

NCTTA Board of Directors Meeting - November 2024

Present: Willy Leparulo (WL), Jay Lu (JL), Stephanie Shih (SS), Joe Wells (JEW), James Wang (JW), Cyrus Aga (CA); Tae Kim (TK); Rishabh (Midwest RD)

October Meeting Minutes approved 5-0-0

Tech/Migration Schedule (Tae/James)—

The team discussed the tech migration schedule, the status of divisional singles software updates, and the recruitment process for interns. Listed below is the proposed schedule for getting things completed.

WL wanted to test Division Singles, TK suggested there be a "Sandbox" mode vs the live version. As long as no one is invited to the Division meets, no one can test. **ACTION ITEM:** Question for later when can the inviting done? (WL)

- Registration-September
- Rosters-October
- Regionals and Singles-November (Happening now)
- Champs Registration- January
- Tech Volunteer Application Review: Cyrus created this document for promotion of tech committee—
ACTION ITEM to TK and JW and ultimately Cyrus; what is the process of collecting these people—Cyrus will create

NCTTA League

The team discussed the upcoming fall season, with a focus on regional and divisional events. The dates for these events are coming quickly, and there is expressed concern about the training of regional directors to handle eligibility and invitations. This invitation process for Regionals and Champs needs to be tested

Cyrus and Lu discussed coordinating with Logan, who is handling the regional trophies this year, and the deadline for this was set as January 15th

- Division schedules for Spring
- Regional schedules and dates: Trophy Mailing Address w/ Name and Phone (8) Residential or Business?
- Question if NCTTA.app will be ready for RD's to invite schools—need testing prior
- Topspin movie updates to James—did they show up to SoCal? Tabled

Group in Austin wanting to rent our tables (discussion)

The team also discussed the potential rental of their tables by a Bangladesh group in Austin, Texas.

Need Karen input on an MOA for this kind of thing

- BOD is open to the possibility of it, would like to know about logistics, how they get tables in and out and if we can have Marguerite there to supervise? WL will inquire
- Questions about what is "breaking of a table"? How is that deciphered?

Membership price Discussion (Willy)

There is no more recruitment committee, so I (WL) has been doing it. Have zoom mtgs once a month with new schools and potential schools to see why they aren't joining (NCTTA.app is a barrier, but our membership structure and specifically the financial part as being too costly).

An idea with a full membership to include 1-2 women's singles for new schools or something else.

The idea of B teams with membership could be considered for the future or a new school or new division discount; more discounts; more bang for your buck so to speak.

JL discussed the B team but also expressed concerns that this makes more events on DD's that already have a number of tasks; maybe we do a 2nd regionals for those that didn't make it to regionals? Or create a 2nd tier of membership? Tangible benefits is create more events.

- For the future 2025-2026 season (from discussion from schools)
- Bringing back new school discounts with a twist? The definition is not exact but could be never NCTTA schools or not an NCTTA school for x amount of years
- Including more benefits with full time NCTTA membership?

Alumni Committee Update

- SPIN Alumni events happened in Seattle, SF, Boston and NYC
- What to do with specific email lists to seek out Volunteerism, support through donation or in kind donation
- Rishabh mentioned to send them emails about Corporate match within the companies they work for: <https://doublethedonation.com/list-matching-gifts-companies/>
- Will get back to how we can use the hotel discounts on how to market this? Cyrus says to put it on the bottom of the newsletter—looking for December
- Talking with Victoria of DC DD to potentially do a SPIN DC event—Steph will follow up

World University Games Update (Brandon/Stephanie)

- Coach/Team Manager applicant advertising will be out soon
- Selection process will be out soon too
- SS strongly suggested for the board to reach out to their network to get as many eyes on it

Ping Pod MOA discussion

- Stephanie will follow up with them on approach since UBIT seems to be an issue

2025 Championship Update

- Hotels are set, banquet is being discussed, volunteer recruitment has started

2026 RFP Update (Joe Wells)

- Round Rock is in, Rockford interested, what else?

Meeting Adjourned 11:02pm Eastern