

NCTTA Board of Directors Meeting December 22, 2008 @ 8:08pm eastern time

Present: Willy Leparulo (WL), Francois Charvet (FC), Chris Wang (CW), Joe Wells (JW), David Del Vecchio (DD)

Absent: Misha Kazantsev, Seemant Teotia, Michael McFarland, James Roeder, Matt Holden, Wassim Chao

1) Nixon tour

- Signed and sent intro letter to Christian to try and help garner support, sponsorship
- concern if Nixon tour happened during our champs or league season

2) Report from David (USATT, if there is anything to report)

- DD attended as NCTTA rep to USATT board and said about 85 ppl showed up; no interest or talk of College TT
- out of 22 committee USATT chairs only 1 showed up; similar problems within NCTTA committees

3) Committees Updates

-NCTTA board of directors were assigned a committee to overlook and prod and support; How to change committees into self support? Support with more money (they don't use it); so how?

a) **(WL)** mentors the Recruitment and Ratings Committee

-Recruitment Committee is not as active as it was in the past, due to Chair-Wassim Chao having less free time; no current members for the committee; Committee should pick up in new year however

-Ratings Committee is unfortunately not as active as should be. Two members do not communicate leaving Seemant as chair to do all of the work.

b) **Misha** serves as mentor to the Public Relations Committee; (WL) steps in to speak that this committee has several responsibilities: newsletter, USATT article, press releases and it seems that only the committee chair is doing all of the work and does not delegate responsibilities or communicate when needs help. This is dangerous especially since not asking for help is worse than not getting the project done. The committee is active, but it is (WL)'s impression that the chair doesn't delegate the responsibilities.

c) **(JW)** mentors the Marketing Committee and has had various discussions with Chair-James Roeder

d) **(CW)** mentors the Eligibility/Registrar committee that has all but died and only has the chair-Seemant Teotia as active

e) **(DD)** mentors the Coach's committee; chaired by Michael McFarland and (DD) reports back very little from his interaction with this committee

f) **(FC)** reports as mentor and chair of Financial committee that it is active

4) NCTTA Brochures, new ones

- (DD) created a new 1 page brochure for the Spinational Chicago event and spurred on discussion about new tri fold brochure;
- BOD discussed as to whom should create this and it was decided to ask the Marketing and PR committees if they could handle the updating of the new NCTTA brochure
- David will get them resources to update the brochure
- (JW) suggests that both a 1 page flyer and trifold be created and distributed
- rest of BOD agrees
- 1000 brochures at 200 dollars last time
- (WL) suggests small updates and new pictures, maybe using same design
- will give committees deadline to return reply about project

5) School payment issue resolution

- Motions about deadlines and when
- BOD went down the list to discuss about problems with school payment and all BOD agrees on an early bird deadline and a 48 hour payment rule, nixing the late fee

Motion #1: For 2009-2010 League (early bird) payment due date is postmarked for October 1st at 11:59pm eastern time at NCTTA headquarters address (mailed) or via the online payment processor.

Payment at early bird will be as follows:

50 for new schools + 25 FFee

75 for returning schools with women's team + 25 FFee

100 for returning schools + 25 FFee

Proposed by: (WL)

2nd by: (DD)

Motion passes 5-0-0

MOTION #1 amended by (WL) to say:

75 for new schools + 25 FFee

100 for returning schools with women's team + 25 FFee

125 for returning schools + 25 FFee

(DD) 2^{nds} the amended motion

Motion passes 4-0-1 (abstention)

Motion #2: "after October 1st" early bird deadline for 2009-2010 season; 48 hours prior to every Division's scheduled first tournament (whether it occurs or not) will be by 11:59pm eastern payment will be due ONLY online via the online payment processor.

Payment will be the following:

125 for new schools + 25 FFee

150 for returning schools with women's team + 25 FFee

175 for returning schools + 25 FFee

Proposed by: (WL); 2nd by: (FC)

Motion #2 passes 5-0-0

Motion #3 is not passed

Motion #4: Division Director will not handle/accept any payments at meets will be added to DD Handbook; online payment form invoice option will be removed.

Transitional schools Motion

Motion: Transitional schools should make their payment (through online payment processor) at least 48 hours before the division meet in which they plan to join.

Proposed by: FC

2nd: DD

Motion passes: 5-0-0

5b) Probation schools—what to do

-several discussions about what to do here, with specific intention to Emory and UMICH the only two schools that played and did NOT pay.

-both schools are on probation and the BOARD voted 3-2 to make them unofficial if they paid before the season is over

-BOD decided to make a definition of these schools

Motion: Provisional school is a school that was on probation but has paid outstanding/delinquent fees and will be allowed to participate in the future meets as an unofficial school. They do not count for overall division size.

Proposed: WL; Seconded: CW

Motion passes 5-0-0

6) DD Webinar in Spring (what to include)

-help (CW) and (WL) brainstorm for important elements that should be talked about in Spring webinars

-DD Handbook will be placed on hub for comments

7) Division top team reminders/warnings

-(WL) said would like to personally send email to top 2 – 4 teams of each division reminding them to fundraise, elig. Forms, etc. , hotel reservation, everything they have to do.

-(WL) and (CW) will handle the top 1-3 teams from each division to email once team champ deadlines are finalized, in the new year.

8) Internal NCTTA deadlines elig.; team registration etc.

-Spring League/Champ Elig. Form was approved by BOD; Feb. 23rd is deadline

-procedures for certification of winners; wildcards, etc. to happen between DD, ST, and WL Preliminary Team Champ timelines/deadlines:

March 1st; deadline for schools that won their division;

March 5th late entry deadline for schools that have won their division (fees higher);

March 9th Wild card entry deadline (HOTEL DEADLINE IS THIS TOO)

8b) Scoresheets

-see new/old scoresheet: new 11 pt scoresheet and (FC) mentions to add KS, NCTTA logo

Meeting Adjourned 10:08pm