

NCTTA Board of Directors July 28, 2013; (online)

In attendance: Willy Leparulo (WL), Randy Kendle (RK), Kagin Lee (KGL), Kevin Li (KL), Joe Wells (JEW) Federico Bassetti (Coaching), Andy Kanengiser (Media relations) late, Seemant Teotia (Regional Director) late, Ed Toomey (Recruitment), Keith Lam (Regional Director)

Not in attendance: Brayden Glad, Linda Leaf, Wanda Wong, Chris Wang

Previous meeting minutes approved 6-0-0 WW non vote June 2013 Meeting started at 8:01pm EST

1. Regional/Division Updates

- All Regional Directors are filled and ready to be trained
- Missing Division Directors in several areas:
 - a) Virginia-Though Dan Notestein could continue if we find no one
 - b) New Jersey
 - c) Lower Midwest- Randy Kendle could continue if we find no one (Fede says he has someone from the northern part of this division)
 - d) Minnesota- John Tranter feels that he has ppl willing to do it
 - e) Eastern Canada 2- still wide open
 - f) Lower and Upper New England (Jay Liu interested, we can't find Sumon)
- Filled NYC with Alex Terry (ex Tri State DD), Kansas (John Potochnik), Michigan (CMU Alum)
- Wei Li approved as NCTTA women's committee chair 6-0-0 with Joe Wells as a non vote

2. Recruitment Committee Update

- Ed Toomey, Jeff Zou, Shelly Huang and WL met to go over strategy for Recruitment
- Recruitment committee is shoring up the small divisions become larger with more schools
 - broke down the smaller divisions among committee
 - Use of the NIRSA website to contact Recreational/Intramural coordinators to reach out to those that run Intramural Table Tennis tournament to reach out to them to get players to turn into clubs

New Divisions:

- ACUI National Champs happened and 15 schools in different areas and they have been recruited and some have created new divisions: South Texas and South Florida

Media Relations Committee (Andy Kanengiser): Looking for profile type of stories

3. August Face 2 Face meeting

- schedule and timeline of how things will work, where to be, how long, etc.
- NCTTA BOD is mtg in Milwaukee on 24th/25th of August where Joe, WL and KGL are already at a Sport conference; will put on hub the full schedule and potential agenda items
- RK has rented the car and will pick up everyone, will follow up with CW on the details

4. Financial Update

- RK goes over the annual budget which at this point shows a 5k budget loss for the 2013-14 season; BOD will vote on final budget at Face 2 Face mtg
- RK went over expenses and income on both sides explaining in detail each line item

-Andy Kanengiser has family member in Pepsi and will see about an inkind sponsorship to help balance the budget

-Look to have a budget approved by Face 2 Face meeting

5. **Division Names Emails**

-Must create a whole new email and forward old emails to new aliases

6. **Annual Report**

-KGL reports that USATT wanted more info about NCTTA and USATT feels that one of the barriers to the growth of TT is at the college level; b/c juniors get to College and then they are not a part of serious TT. The development of College TT as very important and want to see what we are doing.

-KGL created a "prospectus" or "annual report"

-this could be used for future organizations, sponsors, etc.

-a suggestion that we put financial information and what sponsors did or how their sponsorship was effected

7. **Butterfly Update**

-WL asked Butterfly and Newgy if they would be interested in footing the bill to get PR etc. on board or a PR firm and Butterfly did not want to pay ½ or take part but suggested some up and coming strategies for promotion

-JEW talks about how they want to mail each NCTTA DD a plethora of paper catalogs.

-Many on the BOD call question paper catalogs utility with College students, JEW will go back and share opinion

-Butterfly also stated could make more barrier space for non TT sponsors and would like to see more bells and whistles with the champs, show court, etc.

-Fede mentioned why not mailing out the calendars instead

8. **Mini Committee on League scheduling**

-mini committee was Fede, Jasna Rather and Brayden Glad with WL as the moderator

-this mini committee looked at two possible future areas:

a) Everything in the Fall (2 teams, singles tournament) and only have Spring be for Regionals and Nationals

b) Team tournaments in the Fall (2 team tournaments) and only have spring be the singles and regionals and Nationals

-Mini committee had lots of concerns via Jasna about Spring admits (first semester college freshmen/transfer in Spring)

-Eligibility of graduating seniors was taken into question.

-at past board meetings there was discussion to allow Singles to also take place in the Fall

-WL's opinion: baby steps and allow flexibility but not mandate.

-ST likes the division singles in the Fall so do others BOD

-Should division directors make that decision either Fall or Spring? KGL says to not have them make that decision

-WL (working in academics in a university) states "Spring admits are a very small percentage of incoming college freshmen, transfer students. If we give our member schools enough lead time to process the information that Fall division singles will happen for sure in the future by making it a possibility this time and a certainty in the future we allow for our membership to get used to the change."

-KGL if not mandate then all the pressure goes on the Division Director and there will be complaints from ½ of the population wanting one semester over another.

-WL considers it poor of NCTTA to change the rules 1 month before the season starts

-WL will place this as a hub topic.

Fall Division Singles mandated—How is Eligibility affected?

-Discussion of potential loopholes

-NCTTA rule that has graduating senior within 60 days may play, this perhaps should be eliminated.

-It was in to protect students that were involved with the quarter system vs traditional semester scheduling

-wording could be changed to reflect quarter system students only and PHD students defending thesis only—WL

Positives:

- Less of a crowded spring schedule;
- more time in the Fall to have to find a 2nd weekend or another facility vs the couple of weeks in Spring;
- also NCTTA has more ppl playing in the Fall then in the Spring

-RK mentioned was there any discussion about only having 1 team competition vs the 2 team competitions; NCTTA could become a Fall semester league (1 singles and 1 team competition).

-ST mentions too much of a gap for smaller schools ie, Millersville College

-WL mentions advantage of continuity of having two academic semester, how to best work this within the 2 semester and not kill the organization.

Meeting Adjourned 9:52pm eastern