

NCTTA Board of Directors Online Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2008 via Gotomeeting.com software

Meeting was called to order at 8:05pm EST by Willy Leparulo

Other board members: Misha Kazantsev (athlete rep), David Del Vecchio (USATT Rep), Joe Wells (vice president); Francois Charvet (Treasurer);

Missing: Committee Chairs: Matt Holden, James Roeder, Seemant Teotia, Michael McFarland

I. League/Championships Sponsorship

- Joe is handling Killerspin proposal and is waiting next week on replies from Amar; Misha is handling Stag proposal and has emailed them several times with no replies.
- board consensus that Killerspin is better proposal at this point and that we ought to follow up with them to see how they answer our questions prior to replying back with STAG (who has seemed to drop out at this point)

II. MOTIONS

- *Discussion about how to make our league rules more readable and less subject to interpretation by division directors and club presidents (everyone on the same page)
- discussion about a default is and definition of:
 - a) Contest Default- Team A v Team B didn't play the match in a meet scheduled
 - b) Match Default- Player 3 got injured against player 3 from another team and didn't play that particular match
 - c) Meet Default- Team A shows up with less than 3 players or doesn't at all

Current Motion to speak of would change the Competition Handbook to read more clearly that defaults are not excepted but can be ameliorated with the following for both kinds of divisions.

- discussion of allowing 1 Contest default per regional meet for all school teams

Motion:

For a 4 school division ONLY if a school defaults here are the possible solutions:

- 1) Including Transitional schools (new schools that have transitional membership)
- 2) Default deposit of xx amount (refunded after the season if no defaults)

For an 8 school division:

- Must be 8 schools all playing one another.

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Board agreed to allow Willy/David to correct the Handbook and FWD to board for approval

*Discussion about a change in Wildcard Qualification

-long carried out discussion about changing wild card qualification to have

- a) 8 teams or more get 2nd place school
- b) Any school that has played 3 out of division matches qualify via rating
- c) Any school with any rating

-board could not come to a consensus on this new motion for approval stating it was unfair to divisions who did not have close travel, lack of money, and or could bring on certain "gaming" concerns of fake matches created, etc.

-major headache logistically also difficult to ask division director to follow everywhere

An unofficial vote was conducted and Misha, Francois and Willy were a no and the motion died

-Francois introduced another possibility to allow divisions that have played 3 times in a season would be able to qualify 1 extra school then the standard.

-furthermore this setting helped create the standard for more matches in NCTTA as well as giving the incentive to play more equaling more of a possibility to Nationals

Motion for change in Wildcard Qualification:

Wildcard qualification

- a. divisions with 8 or more teams paying, playing each other without contest default get their 2nd place school to advance
- b. divisions with 3 or more team meets in a season (all teams without contest defaults) would qualify an additional school based on team ranking
- c. any team from any division again based on team ranking

Motion will be voted on at hub when final wording is created

*Discussion about New Division Motion

IN 2005 a division motion was created stating that all new divisions must be organized by May 1st to enter the subsequent season.

Motion: To place in our handbook a rule that places all new divisions qualifying for Nationals to be organized (min. 4 school teams that have paid membership fees to NCTTA and have a tournament schedule turned in by October 1st to pre qualify for that season's championships.

Proposed by Willy
Seconded by Francois

Motion passes: 4-1-0

III. Division Director Handbook

-Willy suggested to have David and him re read and post on hub later for approval to save time

IV. What to do about Divisions without directors?

-a slight issue came to light with Virginia, Carolina and Norcal divisions as they have no directors

-specifically a rule was created at the last Face to Face meeting in April: http://www.nctta.org/2007-08/Face_2_Face_April10_08.pdf see page 3 motion. Specifically all bylaw motions are needed to be unanimous and this was not yet it was mistakenly noted to have passed.

-board is now discussing bylaw change to get right with what we currently have in place in our division directors and to allow the flexibility to put in place division directors who are students playing on a team so that a division does not die

Virginia Division currently has no one, but students have been suggested
Carolina Division has no one but 2 students have signed up as co directors
Norcal Division has no one and no one has stepped up

Discussion on the hub specifically about this motion about division directors is being conducted

V. Other items at board meeting

- David/Willy will do update on membership/elig. Forms
- ACUI vision will be placed on hub
- Newgy/NCTTA Scholarship discussion will continue

Board meeting Adjourned 10: 52pm

