

NCTTA Board of Directors May 19, 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)

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

**Previous meeting minutes approved 6-0-0 (JEW no vote) April 2013;
Meeting started at 8:01pm EST.**

1. Athlete Survey

- KL will put together the survey and send to the board for approval
- sending it out through social media and emails, question about how it would be sent out and to whom, constant contacts, facebook, champs emails
- Butterfly gift card randomly selected for anyone to get it
- a couple gift cards
- Fede: mentions the survey goes to captain vs everyone? Board wants as many ppl as possible

2. Fall/Spring Schedule Time Crunch

- Competition schedule for the future, WL wants to set up a small committee that will then report to the board; 2/3 people to come up with something
- at last BOD mtg, board established that they were willing to accept Fall division singles, but didn't have the language set up yet.

3. Expansion ideas-Alumni

- WL brings this up again to see how to move forward (if possible)
- after Athlete survey we should know more about it
- questions on how to move forward: Where, how much, how, who would manage it?
 - CW: idea of alumni league is helpful for volunteers (recruitment); how to form a team? Not from the same particular school, you are going to have a mixed school athlete kind of team. What about division—regional—national...will they travel?
 - RK: How the league would happen? Implementation questions? also alumni do not have the time limit of 4 years, they could be around for 20 years
 - WL: NOT an alumni stand alone league, but piggy back off of Division meet, room is the issue. They could be an extra "B team".
 - Fede: Why not start pilot programs in a specific area/division first? To use the survey for information or poll the population to see if there is interest to determine a region/division where it would be good to start it.
 - KGL: could use current league structure to fit the alumni teams in
 - Fede: why not put a table with an NCTTA poster, sign up sheet, promote NCTTA, alumni even (ask Kagin about this). (small outreach); \$ wise there should be a charge for this league
 - KL: should not overwhelm DD's if we use the current league structure, WL adds there should be alumni directors in each division, but that unfortunately on the start it may be division directors doing it.
 - WL: the use of LinkedIN to help promote Alumni League perhaps

-CW: could put this out at the Regional Level instead of just at the Division level, but still space is a problem,. WL suggests that maybe it is better b/c RD's are more organized and efficient so maybe this could work.

4. Rules Changes/Clarification

-Mini Committee of Kagin, WL, CW and RK to look at things to clarify each of the rules discrepancy; WL: hopes to get these all done by July; will forward to rest of the board

5. Division Realignment

-WL guided the board to go Region by Region to discuss any changes

a) Great Lakes Region

-**Visa Issues:** What to do with VISA issues moving forward? KGL asks about discussing separating Canada as a separate region completely; WL interjects that two divisions should not compromise a region

-Have to get better information on how to advise these schools more effectively, bottomline time is needed (WL)

-WL: NCTTA has to do a better job at coordinating with potential schools, maybe put more in the budget to help future RD help athletes with visa costs; even look at changing locations to the American side if the facility is applicable

-**Division movement:** WL adds there were 6 divisions in 1 region, South Ohio should either be moved to Mid Atlantic region or fused together with North Ohio to create one big division

-Whether it is stateside or Canada side there are going to be issues, maybe we should look at the US side for a change, University of Akron has a facility and could host (WL) says. Midwest and South Region go back and forth within locations, Great Lakes should look at that model

-KGL: mentions that ITTF has different zones for each association, suggesting that Canada association gets a certain number of people; WL states it may change our current structure too much to consider

b) Northeast Region

-Ethan Danahy (former New England 2 division director) will step up as Regional Director in Nelson Gore's place; Nelson is having issues keeping up with his role as Regional Director (specifically email and understanding how a region would function)

- Nelson stated to Ed Toomey that he was going to resign, but never sent an official resignation.

-Tri State NY Division, will it exist? 2 years it has been a failure, we should NOT and to distribute them in other divisions. Alex Terry DD wants to stay involved

c) Midwest Region

-Kansas Division we don't know if it will continue to be a division; will be reaching out to a WSU professor to be DD

-question about Lower Midwest DD, RK is the fall back person if Chris can't find anyone else; New Upper Midwest Division Director, Fede Bassetti (Coach's chair)

d) Mid Atlantic Region

-Atlantic Division (Pennsylvania) died as a division, Recruitment is going to look hard at rekindling this division; and we are going there in 2014!

e) South Region

- need to recruit more schools in Louisiana and Arkansas to fill out the region
- may be a new regional director, but (WL) could do it again
- Florida Division may not return if we can't recruit enough schools for that area

f) West Region

- CW trying to expand in Arizona potentially

Renaming Divisions

- Kagin wants to rename it; Will be put on the hub

6. Division Director/Regional Director recruitment

- WL brought up google spreadsheet of who is coming back and WW will email ppl as will WL to see who is coming back or not b/c are a lot of empty positions

7. Wanda Wong's position

- WW has moved to South Korea, she can't attend our face to face mtgs or championships, but has internet there and is functional; nothing changes

8. Technology Committee

- RK wants to make sure that the big areas in our results changes will actually be done, the original intent to replace the roster xls file to make that automated and making sure the ppl who claimed would help WILL help (ie) Dan Notestein, Eugene Colucci, etc.
- Fede is new chair on this
- RK concern is that these changes are going to be brand new there is no pilot of it
- WL is concerned if we did nothing would it hurt and RK says no, status quo could work and the reason it was asked is that Committee work is sometimes not done
- RK: key players are Dan Wang, Kagin, Chris and Dan Notestein and Eugene and collected all of those up then it is a way to look at for this committee and this project to decide if it is going to be done
- Fede would like to recruit students in CS to help with coding; CW adds that it would be nice, but doesn't know how to convince a student to do something for free
- NCTTA has google plus premium which allows for NCTTA to have extended features in the "google hangout" option which makes it almost like gotomeeting, could even be used for Division Directors and Regional Directors vs using gotomeeting

9. Connect Conference

- Face to face meeting on Sunday August 25th 8am to 3pm

Board Meeting adjourned 9:51pm eastern