

NCTTA Board of Directors October 21, 2012

In attendance: Willy Leparulo (WL), Randy Kendle (RK), David Del Vecchio (DD), Wanda Wong (WW), Kevin Li (KL) late, Chris Wang (CW), Seemant Teotia (Mid Atlantic RD), Linda Leaf (Midwest RD), Dan Wang, Dennis Coppola (guest)

Not in attendance: Nelson Gore, Brayden Glad, Michael McFarland, Abe Behnam, Andy Kanengiser, Ed Toomey, Joe Wells

MTG started at 9:02pm

September 23, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting vote: 5-0-0 2 non votes (WW, DD)

1) Division Schedule/Tournament & Regional Tournament schedule

- still missing Kansas and Michigan schedules for Fall
- David Chu of Kansas still not around, LL contacted a person in the division to help organize the date
- Michigan Division (Fred) still working on finding a date in a location (Farmington)
- WL asks CW to remind RD's to get Spring tournament dates

Regional Tournaments:

West Regional Tournament March 2, 2012 at UC Berkeley
Midwest Regional tournament March 2-3, 2012 at Lindenwood
South, Northeast, Great Lakes, Mid Atlantic are still missing

2) Highschool Table Tennis Update

- Last month's board meeting, NCTTA should make a push for Highschool TT pipeline and WL contacted LL who had an update!
- Linda Leaf, TJ Wang, Ed Hogshead, Mike Bernhard, and others in the Midwest started a new 501 c3 non for profit, NYTTA National Youth Table Tennis Association
- mission is to promote TT in the schools AS A SPORT and this is a stressed point
- Strong highschool programs in Illinois, WI and MN; would like to get into Middle schools and especially highschools
- Discussion about putting highschool championships at the 2013 Champs in Rockford, IL; bring x number of highschool teams to the championships
- highschool teams are coed teams of 4-6 people, similar to NCTTA (always play doubles no matter what the score)
- WL says it depends on numbers with the competition schedule of the champs, will involve Kagin and Ed in this
- BOD had overwhelming support for bringing the highschoolers in to be included at the NCTTA Championships
- the worry of legal age, will need to sign the USATT waiver and have it forwarded FIRST to their parents for signature
- will get back to LL with information

3) NCAA Scholarship goals

- Dennis Coppola (former NCTTA Treasurer) would like to help out to get NCAA status, spoke to the board and generate a letter to go to Univ. Athletic Director to get a meeting about supporting Women's College TT
- At least 10 schools to sign on with the idea

- in general for these emerging sports, Division 3 were far more receptive to adding new programs, then Division 1. D3 don't give out scholarships
- great if we could get some quote, statements from current University president's scholarship schools about what having the sport has done for them
- RK mentions putting Dennis on the agenda of a future Athletic Director conferences, the next one is in June in 2013; <http://www.nacda.com/convention/nacda-convention.html>
- Lindenwood is moving to NCAA division 2
- NAIA schools don't work for this equation
- Lindenwood AD could introduce, call, set up Dennis with other AD's, it is worth a shot vs cold calling, but we need a plan and probably an approach with specific kinds of schools
- Emmanuel College out of Franklin Springs, Georgia (new scholarship program) under NAIA

4) **DD's/RD's Certification Update**

- a) IN process of renewing people's USATT membership (must get with RK) to get payment made
- b) Some ppl have USATT membership, those can do recertification test for umpires (WW is on this)

-a number of ppl passed last year's exam and were not showing up on the usatt website which caused lots of problems

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-RD's need to do a referee test with a proctor, the process has to be in that Referee exam has to be paid and then exam is sent to proctor (CW will be on it)

5) **Budget Finance Stuff/Membership numbers**

- RK talks about numbers: 37 women's teams; 148 coed teams and 6 registered but not paid
- Budget numbers were lower than guessed budgets for league estimates as of right now
- estimates on new schools were too high
- DD claims that he will be sending membership team information and DD/RD packets (this week)

6) **Friendship tournaments in 2013**

- CW called up the company that has a connection with Southern Chinese highschool and they are a for profit venture
- CW asked about who covers expenses and this company would cover any expenses
- the group was strict about wanting to certain schools and those schools only
- group was surprised that we were taking it seriously; group is not new to bringing groups, but new to doing TT competitions
- 10-15 highschool students and 2-3 teachers/chaperones
- there is some question about the highschool students level vs our college kids, CW will continue to organize with them

7) **Singles Registration Update**

- Spring division meets have to be updated via google excel sheet; registration deadlines adjusts based on the spring division dates (need those ASAP)
- have to match divisions with teams somehow (again through the excel sheet)
- NCTTA Player ID goes to ratingscentral and that needs to be changed and updated
- if updates arrive prior to Dec. 31st 2012, (DD) will update
- need to update drop down button with correct divisions

8) Dividing up David's duties

Division Singles Registration website update (Chris)
Regional singles, teams registration website update (Chris)

Newsletter editing (Kevin Li)
Editing and cleaning up any NCTTA documents (bylaws, rules, etc.) (Kevin Li)

Newsletter format (now done by Big Mike on constant contacts)
Creation of any NCTTA brochures (Big Mike can do this just needs template)

New DD and RD mail out (Willy)
-put DD handbook in a booklet
-put RD handbook in a booklet
-usatt rules in a booklet
-send little folder or bag with NCTTA logo on it
-NCTTA Brochures

Membership mail out to each registered school (Willy)
-mail a welcome letter, club best practices (physical sheet)
-copy of booklet of NCTTA rules and regulations

Cleaning up NCTTA website (David)
Part of Scholarship committee with McFarland to decide who gets Newgy Scholarship (Wanda)

9) Ratings/Results

-division scores are coming in, Georgia has come in
-WL to update the schedule on NCTTA website and add them
-WL and ST will create initial ratings, then send to RK, Randy will send spreadsheets to Dan Wang for NCTTA webpage

Board Meeting Adjourned 10:45pm