

August 23, 2014 NCTTA Board of Directors Meeting (Face 2 Face) Orlando, FL
In attendance: Fede Bassetti (FB), Randy Kendle (RK), Kagin Lee (KGL), Willy Leparulo (WL), Chris Wang (CW), Kevin Li (on speaker phone for 30 min), Joe Wells (JEW)

Mtg started at 7:46pm eastern time
May meeting minutes approved 6-0-1 CW

Rules and Regulations Document Update

- BOD went chapter by chapter; point by point updating information
- Online registration form updated for teams and singles
- Transitional team membership changed to Limited Membership; names of membership updated
- no discount for new NCTTA member school or rebate for women's teams
- discussion about raising NCTTA membership rates as it is low in comparison to other sports; but the concern is what are membership benefits. Probably should be closer to 500 dollars per school.
- Some on the board suggest offering a higher NCTTA fee and then create a financial aid option for those that can't pay it (too many schools would do this and create an admin burden on this)

Membership fees

- fee will remain the same, though board would like to see a higher fee it will not happen this year

Eligibility updates

- World University games rulings were taken out as they don't go in our rules document

Competition Rules

- Uniform update: uniforms are required to be work at all NCTTA competitions. Penalty for violation is different between RR and knock out matches. Players will NOT be retroactively penalized

Roster Updates

- Wording was changed around in 4.4 Rosters and moved to other area; rules about rosters under team competition
- Should a team be missing a player and go down to 3 players, the offending team will lose the 4th singles match and if the match is tied also the doubles
- changed wording of roster example to line up example
- prior to each contest, a team can submit a different lineup
- changed 5.1.2 Doubles injury; #1 singles player for doubles cannot be substituted

Regional Championships

- 12 coed teams can now qualify to Regionals
- Regular season dates Division dates deadline February 15th; Regionals can be Feb. 22nd; March 1st or March 8
- For any team that wins their division tournament by default, all players on the submitted roster will be considered legit
- 1st day ends at 11:48pm eastern

August 24, 2014 NCTTA Board of Directors Meeting (Face 2 Face) Orlando, FL (Day 2)

In attendance: Fede Bassetti (FB), Randy Kendle (RK), Kagin Lee (KGL), Willy Leparulo (WL), Chris Wang (CW), Kevin Li (on speaker phone) came in at 10:12am
Joe Wells (JEW)

Mtg started at 9:25am

-Discussed moving along quicker in Regional Champs and eliminating more of the consolation matches

Motion to approve the 2014-15 Rules and Regulations Document

Proposed by: WL

Seconded by: KGL

“Pending final tweaks, grammar”

Motion passes 5-0-1; 1 non vote Kevin Li

Championship Scheduling

- Discussion about the possibility of changing the format of the Championships to reduce the number of defaults and allow for more NCTTA athletes to watch the finals
- Problems: less matches overall for Teams at Champs, no certainty that athletes will stay, 2nd place group finisher does not have a chance at title
- Pros: get done earlier, have final earlier in the day
- Doing a Men’s/Women’s final earlier, then Consolation matches would be eliminated and matches would be reduced
- Taskforce put together to look at this and a suggestion was to start a day earlier and make Sunday a travel day; having teams arriving earlier and finding volunteers for an extra work day is going to be tough
- more effort needs to be placed on presentation of the finals, the wave, the excitement, the marketing, etc.
- ultimately the board has decided to not change the schedule for 2015 Champs though future champs schedule could be revisited so that our focus was on the teams

TMS Sponsorship

- Discussion about when/where, etc. logistics about ball distribution to Divisions and Regions
- Discussion about standardizing process towards our Regionals, Championships so that TMS related sponsorship management does not become an issue. (storage of equipment, upgrading Regionals standards, etc.)
- We requested old ball for Fall semester and new ball for Spring semester
- WL will discuss with Newgy; JEW will discuss with Butterfly
- NCTTA to look at projects, ways to increase stream viewership, guessing scores, guessing shoes of players, interactive gimmicks, giveaways
- Championship set up: WL is concerned with the new sponsor, new set up. KGL will follow up with Ed H on the set up whether the equipment is shipped in or driven in, or what

-What to do with Equipment (Tables, barriers, umpire tables, towel stands) from Champs:
Tabled for future board discussion

Online Roster & Preparation for new season

- RK shows BOD what the online roster looks like; now roster is online never turned in on site
- Each person gets their own regenerated code
- specific deadline for roster submission a few days before the competition
- online registration form shortened and kept old information to make registration easier for schools
- Eligibility form is already out and done

NCTTA Budget 2014-15

-BOD looked at budget to try and change unrealistic numbers vs realistic

Raising entry fees

- discussion about raising prices to match industry standards as NCTTA charges on the low range for Table Tennis tournaments
- costs associated with College TT are many (Facilities, travel for directors, equipment) so raising fees in some areas will help
- discussion about adding scorekeepers, scoreboards at every Regional table- maybe scoreboards from Champs and providing lunch at Regionals
- raised Men's/coed and Women's teams at Regionals 75 to 100 for men and 30 to 50 for women
- raised women's team from 160 to 175 at Nationals

Coach discussion at Nationals:

- extra coaches up to 3 and each should be 100 each, via a deadline
- can sell extra coaches credentials at the door for 100 and wouldn't get lunch or banquet but just entry since we ordered numbers of lunches already, but we still have to note how many per team, b/c it can't be over 3?

Motion: Coaches should have to register themselves and not be included in the team fee, must pay themselves, register themselves

Proposed: KGL

Seconded: WL

Discussion: We give coaches a certain advantage to be included with the team (WL);

Motion Fails: 3-4

Hotel Room Rebate

- decided to have no stay to play rule this year

Newgy Nationals

- WL will contact Larry Thoman to discuss NCTTA Newgy contract for 2015

Regional Director Budget

- increased this to create better Regionals (pay for facility, travel of staff/bod)

Superlative Awards

- increased to give out to volunteers

NCTTA Brochures

- coming out of Marketing, need Big Mike to recreate and take to company to create for conferences and DD's

Travel in Championships vs DD Travel

- deciphering DD travel vs other travel
- disagreement for whether it is volunteer travel vs volunteer per diem as DD's are reimbursed for how many days they work
- KGL believes Volunteer per diem should include (Competition manager, referee, etc.); line item 77 was changed to "Partial Travel payment"

Move to approve the 2014-15 NCTTA Budget

Proposed by: KGL

Seconded by: JEW

Motion passes 7-0-0

Newgy Scholarship

- RK discusses about possible changes to the Newgy Scholarship
- operational fund has become irrelevant and BOD did not disagree with removal
- Discussion about rules concerning scholarships (players from scholarship schools, players who have received scholarships prior)
- reference to McFarland as historical perspective and discuss as a BOD for direction

RD/DD Handbook

- updating the handbook for upcoming webinars and matching rules/regulations that were updated
- League Director has to approve their regional tournament and must be done by xyz deadline
- set hard date for certification of referee
- will have CW follow up with RD's about their performance and provide feedback
- shorten up DD certification test
- rosters are no longer due a week before, it is online with specific dates (scheduled)

Women's Committee- WNCTTA

-Fede jump started this committee, with Vanessa Petroj as its leader, Shelly Huang is there as well as other women

- publish an article in the newsletter women related
- looking at highschool grassroots recruitment
- having more women being in leadership roles in sport clubs in TT

Motion to approve women's committee: Vanessa Petroj (chair), Brana Vlastic, Shelly Huang, Vivien Zhou, Ariel Hsing, Gina Lin

Proposed by FB

2nd by WL

Motion passes 7-0-0

Mtg adjourned Sunday 4:01pm