

NCTTA Board of Directors March 17, 2013

In attendance: Willy Leparulo (WL), Randy Kendle (RK), Wanda Wong (WW) late, Chris Wang (CW), Kagin Lee (KGL), Ed Toomey, Linda Leaf, Federico Bassetti, Seemant Teotia very late, Nelson Gore, Anson Bispham, Brayden Glad, Andy Kanengiser

Not in attendance: Abe Behnam, Joe Wells (JEW) and Kevin Li (KL),

Previous meeting minutes approved unanimously February 2013

1) Regional Championship

- Ed Toomey (Northeast), Anson (Great Lakes) says the Regional tournament is at the mercy of the space of the facility and the volunteers available (Division Directors); long day for staff and athletes
- WL pulls up the #'s of singles and teams within gender and most Regions had full men's singles and all teams. Discussed defaults, tons of defaults in the competition
- Midwest Region did the tournament in a day and a half which seemed to work out well, a Saturday evening and Sunday morning ½ day kind of competition; hotel costs are something to consider perhaps, but # of tables is important
- CW states that involving the Regions division directors to help in the region,

2) Committee Updates

- a) Media Relations- Andy K will be busy in April, lots of media, press releases for the champs
- b) Audit/Rules- Brayden spoke about issues, but not a lot of ppl have followed through with them (ie) Michigan, Texas
- c) Coaches committee- Federico Bassetti talks about recruiting many young people for the committee; on the planning side it is coming together
- d) Recruitment- nothing active at this moment

3) 2013 Championships

- need umpires, live streaming, writers, registration, many different areas to volunteer
- CW to give DD update on travel excel sheet (8 total division directors: Panhandle, Dixie, Jersey Shore, Georgia, Atlantic, Upper Midwest, North and South California)

4) 2014 Championships Decision

- NCTTA will be going to Pennsylvania in 2014
- CVB seems to be passionate and dedicated to bringing us to their city providing a number of goodies for the tournament
- Is in Early April 2014

5) Bylaw Changes

- 2 parts of the bylaws that cover the same material but not consistent with each other
- re: compensation of Directors

Motion proposed by Kagin Lee

Article 3 section 13 move to remove entire section from the bylaws

Seconded by: WL

Motion passes 5-0-0 ; 2 non votes (Kevin Li and Joe Wells)

6) 2014 Championships Referee Selection Process

- KL feels for future the selection for the referee should fall into the USATT officials & rules committee
- The selection would be from this group with NCTTA having vetoing rights. NCTTA will use them starting in 2014. KL says there is an IR that lives in Pittsburgh
- WL had concerns that NCTTA doesn't have control and could potentially be an incorrigible type of person
- KL explains the problem a) NCTTA selects location b) puts together Champs committee c) send information to USATT selection committee and will send to National Referees to apply and they will send the list to us and NCTTA has veto power, but USATT officials committee will vote to who the referee is
- KL will start to create the document to get to the USATT officials committee
- puts NCTTA more on the radar in terms of attracting international umpires also sets NCTTA and USATT into a more formal relationship

7) NCTTA and ITTF

- KL wants to increase our involvement with them and their involvement with us
- May '13 KL will be at world champs as an umpire and could have the chance to speak with ITTF officials
- input from NCTTA on what can ITTF offer NCTTA and vice versa; we want to be connected with other TT organizations, could be in kind information, trade volunteers, potential for the relationships
- WL would like to see more of an affiliation with FISU from which ITTF supports, not directly related to this topic
- ITTF president contacted NCTTA and JEW was following up but Kagin will continue
- ITTF sports science congress: TT papers, presentations and KL states it would be good if NCTTA presents that to teams to get students in this congress and be publishes, presents, etc.

8) TEAMS conference/CONNECT conference

- a) Teams Conference- a conference that focuses on finding event owners (NCTTA) cities, sports commissions, industry people in sports can network. One conference that only focuses on sport
- b) CONNECT conference- two fold, one they pay for everything and it is a sport conference, but two it would be nice to have a face to face meeting not just at nationals.

9) Financial Updates

- Still have an issue between quicken and paypal
- Regional budgets are all paid off except for one, we did a good job at paying things off vs last year where budgets were still open in May.

MTG Adjourned 10:19pm Eastern