

NCTTA Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes for Sunday, July 22, 2007
via Gotomeeting.com software

Meeting was called to order at 9 PM ET by President Willy Leparulo

Other board members present:

David Del Vecchio (DD)
Wassim Chao (WC)
Joe Wells (JW)
Seemant Teotia (ST)
Mike McFarland (MM)
Dan Wang (Webmaster)
Michael Meier (MSM)
Liang Liu (Public Relations Director)

Guests:

none

Missing:

none

Agenda:

Techie project discussion

-Jason Lam emailed (WL) a report to share with the board about changing the host site and about signing up with google accounts to have nctta email be under a gmail look interface.

-lots of questions are raised about the email migration/questions forwarded to Jason Lam

McFarland Disclosure

-Michael McFarland (current NCTTA Community Liason, Division Director Rep and Marketing Director) is now a consultant with Newgy Industries and wanted the board to know in case of any future conflict.

I. Project Management Software (Willy, David)

-software to help NCTTA board get better organized and streamline things to do

-(DD): *"we lack collective understanding as we all have our own thing we work on, however if you wanted to know what others are working on it is more difficult to know"*

-Files can be shared instead of lost thru email

-messages can be relayed instead of thru email; HOWEVER this is NOT to replace email as any updates on this software will be updated thru NCTTA email

-(MM) asks how much is it?

-(DD) says we can try 12 dollars for the first month to see if we we like it.

-NCTTA BOD agrees

II. Membership & Eligibility Documents Created for 2007-08

- membership and eligibility forms are put up to the board for changes
- on the membership form dates will be changed
- (MM) adds that “year in school” should be added
- (ST) will provide efax number for the eligibility forms and will be able to update the google document upon receipt of the forms
- also deadline is changed on the document to pay membership fee by first division meet or online sooner
- (DD) suggested possibly putting everything (membership form) online along with payment and school information form (already online).
- will follow up with techs

III. College Sports Television (CSTV) Update

Vision Marketing Group – wants to host expenses-paid, international college table tennis event in New Orleans, which could possibly conflict with possible CSTV event

Conference call with Vision on Wednesday, July 25 9pm EST – Willy requested they set up the call due to current issues with Gotomeeting.com

(MM) and (JW) bring up points about the possible conflict between supporting Vision’s “ping pong federation” which looks to possibly take over the USATT and what NCTTA’s role is in that

- there is trepidation in getting too involved especially with the people at USATT being so territorial
- (WL) says: in the end NCTTA must be involved and not worry about USATT politics

We will find out from Vision what this “federation” is about as they claim their dealings with us have to do with a “ping pong” tour around colleges in the Spring semester 2008.

IV. Table Tennis Pioneers (TTP) Update (Willy)

“Out” option added in NCTTA contract with TTP inhibiting TTP from first-year and/or second-year options if necessary.

Monday July 23rd an email follow up will be sent to TTP about signing the contract.

V. Division Director Selection Update (Willy)

August 1 is deadline to apply to become a Division Director
August 6 is preliminary date for Board to select from those applications
Discussion of splitting Ohio Division into North Ohio and South Ohio subdivisions; Board will speak with schools to see seriousness of need

Discussion of splitting New York City Division into two subdivisions; Division will be contacted to see seriousness of need

VI. Division Director Training (David)

Recommendation to provide Division Directors more professional development

- Have Directors take USATT Club Umpire exam free of charge?
- Give Directors complimentary USATT membership?

Motion: to give complimentary USATT membership to Division Directors in order to promote them taking the umpire's exam certification.

Proposed by: Willy Leparulo

Seconded by: Mike McFarland

Vote passes 7-0-1 (abstention) (JW)

Should NCTTA provide a shirt or name badge to Division Directors? No decision made

David suggests creating a division director wiki page to be updated on during the semester.

Division Director packet: shirts, uniforms that say NCTTA, a printed copy of the NCTTA rules and or a badge of some sort

(WL) brings up paying Division Directors as NATT does with their regional directors. (MM) brings up part that all we would have to do is give them 1099 forms and it can be done. (WL) says will check with Karen Chang pro bono lawyer about this.

Table Tennis Scholarships - Newgy has expressed interest in partnering NCTTA to help create a national college table tennis scholarship fund

VII. Member Welcome Packet (David)

Possibly adds value from both membership and sponsor perspectives

Discussion on possibly creating a magazine/newsletter for college table tennis

Discussion of NCTTA newsletter for members – no decision reached at first but then (MSM) said at least to try twice per semester vs the once per semester. (WL) to work with (LL) on this.

VIII. Recruiting Update (Wassim, Willy)

Several new schools have expressed interest in membership, including schools in Canada, Idaho, and Maine

IX. “Balls of Fury” Movie Update

Joe Wells in contact with Rogue Pictures marketing contact

“Balls of Fury” trailer now on NCTTA main page

Motion previously made to officially support “Balls of Fury”

McFarland questioned if we can work with them on their video/DVD release

X. ACUI/NCTTA Contract

Contract ready to be looked at and revised

XI. Junior Olympics in Tennessee Update (McFarland)

NCTTA flyers will be made for that event

XII. Public Relations Update on Article to USATT for Sept/Oct (Liang)

John McInerney’s NCTTA article on Dave Yona will appear in

September/October issue of USA Table Tennis Magazine

Meeting Adjourned 11:55 PM ET