

**NCTTA Board of Directors Annual Face to Face Meeting Minutes  
April 7, 2006 at Best Western Ft. Worth**

Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by President Willy Leparulo (WL)

**In attendance was:** John McInerney, Public Relations (JM); Mike McFarland, Florida Division Director (McF); David Del Vecchio, Treasurer (DD); Joe Wells, Vice President (JEW); Seemant Teotia, Registrars (ST); Tiger Ramankrishnan, Women's Committee Chair (TR); Mike Bernhard, Midwest Division (MB); Yau-Man Chan, Northern California Division Director (YC); Dan Wang, Webmaster (DW); Christian Lillieros (CL)

**Guests:** Frank Charvet (Ohio State University); Ed Hogshead (Killerspin)

**Absent:** Wassim Chao, Recruiting Director, Jason Lam, Website

**1) President's Report-Willy Leparulo**

**Retention and Gradual Growth**

-numbers of schools are relatively the same from year to year, some marks of turnover but we have stayed around 100 schools for the past two years.

-keeping consistent numbers

-looking at difference of numbers from yr to yr; new ones that come in vs. old ones that left in 2005 is worth a look-(DD)

a) NCTTA needs to provide resources like coach's list to area college TT clubs to keep them alive and help the younger leaders

b) No Show project worked on by Wassim Chao: Juan. 2006 email that shows schools that said would show in fall, but for one reason or not....did not.

-contacted these schools to find out main reasons for not showing up, most did not reply, the ones that did couldn't get organized in time to pay fees and fill out forms or could not get travel approved from school—bad organization that could be alleviated with

**Coaches!**

-note that gradual growth of numbers of current divisions and periphery areas in NCTTA is a safe bet to control and manage our products and endeavors.

**Retention**

-address the concept to keep numbers the same or gradually growing each year

-when person graduates make sure program is still able to stay alive

-change thinking of purple pips schools to still participate

-GROW WITHIN OUR MEANS

-(DD) suggest to set goals for growth and recruitment

**Table Tennis Pioneers and Multi Year sponsorship**

-First time in NCTTA history that we signed a league sponsor for 2 years, with an optional 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

## **Championship Equipment Sponsor and Bidding process**

-NCTTA learned that it outbid itself from contention, no championship sponsor was interested in our best product

## **Olympic Type sponsors/Partners**

-the concept of corporate sponsors and partners was discussed [www.usoc.org](http://www.usoc.org)

-NCTTA Marketing committee will work towards signing new non TT sponsors on board

## **NCTTA FUTURE**

-Define its products and events

### **A) NCTTA League**

- using umpires
- good tourney management
- presentation
- more professionalism
- having division directors get professional development

### **B) Championship**

- Continued success in recent years
- work with local organizing committee better
- better media coverage
- better affiliation with hotels

### **C) Get involved with anything in College TT**

- NIRSA, World University Champs, Intramurals, ACUI
- a possible coalition with NIRSA in the future

-McFarland speaks about delegation and focus on advance products

-(WL) wants to define WU Champs and USATT's role in WUC

### **d) Formal NIRSA involvement**

- create an event with NIRSA

### **e) Sport Trade Shows/PR Events/ World Sport Conferences**

- which pairs of eyeballs will see NCTTA, American College TT, sending ppl to

### **f) Do the things that USATT couldn't do**

- cater to grassroots, take care of its customers better, create a better SERVICE culture

### **g) NCTTA Coach's Association**

-getting resources for College clubs in the name of a coach, or mature adult leader to help them before more then they are

-other org. have college coach's organization and have prospered: Bowling, Tennis, Golf, etc. =RETENTION, STABILITY

**h) Division Director-Professionalism**

- Training course for professional development to be structured in future
- tournament manager license in College TT

**i) Highschool Table Tennis**

- Too few out there
- needs pilot program to be done 1<sup>st</sup>
- need to copy and replicate all over nation
- is NCTTA's main grassroots area
- if played in highschool, will be better change to play in college

**j) USATT**

- Rebuild relations with USATT after their heinous approach of NCTTA this past year
- Forgive and move forward, yet keep organization's respect and not be bullied or manipulated
- New bylaws coming in where NCTTA will have opportunity to lobby for affiliated organization position.
- NCTTA must take care about how this is approached, hopefully new leadership will show a less authoritarian approach and a more open relationship.
- World University Championship Team is a joint project between USATT and NCTTA and is the only project the two organizations seem to have found success in promoting.

**OHIO STATE BID PRESENTATION**

**A. Introduction**

- describing what OSU club is about, the stability of the club structure
- describing about plethora of volunteers and efforts of local org. committee potential

**B. Support**

- support of Rec Sports, hotel , area USATT clubs
- Ed Hogshead of Killerspin spoke on behalf of OSU and their volunteers and about other areas of concern within Table Tennis

**C. Hotel**

- Hotel 2 miles from campus, good location, there are other hotels with comparable prices and locations
- banquet room up to 400 people for awards banquet, space for player meetings, registration, etc.

**D. Date**

- looking at March 29<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup> weekend

## **Financial Report**

### **By David Del Vecchio**

- No \$ was requested from USATT to run NCTTA operational expenses
- membership revenue and sponsorship went up
- New Donations project needs to be better promoted
  - who to target
  - alumni of NCTTA
  - need to provide incentive to give
  - Joe Wells in charge of this part.
- Most of money goes to cover NCTTA operational expense so it is difficult to invest in other projects.

## **Rules and Handbook**

- we went thru Rules/Handbook and made some grammatical and theoretical changes
  - explained to board that exec. Committee redid bylaws and handbook (Willy, Joe, David)
  - terms changed to 2 years , except for DDR position
  - Changing of words in DDiv. Director to not make it punitive laws on volunteers
- In handbook:** elig. Discussion to make sure EACH student is pursuing a degree

**Motion:** Kyna Fong to be grandfathered in this year and only this time, no others will follow if COED eligibility elapses.

Explanation: Kyna Fong's elig. in coed nctta play elapsed so we allowed her to play in women's. This is not allowed anymore.

Proposed: Seemant Teotia

Seconded: David Del Vecchio

## **Motion passes 7-0-0**

## **Competition Format**

- Discussion of injured #1 player in doubles
- Discussion and eradication of 3 man teams in Nationals as well as placing penalty for 4 man teams to 3 man teams in Nationals

## **Committee Reports**

### **1) Marketing Report by Mike McFarland**

- a) Promotional Items-to have these available for to give when ppl donate
  - cost to mail?
  - must delineate according to what \$ gave
- b) National Championships-Program should find sponsors early on, include as part of total package-sponsor for champs
  - sponsorship levels for NCTTA to have hand in all levels, discussion if this is a fair approach or not

- c) Fundraising-per division, school and nationals; reach diverse population to grassroots
- d) Internships-McFarland has set up two different internship programs
  - Sport Marketing Internships and Public Relations Internships
- d) NCTTA Coach's association-McFarland spoke of already contacting all USATT coaches to get them involved with trying to be a part of a College Coach's association

### **Women's Committee Report by Tiger**

- wants women to have a voice, maybe a seat on the NCTTA board
- promotes a coach's committee
- an umpire's committee
- Introduction of a Women's Athlete Association to govern women's College TT: suggested to have a purpose, solve outstanding issues
  - a suggestion was put forth to show NCTTA board good initiative with current committee before branching out into own association, but a good step in the right direction.

### **ACUI/NIRSA/NCTTA by Willy Leparulo**

The relationship that exists between these 3 organizations is interesting. We see ACUI currently sponsoring singles play and NCTTA doing the teams. ACUI is a non for profit EDUCATIONAL organization that happens to sponsor "ping pong" as an revenue producing activity. NIRSA is the governing body for Rec sports in the USA, it makes more sense for ACUI activities to be transferred over to NIRSA at some point or for NCTTA to take over those activities.

There is some discussion of combining efforts and having an NCTTA/NIRSA sponsored event in the near future.

Meeting adjourned 11: 52pm