

NCTTA Board of Directors Online Meeting Minutes January 24, 2007 via Gotomeeting.com software

Meeting was called to order at 9:00pm EST by President Willy Leparulo
Other board members present and members: David Del Vecchio (DD); Wassim Chao (WC); Joe Wells (JW), Seemant Teotia (ST); Liang Liu (LL); Mike McFarland (MM)

1) Ohio Division Playoff issues

-board took vote of consensus and with 5 votes for offered the Ohio Division the following solutions:

- 1) Have the Division Playoff in March, but Ohio could not qualify any wild cards.
- 2) Have individual head-to-head crossovers (#1 in North Subdivision plays #2 in South Subdivision and the reverse) on or before Feb. 25. The Division Championship between the top 2 could still be held in March.
- 3) Reschedule the division playoff for another date on or before Feb. 25

Ohio Division Director, Michael Yao and Eric Rogier are discussing with David on this. Hopefully one of these areas will be workable. This puts into question to make it clearer to divisions what happens when NCTTA mandates of a split within a division which happened here because of too many schools.

2) Sunrise Table Tennis Scholarship

-NCTTA board agreed to state that this program would have 1st and 2nd place. This program is a prototype that (WL) is working on to replicate in other 501c3 TT clubs in the nation with the same heading.

3) Sport Commissions in Bids

-NCTTA received a number of replies from sport commissions questioning our document about not allowing them to place in a bid without an NCTTA school accompanying them.
-NCTTA board at first voted for this motion then after much discussion a compromise has been reached

Motion: To change language in all Championship Documents to indicate that a host facility, sports commission and public or private institution CAN submit a Championship bid without an NCTTA school affiliation. The provision also would include that the host organizing committee can nominate a competition manager, but NCTTA has the right to approve or deny this selection. If the host organizing committee does not wish to nominate a competition manager or can not find one NCTTA agrees to, then NCTTA would appoint a competition manager. If the host organizing committee does have table tennis knowledge and knows of someone qualified that they work well with, I see no reason for NCTTA to interfere.

Motion appended by (DD) agreed to by (WL) to replace all contradictory language in Champ documents.

Proposed by: Willy Leparulo

Seconded by: David

Motion passes 6-0-0 (ST) non vote

4) **Women's Issues**

-Clarification on new women's teams in Spring semester being able to qualify for Nationals, not the case. Only schools that played in the Fall.

Further Division Clarifications ensued upon the current motion the board proposed about membership requirements. The concern was about how the divisions would last and such.

Motion for clarification for our bylaws for the Spring term of competition:

Any 4 team division that drops down to 3 playing schools in one division must still have all of the 3 schools that do show up turn in an eligibility form.

Any 8 team division that drops down to 6 playing schools to still keep the top 2 qualifying schools must have all 6 turn in an eligibility form.

(If this same division drops below 6 schools then the rules for a 4 school division apply).

Proposed by: Seemant Teotia

Seconded by: Mike McFarland

Motion passes: 5-0-2 (JW, WL)

5) **TWU Requested to bid for 2008** and it was turned down as our rules specifically indicate that TWU must wait until 2009 to rebid again.

6) **Columbia Eligibility review and any other Eligibility snafus**

-Seemant got clarification from Columbia Registrars department that they did indeed fill in an eligibility form and ST has confirmed them ok.

-Boston University and University of Illinois are still up in the air with both claiming they have sent in the forms: will forward to Seemant for a decision.

7) **Liang PR update**

-Killerspin press release of event, Liang contacted the KS guys and there were not enough schools at the event, only 2 schools and Univ. of KY won it, but not enough information

-Liang will be re emailing the division directors to nominate person/club of the semester.

8) **Newgarden Trophy Update**

-Joe Wells not encouraged by what he has found

-will go to local stores in Florida to see what kinds

-compare and contrast with Columbus, Ohio stores

9) **Championship Registration Form/online Registration**

-McFarland and JW feel the OSU champ website should show more of the crowd for sponsor appeal; McFarland says to grab USATT college NCTTA issue picture

-in past NCTTA had information on the website, but now will forward all information to OSU Champs website as well as an attempt for an online registration system!

Online Registration

- web version of Registration form with payment field
- then print out waiver form, sign and mail to NCTTA
- Registration fees look to be decided at 100 dollars PER team which isn't a lot if a team truly wants to attend.
- 50 dollars late fees attached.

Paralympians at NCTTA event

- Should we charge an entry fee?
- participants use services at champs

Motion: To charge 25 dollars entry fee to each Paralympian.

Proposed by: WL

Seconded by: MM

Motion passes: 4-0-2 (DD, JW)

MTG ADJOURNED: 10:43pm