

NCTTA Board of Directors Meeting; April 10, 2022 (Face to face)

Present: Willy Leparulo (WL), Jay Lu (JL), Stephanie Shih (SS), Tae Kim (TK), Joe Wells (JEW) on Zoom, Brandon Lawrence (BL), Randy Kendle (RK), Guests: Mike Reff, Thomas Hu, James Budenholzer, Nelson Chin, Simon Hsu, Justin D'Antonio, Kagin Lee

10:37 pm central time starting time

March Mtg Minutes: 5-0-0 (2 non votes)

Scholarship; Hsing Foundation

- Discussion about the Hsing Foundation donation for the NCTTA scholarship
- BOD changes some rules/regulations on scholarships to align with Hsing foundation request while still keeping NCTTA eligibility in check

Sport Betting discussion

- Sports betting is coming to the forefront of College sports (NCAA)
- They call it a data partnership where companies take our live stream/data/media partnership to give people the opportunity to bet on college sports
- Kagin states that ITTF has a media/data partnership with a company for this
- NCTTA would struggle with internal controls: it would require so much more observation and regulation that we do not have the opportunity to use-BL
- Could only happen at Championships (Simon Hsu)
- UBIT income could ruin our non for profit status (Tae Kim)

Championship Summary: the good bad and the ugly

Good: Video production; Had championships, 1 covid positive, alumni came in numbers; all of our equipment is in storage

Bad: Set up and tear down; temp labor hired more of it; Flooring needs a day earlier

The Ugly: Youtube Chat, need a moderator or just plain disabling; Staff was not told at Courtyard; transportation groups are not good; shuttles can't pick ppl up; Hotel book as many QQ's-**ACTION ITEM** Joe says to ping him; Meals at Round Rock Sports Center; Kagin says: better off to not provide food potentially; volunteers we would still cover

- Tae suggests that we have a full time volunteer coordinator that is not WL, someone that is solely dedicated to this role; suggests HR person does it or trusted volunteer

Court periphery Sponsorship approach

- WL would like to set up deadline/milestones
- League is needing sponsorship

Capturing the buzz (more volunteers)

- HR to know who we need, who we are missing
- capture the buzz from the NCTTA Championships
- Keep our member ppl engaged throughout the summer (dead months)

100k Fundraiser part deux this summer–

- need assistance: Alumni committee or others? 57k could be matched which would significantly assist NCTTA in the future
- Tie it to events: 30 year NCTTA being around in November 2022
- Bringing Alumni together for parties, have alumni doubles event at SPIN

NAIA push/recruitment

- 140 in a post covid year; next year needs to hit 200 again
- 1st year colleges membership discount?
- Looking into the CUNY colleges to see if they can be a team in NCTTA?

RD expenses

- too lax, not getting pre approval, bills after bills and no pre approval
- missing the idea of Regional Championships; better accountability
- going a bit hardcore with RD's may need to happen
- Regional Budget is out of control
- RD's need to say to DD's this is what I need to do, to have tough conversations to save the budget
- Incentivize the RD's to get more money on their budgets, if they want more they do something for us **ACTION ITEM:** To have Jay have more accountability

USATT/NCTTA relationship

- BL suggests we be strategic about what NCTTA wants, worry less about why they did what they did.
- Logan: an ideal world it is an equal collaboration, USATT hasnt met their end of the relationship
- JEW: why force a relationship w/a group that isn't healthy?
- Tae; WL; Jay: respect from USATT. JL adds: They haven't even acknowledged why the relationship soured–important for them to realize their wrongdoing
- No operational relationship possible at this point

Championship format change

-looking at Kagin's idea to eliminate Team RR and just do a SE progression type event (tabled)

Schools can have sanctioned NCTTA events/Scrimmages

-apply those scrimmages to NCTTA ratings (Tabled)

1:00am adjourned