

NCTTA Championship Meeting Online

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Meeting was called to order at 9:08pm EST by President Willy Leparulo
In attendance: Joe Wells, David Del Vecchio, and Francois Charvet
Missing: Misha Kazantsev

1. Championship Committee Chair

-Willy nominated for it and accepted

2. NCTTA Technical Delegate

-David nominated and accepted

3. Hotel Contract discussion

-Committee went page by page examining questions

a) issues with rooms being split into 3 different hotels, but b/c of another group being in town there isn't too much of a choice

-Joe WELLS asked if the 60 rooms at the more expensive Rochester Marriott could be moved to the cheaper hotels

-Francois commented on being afraid of the attrition fee

b) Banquet Date is incorrect and should be 4/4/08 instead of what it is

c) Joe mentions maybe Rochester Marriot could be dropped to 99 dollars to include breakfast

-the worry is once again that college students may not pay that high of a rate and choose another hotel which is bad as Rochester Sports Commission gets bed tax dollars that go towards this tournament

-David mentioned that all NCTTA staff and volunteers can be housed in the Rochester Marriott and save the cheaper rooms for the student athletes (it would be a huge cost on NCTTA's end though)

d) Ask about what the difference in price is at the Kahler as the faxed copy is hard to read

e) asked about making rooms open for 1 day prior and 1 day after for ppl coming early or staying late

f) Francois questioned if it were possible to do what was done in past in Texas and raise room fees from 86 to 90 and 4 dollar per room would be fundraised back to the championships for extra money? This is a response to increasing entry fees.

h) Tax Exemption question in MN was asked to save NCTTA money on the 11 percent sales tax assessed

Page 2 of the contract

a) When is cutoff date?

-important as NCTTA and ACUI competition doesn't get done until very late

Page 3 of the contract

a) Guest Room charges

-deposit is this something to be worried about?

-checking back at old minutes to see what we did

b) Food/Beverage

-if could let us know of change of venue by cutt off date of Room block

Page 5 of contract

a) Billing Procedures

-can NCTTA be direct billed

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a) Insurance issues

-ask Karen and look at old minutes

Page 7 of contract

a) Wheelchair issues last time, will they be fixed this time? Is Hotel still covering transportation?

BUDGET

-looking at budget to see where to cut corners if possible?

-committee figured maybe less programs could cut cost

-a strong hard look at ACUI was discussed about specifically:

-raising entry fees by 25 dollars and eliminating USATT fees (900 dollars)

-If 80 persons came with a 25 dollar entry fee raise=\$2,000 and elimination of USATT fees is 900 dollars almost the budget negative amount!

ACUI to be or not to be...USATT

-discussion of pro's and con's of having it be with USATT or not

Pro's: having it listed on USATT tournament schedule; for some that care about ratings

Con's: COST is so very outrageous for an event that USATT does not even support as they did in the past, ACUI has told me to cut them loose, but we have ultimate decision

Process:

1) ask Mike Cavanaugh if there can be a ratings fee "sponsorship" or waiver and then have the extra ACUI raise in fees to cover renewal of membership for players or have the players themselves cover it

or

2) Ask Mike Cavanaugh if event can be listed on the calendar, but not be sanctioned by USATT?

Meeting adjourned 10:32pm