

NCTTA Championship Meeting January 19, 2011

In attendance: Pete Wottreng, Mark Stanchfield, Julie Haldeman, John Larsen, Ben Boldt, Willy Leparulo, David Del Vecchio, Scott Ryan, Kagin Lee, Chris Wang, Dan Wang

Missing: Ed Hogshead and Joe Wells

MTG started at 9:04pm

1) Hotel

- contract is signed
- Julie is working on online link for NCTTA 2011 Champs website

2) Banquet

- Joe was not on call, but Julie was able to provide some updates and said that the 17 dollar a plate was not possible and said the price was going to be at 27 dollars, but now they are talking about 22 per plate
- 22 per plate is still too much and we talked about different ways to lower the price, using another meat, taking away something
- told Julie that Joe would be in touch
- if it is 22 per plate we will certainly lose alot of money no doubt
- Mark Stanchfield mentioned the possibility of having musical entertainment during the "downtime" during the banquet, that can be discussed though the concern is not lengthening the banquet longer since it is long enough

3) Transportation

- Airport Pickup was discussed and Julie plans to do the same thing as what was done in Waukesha, certain hours of certain days is pickup and anything else will have to get their own transport
- told Julie/Jon to think about logistics of Sunday afternoon transport back to the airport in that was it better to have bus going back to hotel then to airport or just a one shot deal from facility
- Kagin added, once they check out they have no reason to go back to hotel
- Julie will look into it
- Mark added that luggage could be placed in a classroom upstairs with a volunteer standing at the room

4) Mixed Doubles movement

- Kagin all numbers based
- David mentioned as long as the change isn't too drastic that it could effect when a player would need to be in Rochester

5) Table Orientation

- Kagin put out an excel sheet with different table orientation
- concern over some of the courts (1-6) being on the track floor, could cause injuries and so Kagin will change it

- concern about Table 7 being too close to Table 1 and wanting to move it in later rounds to make room for more spectator seating
- gluing station needed...no, gluing will be done at tables itself

6) Shirts

- ACUI had quote for athlete shirts and staff shirts that were 850 dollars cheaper than Rochester
- asked Rochester if they could beat the quote and they said no
- DD expressed concern over last year in terms of the price suddenly going higher and the shirts not arriving on time
- WL also was concerned but felt there were ways to control and manage it
- also others wanted to see a sample
- ACUI said they could do handbooks and programs for lower than budget indicated and told committee that WL sent them a sample of each to see if they could provide a quote
- Ben added that they could do the handbooks in their office printer (it wasn't understood how much the cost would be)

7) Volunteers

- Pete created a sheet he put on google docs
- asked about out of town volunteers for rooms and told him that ONLY umpires get hotel rooms and only 6 of them
- Pete expressed some concern over getting enough volunteers if we were only able to ensure that small amount of hotel rooms
- There is a MN State championships where Pete will be using as a recruiting tool for our tournament
- Thursday AM volunteers will be needed as well as Wednesday evening volunteers too for unloading and setting up

8) Sponsorship

- WL suggested drafting a 1 page letter that Mark or someone at Rochester can take to area places to ask for money in place of advertisement on Tournament T-shirts and tournament programs
- the argument that College Students are hungry and will want to eat somewhere while they are there in Rochester, order pizza, order take out, etc. Why not specify their needs within a tone of sponsorship?
- Mark said he could go and visit the places in a couple of weeks and needs to know what deadlines we need to have for shirts and for programs

9) Food-Athlete lunches

- Ben commented that the facility is in a better situation and feels he can get the 5 dollar lunch or some sort of deal that keeps the budget in check
- Mark was speaking with someone in the school that could possibly get 5 dollar box lunches in exchange for this person getting 100 percent of concessions
- bottomline we want to make sure that this number does not get out of control

10) Trainer

- We would be remiss if we didn't include someone that had First Aid/CPR certification
- Mark was speaking to Nursing department and they were fairly sure they could find people to volunteer for free the whole weekend!

11) Bandwidth

- Ben is going to do a speedtest at the facility to test it

Meeting adjourned 10:13pm