

NCTTA Board of Directors June 16, 2013; (online)

In attendance: Willy Leparulo (WL), Randy Kendle (RK), Wanda Wong (WW), Chris Wang (CW), Kagin Lee (KGL), Kevin Li (KL), Joe Wells (JEW) Federico Bassetti (Coaching), Andy Kanengiser (Media relations) late

Not in attendance: Brayden Glad, Seemant Teotia, Linda Leaf, Ed Toomey

Previous meeting minutes approved 7-0-0 May 2013

Meeting started at 8:01pm EST.

1. Mini Committee on League Schedule structure

-Jasna Rather-TX Division; Fede-Coach's Committee; Brayden Glad-Audit committee, Presley-GA Division

-Committee has met once and will meet a couple more times and WL will submit findings to the board for consideration in July

2. NIRSA-Recruitment book

-WL asks board to purchase NIRSA professional membership to use member directory to recruit schools and even potentially look at making a push at Intramural table tennis competition

-WL will see what is difference between NIRSA professional membership or student membership to see which is better for NCTTA

3. Division & Regional Updates

-Regional Directors are approved in all 6 Regions; newcomers: Ethan Danahy (Northeast); Keith Lam (Great Lakes); Linda Leaf, Seemant, WL returning and in West Region, Ryan Hsu is interested if the Northwest DD spot can be found

-CW will work on the openings in: Eastern Canada 2, Carolina, Michigan, Lower Midwest, Kansas, Northwest, Minnesota, Downtown, Jersey Shore, Virginia*

Motion to dissolve this division (South Ohio) and move all South Ohio NCTTA division schools to the NCTTA North Ohio Division.

Proposed by WL

Seconded by CW

Motion passes 7-0-0

Internally in Database must be changed to note that South Ohio schools are now North Ohio schools

4. Division Names

-KGL brought up clarifying the division names in NCTTA

-discussion ended with the Canadian divisions

Motion to accept Kagin's original email plus Chris' changes

Great Lakes:

Eastern Canada – Greater Toronto
Eastern Canada 2 – Canada East
Michigan – Michigan
Northern Ohio – Northern Ohio
Southern Ohio – removed
Upstate NY - Upstate New York

Northeast:

Downtown (NYC) – New York City
Jersey Shore – New Jersey
New England – Lower New England
New England 2 – Upper New England
Tri State (NYC) – removed

Midwest:

Kansas – Kansas
Lower Midwest – Lower Midwest
Minnesota – Minnesota
Upper Midwest – Upper Midwest

Mid-Atlantic:

Atlantic – Pennsylvania
Carolina – Carolina
DC (Northern Virginia) – DC
Virginia – Virginia

South:

Dixie – Dixie
Florida – removed
Georgia – Georgia
Panhandle (Florida) – Northern Florida
Texas – Texas

West:

Northern California – Northern California
Northwest – Northwest
Rocky Mountain – Rocky Mountain
Southern California – Southern California

Proposed by WL

Seconded by JEW

Motion passes 6-1-0

5. Athlete Survey

-KL 143 responses, majority are current athletes

What did we learn?

- a) How do schools pay for NCTTA? Almost ½ from schools which could correlate that NCTTA could raise membership dues since we are one of the cheapest member dues
-WL would like to see RK's financial area where to raise dues, look for that in July
- b) Recruitment
- Recruitment is based on the where and the what, where in the US and what either public or private institution (WL)
- c) Women in Table Tennis
-suggestion of schools to lower overall number to 3 and allow a different women's format
-WL, KGL, CW and others agree to NOT change the format; we are a TEAM organization
-JEW says why not continue to recruit the men's teams b/c they are the ones recruiting the women anyways
- d) How much competition is enough?
- The majority wants more competition and a large majority are also playing in USATT and CTTA competition.
-KL will post all comments on hub of athlete surveys
- e) Full time requirement
- more full time then part time
- a number of replies against the full time option causing economic issues
- Bottomline NCTTA could go to a full time requirement; it would be ok
- f) Alumni League
-Andy K mentions why not having an Alumni tournament at Nationals or Regionals or Division level
- Lots of different ideas floating around in this area, but an overwhelming support for Alumni league or tournament

Logistic for giving away Butterfly prizes and to whom

-KL will select 2 folks for 50 dollar Butterfly Gift Certificates

-JEW or WL will follow up with Butterfly on how it is distributed

Thanks to Kevin Li for heading up the Athlete Survey

6) Committee Chair/Member terms

-Fede presents an idea to give Coach's committee and other NCTTA committees a structure: to allow for specific composition; how to be a part of a committee, how many years members and chairs can be involved, how many years on a term

-KGL says it doesn't have to be in the bylaws, b/c Committee chairs and BOD have a good working structure. Rules create a political mechanism that may not be needed in NCTTA

-WL can you submit an outline, when will you start this, how will it work with the Coaching committee being the guinea pig to see how this works

- WL annoyed that no one has stepped up to do the Alumni committee as there are 3-4 individuals that have signed up for the committee. Will address the Alumni committee with outline of what committee should be doing
- Discussion about the LinkedIn possibility of NCTTA creating a group to add to its social media presence.

7) USATT table at US Open

- Fede will CC WL to see how that is done
- a way to put NCTTA on the USATT map with brochures, etc.

8) PR Etc. proposal to “Brand” NCTTA

- WL spoke with Ed H about branding NCTTA Championships
- BOD didn't see tangible elements or metric that was measureable
- JEW suggested using a McFarland type of commission idea vs spending this money outright (counter proposal)
- BOD rejected both a counter proposal and the current proposal as it is out of our budget
- JEW brought up a conversation with Fede from Microsoft that could look at bringing corporate money and talking with people that have experience in this area

9) August Face 2 Face mtg

- CW has found some locations for mtg space in Milwaukee for a mtg for Saturday evening and Sunday

10) NCAA and NCTTA's position

- We would all like it, but we don't have enough schools committed to it
- RK we think the status would be good, but the conditions/requirements levied by the NCAA would be very strict and difficult to comply with
- WL we don't have the manpower to pursue it at this point in time

Meeting Adjourned 10:01pm