

NCTTA Board of Directors, January 19, 2014

In attendance: Joe Wells (JEW), Willy Leparulo (WL), Chris Wang, (CW), Randy Kendle (RK), Kagin Lee (KGL) late, Fede Bassetti (FB)

Absent: Regional Directors and Committee chairs were not invited, but Kevin Li was absent
Meeting Minutes approved 6-0-0; 1 non vote Kevin Li

1. Recap from last meeting

- Fede has been busy tracking down DD's to get their umpire exams done
- Fede suggests to have a better tracking system for new DD's so that in the future NCTTA won't have to go through this process
- ACTION ITEM:** Fede to create a plan of how to implement this in the future for future DD's
- DD's should do the test first then be reimbursed after passing
- Joe Wells to speak with hotel ppl to see about getting an NCTTA specific hotel for Regionals, will update BOD next month

2. 2015 Championship Update and procedures

- WL reminds BOD that Feb. 1st is the deadline and will need bids to be put up online by Technology ppl by the 3rd of February
- February with the rest of NCTTA things will be a busy month and need BOD to ask questions of bidders
- interested cities: Providence, Dayton, Valley Forge, Aurora, CO, Hershey, PA, Albany, GA, Madison/Eau Claire, WI, Southbend Indiana

3. Division/Regional Updates

- Divisions without a date or location, very few left, Michigan is still left
- Chris Wang fwds Randy the Regional site locations for trophies to be mailed out
- Chris Wang to update Regional Team and Singles websites so that they are ready
- Great Lakes Regional Director, Keith Lam was able to move his Regional so to not conflict with Arnold Sports Festival on March 1

4. Newsletter Stories on USATT website

- NCTTA newsletter stories could be listed on USATT website
- ACTION ITEM:** WL will contact Sean O'Neill about this
- PongUniverse--NCTTA**-created NCTTA ponguniverse page, promoted it on google plus, facebook

5. 2014 Championships—BOD responsibilities and travel

- WL reminds BOD to purchase flight and coming in Wednesday or Thursday is fine, leaving MON due to Sunday night BOD face 2 face mtg
- ACTION ITEM:** Chris Wang will find out which RD's and DD's are going to Nationals

6. Insurance for NCTTA events

- WL explains that currently USATT will be able to cover in future locations outside of college campuses that require certificate of insurance, but the question is what happens to these College campuses?
- WL doesn't want NCTTA to be negligent on this insurance; RK is also concerned

Insurance (cont.)

-KGL states anyone can sue NCTTA for anything; FB states NCTTA could use a waiver signed as a deterrent from legal action

-**ACTION ITEM:** WL will follow up with Karen to see what she thinks we should get

-**ACTION ITEM:** WL to research to see what Sport clubs do and what other amateur sport leagues do

7. World University games

-2015 World University games are in South Korea and BTI (management group for World games) has contacted USATT who contacted NCTTA

-NCTTA hasn't the resources to sign a contract and put down the capital required per player

-discussion about what should be done:

a) hold a tryouts

b) choose via ratings from our champs event

c) other ideas-buyin via poker idea to raise money

d) Not do anything

-issue is the timeline of when this has to be decided by AND the prospect of signing a contract with BTI and being responsible for several thousands of dollars

-could create a kickstarter to raise money for the team

-KGL questions what a World University team does for NCTTA

-**ACTION ITEM:** WL to get old contract from World University games and ask Nels about timeline

-table discussion to the hub

Mtg Adjourned at 10:35pm