

# NCTTA Board of Directors Online Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2008 via Gotomeeting.com software

Meeting was called to order at 8:05pm EST by Willy Leparulo

Other board members: Misha Kazantsev (athlete rep), David Del Vecchio (USATT Rep), Joe Wells (vice president)

Missing: Francois Charvet (Treasurer)

## I. Mission Statement and Long term goals Discussion

- We talked about "rejuvenating" our mission statement that could be a bit out of date
- David called for a trimming of the fat of the mission statement into something more specific

Long term goals are:

- 1) Serious Club competition;
- 2) Scholarship University schools;
- 3) NCAA ;
- 4) Community grassroots programs;
- 5) International Competitions

-Joe suggested that we are too far away from taking 5) as an immediate priority

-Misha suggests contacting Sean O'Neill about the Big Whack tournament to see about how highschool participation is

-Board agrees on all areas of long term planning except for 4) and 5) and for those we will post on hub to chat about and come to a resolution

## II. Committee/Division Director Selection

Motion to vote in the following Division Directors

Proposed by Willy Leparulo

Seconded by David Del Vecchio

Motion passes 4-0-0

Texas Division-David Livings; Georgia Division-Ralph Presley; Dixie-Herb Bennett; New England-Rajeev Sharma; Florida-Kyle Brown; Socal-Adam Bobrow; Midwest-Randy Kendle; Northwest-Siva Sankrithi/Tim Titrud (co division directors); Kansas-Geoge Taplin; MidAtlantic-Xue Han

-Board wants to see if Upstate NY Jenny Wang and Nguyen Phan can be co division directors; also waiting on Ohio decision before officially approving Nathan Reilly to DD

-Board has chosen to table the topic of the Minnesota/Virginia Division Directorship on the hub to discuss about the worry about Seemant being the only person in VA and further more having to fly there to do it

-Carolina, Norcal and NYC are still divisions without directors

Motion to approve following Committee Chairs and members

Proposed by Willy Leparulo

Seconded by David Del Vecchio

Motion passes 4-0-0

Media Relations: Matt Holden-chair; John McInerney, Nathan Reilly

Marketing: James Roeder-chair; Joe Wells

Financial: Francois Charvet-chair; Tim Aquino, Doug Hurak

Champ Committee: no chair yet; Francois Charvet, David Del Vecchio, Joe Wells, Willy Leparulo, Richard Huang, Tim Aquino, non voting member Misha Kazantsev

Women's: no chair, Tim Aquino, non voting member: Willy Leparulo, Sarah Amin

Audit/Rules: no chair, Brayden Glad, Tim Aquino, Willy Leparulo, Joe Wells

Coach: McFarland-chair; Volker Schroeder, Willy Leparulo

World University: no chair; Chad Zhang, Joe Wells, non voting member Willy Leparulo

Disabled: no chair, no members

Recruitment: Wassim Chao-chair, Willy Leparulo

Ratings: Seemant Teotia-chair, Sarah Amin, Li He, non voting: David and Willy

Enrollment/Registrar: Seemant Teotia-chair, Willy Leparulo

Website Development: No chair; Jason Lam and Dan Wang

Alumni Relations: no chair; Nathan Reilly, Chris Aniolowski

## II. Division Director Training (ways to improve it)

-David suggested this topic to jumpstart brainstorming on how to make the process more effective

-Joe suggests having newbies team up with older more wise DD's like a mentoring program, it could even be cross division mentors

-Misha suggest the emphasis be on communication with the DDR or whomever the direct person is; emphasize this in handbook, orally and in webinar

-David suggest to create the Division Director Certification and have them take a quiz after the webinar to turn in

## III. Pre Season Rankings

-Who will do them, when?

-Joe suggests Ratings committee and will help to share formula created in past

## IV. League Rules Ambiguity

-Emails coming in from outside people looking in judging NCTTA on their interpretation of the league rules division by division leads to this discussion

-specifically what to do about how divisions qualify schools to Nationals and certain interpretations of what the board believes vs what was done

-ultimately is posted on hub for discussion for change of rules possibly

## V. New Division Rules?

-More ambiguity with how new divisions are supposed to join NCTTA.

-location of a motion made some years prior where new divisions must have 4 schools by May 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered a new division for Fall of the following year

- (WL) feels that this rule doesn't fit well and suggests that September 15<sup>th</sup> be the deadline
- (DD) interjects stating it is more than just the now but whether or not that division will stay together
- curiosity encompasses the Kansas Division within this rule; will place on hub for discussion

#### VI. Resolution of Hub Items

- Ratings
- USATT Sanctioning
- League Matches (more vs less)

USATT Sanctioning remanded to Championship committee for decision

#### League Matches (more vs less)

- discussion of results of surveys where 17 stated that the amount of matches was "just enough" and 16 stating "there needed to be more"
- (DD) suggested trying a trial or pilot division with more matches
- again placed on hub to see what the parameters were and how it would be implemented (non conference play perhaps)

#### Ratings Discussion

- On the hub was a large discussion of ratings central rating and USATT ratings and what we as NCTA must use for events we have
- Misha asks what about ppl with 2 different ID's and it will be taken on case by case basis by ratings committee via averaging or some other method
- (DD) asks how to keep other random/general event directors from adding ratings to a college ID?
- Misha says whatever is chosen as long as it is consistent

#### VI. League/Championship Request for Propsoal

- Discussion about the two bidders: Stag and Killerspin

##### 1) Stag

- Misha has contacts with these folks and he will be our main contact for this and will ask the specific questions on the financial part and what the shirts/caps are exactly about
- Joe's only concern is if all areas are covered by RFP

##### 2) Killerspin

- Joe Wells will be point man
- financial why lower?
- can we cover the 7500 preferred with DD and superlative gift certificates?
- contract should cover shipping costs and times of delivery

#### Counter bidding

- Misha brings up good point about the counter bidding in the document
- believes it could be a negative standing point (WL) agrees at this point as well but can't avoid it since it is in the document now

- (WL) will email both companies when the time comes and mention to both the statement in the RFP and see who is interested
- Joe Wells also doesn't particularly like this in the document after seeing Joola's reply
- (DD) no opinion

Board Meeting Adjourned at 10:44pm