

NCTTA Board of Directors February 17, 2013

In attendance: Willy Leparulo (WL), Randy Kendle (RK), Wanda Wong (WW), Chris Wang (CW), Kagin Lee (KGL), Joe Wells and Kevin Li (KL), Ed Toomey, Linda Leaf, Federico Bassetti

Not in attendance: Abe Behnam, Andy Kanengiser, Seemant Teotia, Anson Bispham, Nelson Gore

MTG started at 9:05pm

Division Updates

- NYC and New England were snowed out and NCTTA allowed for a late weekend to be used
- Tri State, South Ohio, Atlantic didn't have teams this year and look to the off season to re align the divisions potentially
- KL mentions that Kansas division is in the same kind of affair that recruitment needs to be done to save the division
- Atlantic had 9 schools last year, 4 in fall, and 2 in spring?
- Michigan division director quit one week before tournament, KGL and Jorge Vanegas sent to tournament
- As organization we are desperate for volunteers, but we need to be aware of pre-existing relationships that can cause problems (ie) Michigan Division lesson
- KL: Kansas division struggling to find teams, David (ex NCTTA division director) took down KU team of which he was a member of when they were on top
- WL: we need to highlight divisions that are desperate. Ed does good job reaching out. Kansas is not as populated; schools are out there but we need to find them
- WL: if necessary we have ways to break division lines and merge etc.

Regional Updates

- Great Lakes and Northeast this weekend (2/23), others the week after; getting wild card invitations out last night/tonight
- Great Lakes region had tons of complaints from American schools. NCTTA failed to get information on how to get a visa and WL stressed that NCTTA cannot be caught in this situation in the future. We need to do better in the future as an organization
- Possibly look at not having regionals in Canada, just getting the information better prepared, training our RD better, or stressing to the RD that he/she must be on top of his region more regularly
- CW: spoke with Lillian Yu who was RD last year, nobody complained much.

Technical difficulties, need to restart meeting

Meeting started again

- Process of inviting schools: a) we get eligibility forms, b) Seemant highlights them, c) we get results, d) results processed and then we send email invitations.
- Regional directors invited on to look at registration spreadsheet
- RK explained singles registration spreadsheet
- RK: division singles and dollars; made comment last month about being 300% ahead of last year. When things were all done we had 266 men compared to 219 last year; 21% increase. 78 women compared to 66 last year; 18% increase
- Bad news: estimated even higher increase, guessing 325 men, budget uses numbers too high. \$1500 less income than anticipated

-WL: regional directors all mailed trophies, will send out emails to RD who gets trophies.

2013 Championships

- WL calls out Wanda and Joe to get plane tickets for Champs
- Please go on volunteer website to get a position locked in
- Board meeting Sunday, 4 hour marathon

Eligibility Issue

- Potential complaint to come through Rules/Audit committee
- WL contacted institution and was told student was a legit student via their rules
- Student had no GPA (first time student) and was enrolled in enough credit hours. Complaint came from what kind of credit hours, degree hours or otherwise.
- Some international students have to take ESL classes and at this school ESL classes count towards degree program.

Committee updates

- Good flurry of committee activity; active coaching committee, other members
- WL: whether people will be active is another ballgame as the media committee always has its share of problems
- Fede Bassetti (co-chair of coaches committee) spoke: great to have this chance, been an interesting month. Getting familiar with each other, getting ideas on what we should work on at the beginning, what we can bring back. Working on creating mission statement, goals, strategies.
- Any time someone fills out "get involved" link sends message to info account

Interns

- JW touched on it a while before but didn't go anywhere. Maybe revisit the idea, reaching out to people we know in sport organization, recent graduates. Internships important for resume, can help take work off our (especially WL's) plate. Could potentially take over info account, respond to inquiries from schools and students.
- WL: it is a good idea to have this as a possibility as it gives us an avenue to recruit more volunteers through schools that require this
- One negative: training would be required

2014 Championships

- WL going over each bid one at a time, asking questions about each bid
- John Larsen also going over each bid as our Helms Briscoe representative
- Board discussed all of the bids and WL promised to forward the Helms Briscoe opinion to the board
- WL expressed concerns over some of the bids that didn't have a TT club on board

Chinese exchange program

- Linda Leaf wants NCTTA to help promote the program in summer '13
- WL will put on facebook

Mtg Adjourned 10:48pm eastern