

NCTTA Board of Directors Meeting, May 23, 2010

IN attendance: Willy Leparulo (WL), Scott Ryan, Misha Kazantsev, David Del Vecchio (DD), Joe Wells, Chris Wang

Absent: (prior conflict known) Francois Charvet, Seemant Teotia, Linda Xu, Jay Samant, Michael McFarland, Andy Kanengiser

Mtg called to order at 8:07pm

1. Face to Face Meeting Minutes to approve

Motion: Approve Meeting Minutes from 4.11.10 Face to Face meeting

Proposed by WL

Seconded by Chris Wang

Motion passes 5-0-0 (Joe Wells late and not yet on the call)

2. Recruitment Update

-informed the board about the ACUI Recruitment project about contacting people from the different schools and updating the excel sheets with names and emails

-Jay Samant and Willy are working on this.

-Willy found a possibility with 2 new divisions: 1 in Iowa and 1 in Utah/Wyoming possibly

-Willy wants to purchase NIRSA book to help with recruitment

-WL and DD mailing out brochures to candidates schools

-DD do mail out, then email, then even phone call

3. Elections Update

-WL talks that noone applied for President, VP, Treasurer or Athlete Rep but that there is an actual election in the Historian position

-WL notes that Misha Kazantsev decided not to re run again as is starting a new job, but comments that Randy Kendle is a great candidate

-New board will be picked by June 5th, BUT old board will be the ones voting for the 2011 Champs location (along with Division Directors)

-Dan Wang is serving as the Elections director

4. Championships 2011 Comments

-WL talks about the aggravation of both of the bids; wishes that Georgia Tech actually read our Bid Application instead they put in a bid using a bid application that was 2 years old.

-WL is very concerned that the Georgia Tech bid is another Ohio State except there is no direct school official involved like there was in Ohio State...very concerned

-WL encouraged other board members to read the forum and comment as he shouldn't be the only one posting.

-DD mentions that if the board cannot agree on a bid that they the board can re open the bidding process again to try and get better bids

-WL states that maybe prior to that we can work with whatever bid we consider to be the

best and help them "fix" the problems.

5. Rutgers Table Tennis situation

- Audit/Rules committee met and agreed on suspensions for all players involved
- There was some argument within the audit/rules committee about other factors but WL made the final call and the suspensions will stand
- WL will draft letter and place on hub for board members to add their input before emailing it and mailing it out.
- WL suggests to board that Division Directors must now be more vigilant about checking ID's of players that they do not know to prevent such situations from happening in the future.

6. NCTTA Singles Committee update

- NCTTA singles committee has been formed with the following serving on it: WL-chair, Coach Presley (Georgia DD), Randy Kendle (Midwest DD), Michael McFarland (Coach's chair), David Llona (former player)
- Committee met last Tuesday at 10pm and is meeting again this Tuesday at 10pm
- So far committee wants to have singles be a part of regionals somehow
- many great ideas have been brought up and perhaps NCTTA singles will happen in the next season, still very much unsure though.

7. Redevelopment discussion

WL compiled different options:

- Option 1: Status quo (denied)**
- Option 2: USATT piggy back (denied)**
- Option 3a : 2 + 1 + 1**
- Option 3b: 1+1+1**
- Option 4: Tiered divisions**
- Option 5: Sub Divisions**

Prior to this conversation starting WL proposed a motion

Motion: To eliminate the 8 team rule that allows 2nd place schools to Nationals and instead have all 1st place division winners qualify (like always) and any other schools (to fill up the 24 schools in Nationals) qualify via rating in whatever other division.

Reasoning: Our division directors need smaller divisions, sub divisions if you will, we don't need bigger divisions, we need smaller and several different divisions and as we grow we will not be able to accommodate the 8 team rule anyways.

Proposed by WL

Seconded by Chris Wang

Discussion:

- Discussion about this motion ensued for 45 minutes with BOD members adding back and forth pro's and cons
- DD did not like this motion because NCTTA had not picked an end goal for redevelopment and thought it was "jumping the gun".
- WL replied that the BOD had over a month to decide what to do and still nothing has been accomplished other than the BOD agreeing that status quo is not the future. Furthermore if status quo is not the future then this 8 team rule is not the future and should be eliminated
- DD adds that if we are looking to eliminate this then we should eliminate the 3 time rule as well which is a complete waste
- WL agrees, but suggests we have a motion on the floor about this first
- Misha suggests progressive change rather all in 1 swoop rather than year after year
- It is clear the motion will not pass at this point, but it essentially made a point that the BOD can no longer sit by idly and wait for something to happen

Motion Fails: 2-3-1

Redevelopment options

- WL put up 5-6 Redevelopment options and little by little weeded out those that would not work
- Option 1 Status Quo was immediately rejected
- Option 2 Piggy back on USATT tournaments was also rejected after research with USATT
- Option 4 Skill based tiers was also rejected based on that historical performance is not always consistent
- Option 3A, 3B, and sub divisions were left as the only veritable options for NCTTA
- Each Board member was put on the spot to choose a direction and for the most part we have at least some slow movement towards a direction

David Del Vecchio

- In the long term we need a larger Regional structure, maybe even including variation of sub divisions, but basically having Division Meets---Regionals (sectionals)---Nationals
- Is more for 3B without the "wacky" sectional format

Joe Wells

- believes Wild cards should still exist
- doesn't like lowering the number of National team participants, thinks it should still be 24
- doesn't like super regionals (this was brought up in an early conversation)
- likes Divisions---Regionals (Sectionals)---Nationals
- Can't decide between 3A or 3B

Chris Wang

- in favor of a more layered format

- Divisions---Regionals (Sectionals)---Nationals
- likes use of sub divisions
- likes essentially 3a or 3b

Misha Kazantsev

- Says would like to see NCTTA singles at some point integrated into the Sectionals "something there for everyone" concept
- comfortable with the model: Division----Regionals (Sectionals)---Nationals also
- NOT OK with a subjective committee deciding wild cards, also believes it should be done differently
- Can't decide between 3A or 3B

Scott Ryan

- the whole point is that Nationals needs to be at a consistent size
- Choice 3B

Willy Leparulo

- Decision for 3A with some changes
- Division---Regionals (Sectionals)----Nationals model is fine
- 2 division meets prior to January 15th
- Sectionals from January 15th to March 1st
- Nationals to include 16 spots from sectionals and after 8 at large wild cards from rating
- could be swayed for 3B but without the wacky sectional format

8. Helms Briscoe Discussion

- Joe Wells brings up this company that handles affairs for bids when it comes to Hotel/Banquet/Catering
- suggests that we should sign on with them so that they can handle all of that stuff for us
- BOD is not sure what to do, further discussion needed

Meeting Adjourned 10:26pm