

NCTTA Board of Directors Meeting; November 21, 2021

Present: Willy Leparulo (WL), Jay Lu (JL), Stephanie Shih (SS), Tae Kim (TK), Joe Wells (JEW), Brandon Lawrence (BL), Randy Kendle (RK), James Wang (West RD)

October Meeting Minutes approved 6-0-0 (1 non vote Stephanie)

League Update

- 24 division tournaments in the Fall 2021 semester
- standings/results/ratings should be up in December 2021
- 1st to 2nd week of January to DD/RD training
- Once 1st division is processed then the results/standings/ratings will be updated

ACTION ITEMS: Tae will hold a webinar for "how to do rosters, how to do singles registration" in Spring 2022 but stressed that they must show up since he sent an email out in Fall 2021.

Division tournaments & Regional Championships

- Feb. 19th to March 5th are the dates when Regionals must take place
- RD's will have to put out websites, dates of regionals and follow up with DD's for Spring/Winter dates
- February 12th seems to be a snow date in case something gets cancelled
- West RD has questions about RSPW: If PNW were to host a spring divisional how would it work? **ANSWER**: They could hold a divisional for singles and have a team competition and they would still be considered the wildcard, no one would win the division

ACTION ITEMS: Jay will get RD's to get dates on NCTTA officer list

Committee updates

- WUG- Jasna/Billy Rather running it in Las Vegas on Tuesday of US OPEN
- Recruitment committee will do an outreach to schools who are in top 1-3 of each division that Regionals may happen
- Alumni- Is doing a panel Mark Wei, Erica Tran (JK) chatting with Winnie/Jesse

Champs update

- JEW is still working on the banquet options
- A long COVID discussion about what to do for the Championships and it was suggested to get a focus group outside of the board to discuss rules/regulations
- Potential action item for NCTTA to purchase mass K-95 masks for volunteers

RFP for our Champs

- ISET is no longer our Championship sponsor, need another sponsor
- Multiple year contract are preferred; could have a 1 year RFP but those wanting for multiple years will look favorably
- League (Divisions/Regionals) could be an option

Bylaw Change

From this:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c6wIQRFCeDrfeq13OAEopaPHWbwqLBnsCyW5x5pfg0/edit?usp=sharing>

Motion: To change our NCTTA bylaws section 9 Athlete representative part f) to be added: "Be a current or prior member of an NCTTA member school (includes alumni)"

Proposed by Willy Leparulo

Seconded by Joe Wells

Discussion: BL explains it is best for the athlete rep have more of a connection to the actual student athletes, it encourages alumni to get involved. It is a great way to encourage alumni to stay involved.

Motion passes: 6-0-1

Motion: Motion to approve a new section in the NCTTA bylaws, section 10: The National Organization Representative shall represent the NCTTA on the USATT Board of Directors. Candidates must have prior **and or current** involvement with NCTTA and put forward an application to the NCTTA Nominations Committee when there is an opening. The NCTTA Board of Directors shall vote on the candidates, and the National Organizational Representative shall be an ex-officio member of the NCTTA Board of Directors with no voting powers.

The National Organization Representative, as the Representative of NCTTA to the USATT Board, agrees to abide by all NCTTA Board actions and agrees to vote on **USATT matters in which votes are required according to the NCTTA Board votes**. If there is no NCTTA Board Action, **or there is not sufficient time to take such a formal action (email, written response) to get majority opinion from the NCTTA Board**, the Representative shall use their best judgement as to the wishes of the NCTTA Board with the understanding that they are representing the college table tennis community.

The National Organization Representative **can be asked to resign from the USATT board** position by a 2/3 vote of the **full** NCTTA Board of Directors. If the NCTTA Board votes officially to **have the member resign**, then the Representative will then resign from the USATT Board immediately."

Proposed: Willy Leparulo

Seconded: Randy Kendle

Discussion: The idea behind this bylaw change is to formalize this position within selection and removal procedures and that it represents the voice of College Table Tennis

Motion passes: 6-0-1

Streaming Discussion

- There are a plethora of options for streaming for the Championships
- What are we looking to put our resources and money towards?
- Having the ability to have clips/highlights
- WL says we should continue streaming
- TK says it is difficult to estimate, we would first need to determine exactly what we want and break it down from different tiers of equipment
 1. Triode the most expensive though they can "negotiate"
 2. ASTV least expensive, but still there are lots of unknowns and 200 dollars per match on 2 tables can get very expensive very quickly, which I would suggest only streaming QF's or SF's on if we chose this.
 3. 3rd option is using Regional Kits only: we would not have the multi camera angles, it would be a fairly simple set up
 4. Investing in our own equipment: hard to invest will deflate in value quickly so it may not be in our best interest to buy our own, only potentially get 1 year use out of it. Unless we figure out a way to rent it out to other uses
 5. Joola (not mentioned above)
 6. Not Streaming

Request to Development Fund committee

- World University Games Team, NCTTA Championships are 2 areas that we are looking towards at this point
- This committee is separate from NCTTA and we as a board must request funds to them for approval
- George Braithwaite Scholarship is already decided
- Discussion about WUG team: to give something to all vs something to top qualifiers, but we don't have the funds to give alot
- Could even be a way to put in RFP for WUG team?
- NCTTA Champs: funding for logistics, storage, streaming, travel/hotel for alumni potentially

Meeting adjourned; 10:40pm Eastern time