

## **NCTTA Board of Directors Meeting; December 19, 2021**

Present: Willy Leparulo (WL), Jay Lu (JL), Stephanie Shih (SS), Tae Kim (TK) (late at 1:02), Joe Wells (JEW), Brandon Lawrence (BL), Randy Kendle (RK), James Wang (West RD), Cyrus Aga (Development Fund committee), Rishabh (Midwest RD), Jenna Kiyasu (Internship director)

November Mtg Minutes passed 4-0-0 (3 non votes)

### **Presentation by We R Table Tennis by Steve Claflin**

- former junior TT turned to tennis player, now back in the hardbat scene in Texas and is interested in promoting TT from youth to College and beyond; they are IT tt ppl
- We R Table Tennis and We R ping pong (nfp): main goal to deliver free table to elementary/middle school/HS in USA; ping pong is the market not tt
- WE R TT is An event production company that will own all of the content of productions that they create like classic hardbat. We are going to produce events, capture the content and use that content to fund the company we're also going to license all the IP that we develop to further promote table tennis and ping pong from a grassroots level in schools.
- believes in a bottom up approach
- want to give grants and scholarships to students, don't want to be in the College business, want to help create a journey for these players/students to college
- Has 2 applications: 1. Something like an eligibility clearinghouse to help keep amateur status; 2. Tournament Management Company
- he would like cross promotion same as what we do with other HS organizations
- Jenna Kiyasu asked if he is going to look at women in sport (under represented) and how the approach will be

### **Approval of Change of bylaw language**

Motion to approve "grammar" changes within the NCTTA Bylaw depending on changes that were made last meeting with regard to the National Organization position and its definition within NCTTA:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1c6wIQRFRceDrfeq13OAEopaPHWbwqLBnsCyW5x5pf/g0/edit>

Proposed: WL

Seconded: Brandon Lawrence

6-0-0 1 non vote-Tae

### **League/Regional updates (Jay)**

- fwd to James the CC from Riverside, CA for potential Regional location
- Keith Lam is looking for ppl to host and run regionals in the USA for Great Lakes
- Northeast, West, South have Regional websites up
- Dan Wang/Tae/Randy are fixing results and standings page
- Cyrus Aga brings up good point about certain schools may close for COVID and may need a back up plan

### **Committee updates**

WUG tryouts: 18 men and 5 women

Recruitment: has a project to an outreach to 1st and 2nd place winners and NAIA outreach

### **Champs Update (Joe Wells)**

-Found a great resource caterer plus event equipment person; food is missing the vegan area and he will follow up with them on that **ACTION ITEM:** Joseph Wells

### **RFP for Champs/League**

-RFP is out in the public to all TT companies; deadline is end of January (Butterfly, Newgy, Joola, Doublefish, Paddle Palace are interested)

### **Annual report (Willy)**

-WL is working on this, should be ready in February

### **NCTTA COVID Committee Update**

-leaning towards if someone is unvaccinated provide proof of a negative test within 72 hours  
-a survey to the athletes is going out  
-NCTTA can enforce our own rules  
-no budget currently for Covid and could be a request from the Development Fund cmte

### **Spectator or no Spectator discussion**

-Spectator any non participant or volunteer  
-WL is against it b/c it requires alot of work to coordinate this area vs just hiring security  
Motion to Deny Spectators for the NCTTA 2022 Championships from attending  
Seconded: Joe Wells  
Discussion: we can always change it back later

Motion passes: 5-0-2

### **Request to Development Fund Committee**

-asks questions about our requests (Cyrus-chair of that committee)  
-main areas: NCTTA Champs, World University games team, AYTTO/NCTTA scholarship (already decided by board but no request yet), Coaching program, Alumni Development  
-BL explains to Cyrus what WUG is about  
-Cyrus wants a priority list, told him NCTTA Champs is first, then WUG

### **Streaming Decision**

-potential solution with the Double D's now, other offers are a higher solution but the finances are too much

Mtg ended 10:55pm eastern