang to make sure everything is kosher
- (MM) asks if we want to go with UBS or not and puts a Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> deadline of it.

#### **VII. Sunrise TT club scholarship program**

- What other areas would consider doing this?
- (ST) says Mike Babuin may consider doing it
  - suggests also to go to areas with frequent tournaments
- (JW) NYC
- (DD) get a statement from Clearwater club about it

#### **VIII. USATT Update on National Sports Organization**

- a) (JW) updates board on email received from Mike Cavanaugh and Chris Vadala stating that we (NCTTA) must submit statement about why we qualify for NSO
  - board will work on this document to submit
  - (JW) will get a date to turn it in by
- b) USATT rep questions
  - board should probably decide guidelines, everyone but David and McFarland should be involved
  - (JW) NSO rep has to be on NCTTA board and maybe would serve to fill the vacant USATT rep role

#### **2009 Championship Inquiries**

- (JW) reports that there are 8-9 places including sport commissions from Texas, Illinois and the Disney World Wide Sports complex interested in this event
- Radar Presley from Atlanta is also interested
- They ask about how much space and facilities

**Meeting Adjourned 9:51pm**