

NCTTA Board of Directors Meeting Part 1 Friday April 13, 2012; Part 2 Sunday April 15, 2012

Part 1 In attendance: Willy Leparulo (WL), Chris Wang (CW), Randy Kendle (RK), David Del Vecchio (DD), Wanda Wong (WW), Joseph Wells (JEW), Adam Bobrow, Kevin Li, Linda Leaf, Kagin Lee, Ralph Presley, Seemant Teotia, Dan Wang

Part 1, Absent Voting Board member: Francois Charvet (FC), Others absent: Andy Kanengiser, Brayden Glad, Michael McFarland, Nelson Gore, Ed Toomey, David Livings, Lillian Yu

MTG started at 10:09pm Central time on Friday April 13th

March 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes approved 6-0-0

1) NCTTA Bylaws

- Elections staggering the terms
- Which positions in what years and decide on USATT's rep

a) USATT REP position

- would like to keep a connection with USATT
- can create a different board member position that has duties of the USATT rep
- created the idea about 2 year graduating NCTTA USATT membership
- issue is that USATT Rep position is a different start and different term than traditional NCTTA board position
- NCTTA is a National Organization so with that we can bring to NCTTA a representative
- Kagin suggestion: create a new board member, one of the duties be to be a USATT rep among others.

Motion: Have a 7th board member position called something (To be determined later) and match the 4 years that USATT has and has duties of a USATT rep as well as other duties.

Proposed: WL

Seconded: RK

Discussion

- RK ought to be a different name, ought to have other duties other than USATT rep too, staggering just ought to be odd/even
- Presley proposes a dictatorship

Motion passes 5-0-1 (DD)

b) Staggering positions

- to decide 3 years and 2 years, odd/even years
- discussion on the board in August to (President, LDR, HR) for 3 years and the rest (VP, Athlete Rep, Treasurer) for 2 years but the thought died out in August and today 11:55pm David Del Vecchio has no problem with the separation.
- 3 years and 2 years; even and odd years 2014 and 2015

Motion: The (President, LDR, HR) next election after the June 30th period is 2015 odd years); (VP, Treasurer, athlete rep) next election period after the June 30th period will be 2014 (even years).

Proposed: WL

Seconded: CW

Discussion:

- DD says no problem

Motion Passes: 6-0-0 1

2) **Highschool Table Tennis**

- Linda Leaf and Mitch in MN held Highschool Table Tennis tournaments and have successful highschool table tennis tournaments (teams), modeled format from NCTTA
- NCTTA started in a small part of the nation (the Northeast) and it seems that a high concentration of Highschool Team table tennis is in MN and Wisconsin and maybe just maybe it can be modeled after NCTTA, recruiting volunteers, a board, etc.
- Highschool Table Tennis is 1 of our 3 priorities that NCTTA had
- NCTTA wants to help to create this highschool tt association

Part 1 of Board meeting ends at 12:09am

Part 2 of Board meeting starts 9:15pm **Sunday April 15, 2012**

In attendance: Kagin Lee, Randy Kendle, Chris Wang, Francois Charvet (on phone), David Del Vecchio, Joe Wells, Chris Wang, Li He, Keith Lam, Wanda Wong, Radar Presley, Nelson Gore

Missing: Seemant Teotia, Andy Kanengiser, Lillian Yu, David Livings, Brayden Glad, Ed Toomey

League/Championship Contract

- What to do? Release an RFP or what?
- JEW will follow up with Butterfly for an extension and by the end of the month will know whether an extension or RFP will be needed.
- WL would like to have a specific timeline spelled out for how JEW will follow up to ensure we are not late like previous years.

Look at the NCTTA League

- RK showing the spreadsheet to see how well we did
- a look at a historical trend
- What hurt us:
 - a) Communication between ACUI and NCTTA, the news not getting out
 - b) Something that was different, gave them something new to remember
 - c) also hurt that certain divisions went under and didn't do singles
- Use this as a projection on what we will get for singles in the future. RK believes that it would go up in the future. The hope is to hang out for a couple of days for teams and singles.
- What are percentages of team players played in the singles? Of the total ppl that played teams, how many played singles.
- WW mentioned that the team was registered by the captain, but to play singles they had to register themselves so the process was a bit different then before

ACUI/Communication issue

- a) ACUI and NCTTA had events on same weekends, we should communicate better with them
- b) Many of our people who always used to boycott ACUI just figured it was the same thing and continued their boycott, we have to separate ourselves from the past failures of ACUI

Women's Presentation

- CW made presentation about recruiting more NCTTA females to the mix via teams, singles, etc.
- Fall 43 women's teams; Spring 25 women's teams—21 Regionals and 12 in Nationals; discussion of why they dropped out? (Lack of interest, organization); 7 of them are rule related that we could fix

-losing about 70 percent of women's school teams

-JW how many women's school teams were not associated with a men's team at Nationals (MIT) was the only one

*how to recover teams for rules interpretation: they wanted to show up

-Teams that were the only school in their division; or only school that showed up; teams get disinterested b/c they don't have other females to play against or play matches that don't count

*Discussion about matches that don't count

-Women's teams that are the only one have to play matches but not against other women and so their matches don't count in standing since there were no other women's teams

*Singles question

-1 woman singles player in the region, does she have to show up to qualify? Yes of course, but should she?

*Rules

a) women's don't qualify out of a transitional division (drops below 3 entire division is not qualifying)

-DD says there are different interpretations and says a women's division only needs 1 school to be a division

-min. division size is 3 teams needs to say "Schools" on 5.6 division

b) Have to show up even when no one else is there (women's team)

-solutions recruit more women to play on teams (but how?)

-RK talks about how difficult this is, Lindenwood recruits anyone to play on the women's team (any level)

(Lost voice of recording at this point)

We went around the room asking everyone what they thought about three items:

a) Playing women in 1 semester

b) 3 person teams (new format)

c) Allowing women's team/singles to qualify if no competitor present

-WL states that it could be an issue to allow qualification without playing b/c certain players may not even play a match until nationals and have no rating...

-FC's 3 person format fails

-WW believes we need to be open to trying different things

Motion: Allow women's team/singles to win a particular divisional tournament by default if there are no other competitor's present without needing to show up to said tournament. Should another participant show up then play is required.

Motion proposed by: CW

Seconded by WW

Motion passes 4-3 (For: RK, CW, WW, JW) (Against: WL, FC, DD)

Eligibility changes

-discussion about the possibility of making undergrads and graduate hit full time status 12 hours and 9 hours respectively

-DD states more research should be done to see if our membership is adversely effected

-WW brings up the issue about Canadian schools and schools in the US that may consider full time status to be different bringing up other issues.

The TOPIC is tabled

Financial Report

-FC gives presentation about NCTTA State of finances, shows account balance, what we have in paypal, bank of America

-part of BOA is Newgy Scholarship fund

-shows Regional funds and how much have been left over; it seems Regions have only spent 47 percent of allocated funds and nothing was spent on Regional Development (need to get concrete examples for that vs leaving vagueness)

-lots of Regional funds were used to cover facility expense in division and regionals (new trend it seems)

-showed a piechart with incomprehensible data about where income is coming from

-JW asks FC to create a timeline to get RD's to submit reimbursements so that the budget can be complete

Team Reimbursement

-CW, FC and JEW are handling this

Meeting Adjourned at 11:51pm central time