

**NCTTA Face to Face Board meeting in Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Sunday April 9th at 8:00pm Central time.**

In attendance: Willy Leparulo (WL), Tae Kim (TK), Joe Wells (JEW), Randy Kendle (RK), Sam Huang (SH), Jay Lu (JL), Chris Wang (CW)

Guests: Kagin Lee, Simon Hsu, Mark Wei, Matt Shen, Kaylee Ho (came late), Keith Lam, Andy Kanengiser (left at 9:30pm), Andy Nguyen, Dan Reynolds, Kaylee Ho (arrived at 11pm est)

March Meeting Minutes: Approved 4-0-0; non votes: JL, TK, CW

1. General Insurance for NCTTA

-WL brought up example problem about where to host tournaments in NYC since Fashion Institute of Technology doesn't accept USATT's insurance and w/o no NYC tournament

(for example) <https://www.nationwide.com/general-liability-teams-leagues-assoc-hb.jsp>

-NCTTA has been lucky that nothing bad has happened, it is time we do something proactive

ACTION ITEM: Assigned to Joe Wells to get a quote, 1st BOD will brain storm on what exactly is needed

ACTION ITEM: WL to see what kind of insurance FIT requires as well

2. Champs recap--2017

Good things:

1. Banquet actually worked (Tae's video and pictures--from Keith Lam)
2. Player bags and table set up -- Wednesday night (set up tables)--happened quicker/better
3. Two live streams (commentated)
4. Presentation of 1st 2 courts--pipe and drape professionalized it

Downside

1. Lack of Umpires -- volunteering responsibility, accountability
2. Lack of Spectators -- small city is difficult; signage, views; Marketing; bracket challenge presentation; to create event for others; selling an Olympic players, social media giveaways--get more visibility from ppl outside of the TT community, making a more shareable thing; bringing audience down (part of show)
3. Defaults- are not the best thing --moving teams to Saturday, singles/doubles-Sunday?
4. Outside signs showing that there is a tournament going on, we should invest in signs leading people for the event, like the ones you stick in the ground

-Andy Nguyen suggests doing more with giveaways to get visibility from ppl outside of the TT community

-how to get ppl who are on the periphery of TT to be in the center; service challenge from crowd

3. Alumni discussion about what direction to go to

-2 failed tournament attempts, we need to try something different.

New ideas:

-build off of the current event and add more nuances to it?

-a social aspect for alumni-Mark Wei stated "maybe we don't want to play" just for a social thing

-Cyrus Aga idea--alumni network with some sort of excel sheet of our current alumni, w/Kaylee

-mixed team event with 1 alumni and current players?

-Dan Reynolds mentions that this event is already overwhelmed and putting in another event would be difficult

ACTION ITEM- Follow up with Cyrus and Kaylee with this network sheet

4. 2019 Championships schedule change proposal

-starting the champs early and ending on a Saturday night proposed again by WL

-Volunteers won't/can't take a week off to volunteer at NCTTA

-*"Most volunteers are close to God's resting place"* Joe Wells--with that we have an issue in that our demographics are different.

-would require more time off for everyone and risk more events to be un umpired

Problem to resolve

1. NCTTA founded on the team concept yet we highlight in our celebratory banquet the singles and doubles

2. Getting more people to watch the teams (more spectators), Saturday seems to be a better day to grab more people

This schedule comes from the ACUI days and we haven't changed it since 2003.

Problems that this creates

1. Singles and Doubles will start to have defaults and less people watching and playing
2. Singles and Doubles become a tournament after thought.

Motion proposed to compromise WL's original proposal and swap the Teams and Singles for Saturday and Sunday

Kagin Lee:

1. If you are USATT you want to increase the size
2. ITTF is downsizing b/c they can't find space to host it

Randy Kendle:

1. Maybe lower the # of Men's Singles/Women's Singles and Teams

Simon Hsu mentions this issue is a potential issue at Regionals and ask RD's what they do. South, West, Midatlantic does teams then singles

Andy Nguyen makes a good point- NCTTA makes the schedule the participants will adapt

Motion Proposed by: A change in competition schedule for 2018 Championships. Propose to swap singles and teams. Coed/Women's Teams ending on Saturday and Men's/Women's Singles eliminations for Sunday.

Proposed by Chris Wang

Seconded by Willy Leparulo

Motion passes 5-1-1 for swap of teams and singles (will do recording to get actual wording)

WL is opposed and CW abstained

ACTION ITEM- Have Chris/Kagin work on the schedule

ACTION ITEM- Tae can create a poll about starting it earlier

Andy N suggests adding Mixed Teams doubles on Sunday and you will get more ppl to stay

5. Coaching Certification restart

-certification will happen this summer, committee will meet to find location

ACTION ITEM- WL to hook up with Committee and create NCTTA education curriculum

6. Seize the moment (Willy)

-we need a BOD member, marketing committee ppl, more writers, need more DD's

-Jasmine Nguyen, Social East is open she is unable to do it

-Ohio East is open, Maybe's: Pennsylvania, Central Plains

8. July face 2 face

-Follow up with Chris on that

ACTION ITEM: Chris Wang will follow up with that

9. Superlatives

-where does it come from? Who does it?

-VISA Gift card

ACTION ITEM- Randy create the money amount and get back to BOD ASAP

ACTION ITEM- Tae will handle the send out as well as WL through newsletter/social media

12. Election

-get with Dan Wang to start that up in end of May/June

13. Conferences

-I cannot attend NIRSA, would like for someone to represent us maybe Brandon?

-Connect would like to figure out who can go (Me, Joe maybe, and a 3rd person?)