

NCTTA Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes for Sunday, December 27, 2009 via Gotomeeting.com software

Meeting was called to order at 8 PM ET by President Willy Leparulo; **In attendance:** Misha Kazantsev, Joe Wells, David Del Vecchio, Scott Ryan, Chris Wang (on chat), Francois Charvet, Scott Ryan

Missing: Jay Samant (Recruiting Director), Seemant Teotia (Ratings/Eligibility), Linda Xu (Women's Director), Andy Kanengiser (Public Relations)

1) League Update

-Discussed league update with board. Most if not all divisions survived without any major problems. Seemant missing some elig. Forms in the end but was eventually gotten

2) USATT Report

-David gave report listed on the hub to USATT board and got major steps passed a) College Nationals is now a 5 star tournament b) Post grad membership put up c) Donation to the College Scholarship fund

3) Goal Setting

-NCTTA BOD, DD and Committee chairs were asked to name their 5 most important goals for NCTTA and College Table Tennis in order and in this meeting a summary of all responses was discussed.

-Each board member was afforded the opportunity to speak more in depth on their goals and here are their comments

Francois Charvet on his goals

- 1) More schools in NCTTA (like 300 in 3 years)
- 2) Develop schools internally: Club leadership needs to be better to gain more members
- 3) Collegiate Network: including plan on Alumni committee, getting former players to stay around, coach, volunteer, etc.

Chris Wang on his goals

- 1) Score uploader: gave some DD's problems

Misha on his goals

- 1) Preserving the atmosphere of club sport, spirit of club atmosphere vs the USATT spirit (Joe Wells) adds that rivalries are an important dichotomy that should not be forgotten as well within our league.

Scott Ryan on his goals:

- 1) School involvement-TT Training: Specifically how to run a college program and making sure it doesn't die out b/c one main person graduates or leaves. Having the ability to teach how to run a club and stabilize it over time
- 2) Regional Competitions/Director: giving them as much resources and making it simple enough to be replicated

Goal Setting

- 1) Decide which are important?
- 2) Decide which are short term 18-24 months and which are long term 36-48 months

Open discussion about each of the different sub topics

NCAA: most of the board thought it was a goal, but a long term goal and one that has a lot of steps to be accomplished in order to be successful

Communication: this area came up as it seems some schools are not getting the information needed and the DD's are being effected by it

Championships: Not high on many DD's radar and Misha adds that perhaps it is so well run that no one thinks it needs improvement?

USATT Relationship: take advantage of a pro collegiate board so that in the future if that board is changed we don't lose this chance. Currently relationship is very vague and David USATT rep doesn't think we need to change it. Certain advantages and disadvantages to keeping it vague though.

Scholarships/Varsity status: **FC-** it could be a waste of our time as it would take a large effort to coordinate through AD's and university officials **DD-** believes that since NCTTA has never put the effort we aren't sure if it is a waste of time; it always has a big impact on first sight on Recruitment, perception, etc.

Coaching: **WL-** would help in two different ways a) Club leadership and keeping a club around where there is a stable non graduating, non student individual b) Work towards an NCAA conversion, a building block to NCAA

Respect: many of the DD's cited this as an important goal and it was in relation to the Sport being taken more seriously and in turn their clubs being taken more seriously by ignorant administrators. **DD-** suggests that maybe having a frank conversation with club sport people would be good

Sponsors/Financial Freedom: more sponsors, other avenues to get funding, financially diverse, we need a widespread audience..

High school Table Tennis: This was a very popular area and one that might deserve some attention; the challenge is how to get into the highschoools? Is it through PE coaches, thru national or regional association or how? NCTTA's pipeline is severely affected by this.

Quality in play: This was brought forward by FC and DD for different reasons, Marketability for FC of regionals with lower level players is tough; whereas DD's looks is for future retention and enjoyment of activity

Final summary: WL will send out email to BOD to choose top 3 goals of short term and then BOD will vote on what the TOP 3 are and work towards that goal.

Board meeting adjourned 9:58pm