



NCTTA Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES	Meeting Date: Nov 15, 2015	Meeting Time: 9p EST
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Meeting Location:	Online via GoToMeeting
Meeting called by:	Willy Leparulo
Type of meeting:	Monthly BOD Mtg
Chair:	Willy Leparulo
Secretary:	Keith Lam
Attendees:	Willy Leparulo (WL) President Kagin Lee (KGL) VP External Randy Kendle (RK) Treasurer Chris Wang (CW) League Director Sam Huang (SH) HR Director Brayden Glad (BG) Rules/Audit Committee Chair – arrived 9:07p Joseph Wells (JW) Vice President – arrived 9:30p John Drsek (JD) Midwest RD Keith Lam (KLam) Great Lakes RD
Approval of Meeting Minutes:	Motion: Previous October Board meeting minutes approved 5-0-2 (JW was late; Kevin Li was absent)

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	NCTTA Rating – RK – 9:05p <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency of updating player’s rating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ currently we do a one-time rating sync to USATT rating at the beginning of the NCTTA season ○ thereafter, we update player’s ratings based on results from NCTTA tournaments only ○ syncing rating to USATT rating mid-season would nullify a player’s performance in the NCTTA season and potentially lead to people taking advantage of the system • Achieving more accurate rating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ need more play – some players complained about lack of play ○ leverage USATT rating + membership number (on danserver) ○ make NCTTA tournaments sanctioned by USATT – tabled for later ○ for players who missed the rating sync in September, perform an adjustment on a case by case basis 	WL/RK to review Fall divisional results and determine if ratings for individual players need to be adjusted – this will be done on a case by case basis

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2	<p>Commentating Contest – SH – 9:23p</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules and Regulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Judging criteria - qualitative vs quantitative – flexible judging criteria are preferred. We want to avoid being overly strict with our criteria at this point ○ BOD approves doc to be released to public • Promotion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NCTTA Website – including pictures, link, rules and regulations doc ○ Social Media 	<p>RK to add contest details, picture, links, and rules and regulation doc on NCTTA website</p> <p>WL to promote on social media</p>
3.	<p>Division Tournament Updates – CW/JD/WL – 9:28p</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of Singles sign up in Ohio East and Ohio West <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Move Singles tournament to Spring semester • Pennsylvania division <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ some schools signed up for the NCTTA membership but could not form a team ○ others were too lazy to show up ○ still have enough schools to remain as a proper division • Rocky Mountain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Merged back to one division ○ Had the minimum (3) schools to remain as a proper division ○ Completed the fall divisional tournament • Great Lakes (Regionals) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ some players from Ohio complained about the GL regionals being held in Canada • DC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Postponed from Nov 7 to Nov 14 ○ An alumni (Kevin) substituted for a brand new DD (Daniel) and ran the tournament, in a good way ○ RK received the results from Kevin and it is under review • NYC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Had a 16yr old DD who ran the tournament with no issue • South Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Toilet seats and barriers were reported broken by NCTTA players ○ NCTTA paid for replacements • Upstate New York <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One of the Upstate NY division had only one women’s team. This women’s team did not sign up nor did they do any paperwork. The DD (Ariel) confirmed he gave the women’s team the wrong instructions and he is hoping we would allow the women’s team to sign up • Spring Divisional <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some divisions are still missing their Spring date/location 	<p>JD to update the “Officers” spreadsheet to reflect the new Singles tournament date for Ohio East and Ohio West</p> <p>KL to look into visa situation and respond to the Ohio players</p> <p>CW/Seemant to make Kevin and Daniel co-divisional directors for DC</p> <p>CW/Ariel to get the women’s team who missed registration to complete all necessary paper work</p> <p>Regional Directors to confirm Spring divisional dates/location with their DD</p>
4.	<p>Pong Universe – Kevin Li – 9:43p</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled for later 	

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5.	<p>USATT/NCTTA Alumni Team Event – WL– 9:43p</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both KGL and CW volunteer to be delegates • Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are unsure of the current number ○ Minimum number – there is no minimum number for USATT events; there had been events with only two players 	<p>WL to contact Gordon (USATT) to confirm registration numbers before assigning NCTTA delegate(s)</p>
6.	<p>Election Language – BG – 9:49p</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some rules in the bylaws concerning the criteria for individuals to participate in NCTTA elections are deemed unclear • Existing bylaw does allow board members to be voted off 	<p>BG and election committee to continue work on refining and formalizing the bylaw language</p>
7.	<p>Uniform – WL/JW – 9:51p</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WL contacted USA Ultimate and reviewed their regulations on uniform • Check alternate uniform at registration for national – if teams do not have alternative uniform then they will not play on table 1 (live streaming) 	<p>WL to continue contacting other sports (badminton and tennis) to inquire about their rules on uniform</p>
8.	<p>2016 Championship – WL – 10:04p</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WL stressed need to get as many volunteers from internal (NCTTA) as possible; this includes all the RDs and as many DDs as possible • Cannot rely solely on our volunteer coordinator – all hands need to be on deck • Starting looking into flights after Thanksgiving or Christmas • Kevin Li will not be able to make it until Sunday • JW can only stay until Friday afternoon 	<p>CW to reach out to RD soon and all the DDs in the new year</p>
9.	<p>2017 Championship – WL/JW – 10:09p</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid Criteria – the BOD would like to take a more open approach and consider a broader range of bids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Edit the bid language to say “Early April; Easter is not preferred” ○ Allow bidders to include options to start the 5-day event on a Tuesday • Timeline – BOD identify the need to have more time to assess bids and collaborate with the winner bidder <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ JW proposed to change guideline #5 which says NCTTA and bidder will enter into a contract 6 months prior to the Championship to 8 months 	<p>Willy to make the corresponding changes to the Bidding Guideline and work together with the web developers to publish the document to the public</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CW proposed to change guideline #2 which states the bid deadline as April 1st, 2016 to March,15th, 2016 -> this would allow the BOD to discuss the bid following the 2015 Championship 	
10.	Recruitment Project – WL/Ed Toomey – 10:28p <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willy/Ed reached out to schools that did not sign up for NCTTA this season to confirm their status 	N/A
11.	Regional Championship – CW – 10:29p <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website – some basic (logistic) information is now available; CW working with RDs to publish more material • Hotel – CW/RDs are working with Shelly to finalize hotel negotiations – target is end of November • CW generated United Airline promo code and included it on the regional websites • Streaming – CW will provide update on the next BOD meeting 	<p>CW to advise RDs on when the websites must be updated</p> <p>CW to provide regional website links to Randy who will add them to the NCTTA calendar on the homepage</p>
12.	College TT future tourney – CW – 10:31p <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CW's contact in China created a new organization called the Chinese University Table-Tennis Association; they are trying to learn and mimic what we do at NCTTA • JW suggested connecting CW's contact with Coach Yee (who is based in China) 	<p>CW to follow up with his contact for more updates</p> <p>WL to talk to CW about Coach Yee</p>
13.	Willy in China – WL – 10:33p <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WL will be in china from Jan 12th to 25th • It will be difficult (technology wise) for WL to participate in the BOD meeting while in China 	WL to open a discussion on hub to decide on the BOD meeting date for Jan 2016
14.	Contracts for Ed H, Kagin and Scott Ryan – WL – 10:36p <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOD discussed the need to create contracts for all personnel who are getting paid by NCTTA for their duties 	WL to create a contract for other referees; WL/CW to send the contracts out
15.	DD/RD Rotation – CW – 10:51p <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the possibility for some DDs to rotate between divisions – for cross training; experience a new environment 	CW to continue this discussion on HUB
	Meeting Adjourned – 11:03p Next Meeting Sunday, December 20, 9pm EST	