

USATT Board Teleconference Meeting February 28, 2011

Board of Directors Teleconference Minutes
5:00 p.m. Eastern time

Directors Present: Peter Scudner, Ashu Jain, Attila Malek, Jim Kahler, David Del Vecchio, Mike Babuin

Joined later during the meeting: Christian Lillieroos

Directors with Excused Absence: Harold Jeffcoat, Han Xiao

USATT Staff Present: Michael Cavanaugh, CEO; Deborah Gray, Secretary; Doru Gheorghe, COO

Counsel Present: Dennis Taylor, USATT General Counsel

USTTA Foundation Representative: Dell Sweeris

Guest: Linda Leaf

Call to Order: 5:10 p.m. Eastern time by Chairman Scudner

Roll Call: Peter Scudner, Ashu Jain, Jim Kahler, Attila Malek, David Del Vecchio, Mike Babuin. Quorum present.

Agenda Review: Board members were asked to disclose any conflict of interest with agenda items. None voiced.
Agenda Approved.

Chairman asked Board members to execute the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics forms and submit to Deborah Gray by March 1, 2011.

5:14 p.m. – Christian Lillieroos joined the meeting.

5:15 p.m. – Dell Sweeris joined the meeting.

Committee recommendations were presented and read by Chairman. See list attached. Any gaps in Committees will be revisited and filled in. Review of committee members followed.

General Counsel restated his recommendation to amend Bylaw Section 9.17 Board Overview and Committee Liaison, paragraph 2, to read as follows:

Except for the Ethics and Grievance Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee, the Board may appoint any director, member of USATT paid staff, or USATT volunteer to act as a liaison between the Board and any committee. The person serving in a liaison capacity shall not have voting power on the committee, and is not considered a member of the committee.

General Counsel also restated his recommendation to add a second paragraph to Section 9.2 to read as follows:

Except as stated elsewhere in this Chapter, voting membership on any USATT Committee is open to any natural person who is not prohibited from Committee membership by Section 19.3, Conflicts of Interest, of these Bylaws.

CEO will present General Counsel's recommendations for action at next Board meeting.

MOVE to approve Committee appointments as presented.

Motion made by: Christian Lillieroos; Secunder: Ashu Jain

Vote: Unanimous

Ping Pong Diplomacy update: a planned delegation is coming from China in mid-April to Washington, D.C.; the Chinese Table Tennis Association has extended an invitation to China to the U.S. delegation possibly in late October.

Recommendation was made to add a 5-year adult membership option to the USATT membership categories. Discussion followed.

MOVE to add a 5-year adult membership option at a \$200 membership fee

Motion made by: David Del Vecchio; Secunder: Attila Malek

Vote: Unanimous

Staff will implement new membership category.

CEO Strategic Initiatives Report was submitted to Board for review. Discussion followed on organizational forecast goals and the calendar forecast.

Linda leaf presented an update of the 2011 U.S. Open and Para Open:

- "Friends of the U.S. Open" campaign is underway and posted on USATT's website
- Exploring other sponsorship opportunities
- Special events are scheduled
- LOC teleconferences to begin in March
- Site visit for the Para Open has been done
- A Para training camp is scheduled on June 28-29

CEO will look into holding a classification seminar at the U.S. Open

Mike Babuin presented an update of the 2011 U.S. Nationals:

- LOC exploring sponsors and companies interested in marketing opportunities
- Four host hotels have been contracted at \$59 for single/double; \$69 for suites
- Hotel \$5 room rebate will be given to USATT to offset costs

Financial update and review of 1-31-11 financial statements. Management challenge is to stay on track for breakeven results. Will monitor each month.

Technology Review Task Force Report: Meeting with 2 more vendors. A recommendation will be made in March.

ITTF Event Exploration Report: CEO exploring technical aspects, capacity and timing, of holding an ITTF event in the U.S. Board members will be involved.

Grand Rapids 2012 U.S. Open Bid with 2014 Option – discussion followed.

MOVE to accept Grand Rapids bid for 2012 U.S. Open with an option for 2014 including a 2-month window option after the 2012 event to withdraw for 2014.

Motion made by: Mike Babuin; Secunder: Ashu Jain

Vote: Unanimous

Dell Sweeris recommended coordinating the U.S. Open Amway sponsor with 776 Original Marketing. CEO to follow up with this recommendation.

Board Meeting Forecast Options for 2011:

Spring – exploring possible dates, one possibility is in conjunction with Ping Pong Diplomacy in Washington, D.C.

Fall – Colorado Springs, September 21-23

Winter – Virginia Beach, December 13-15

Notice of monthly Board teleconferences – as needed, 3rd Monday of the month.

Old Business: discussion to explore other avenues for ideas for a new logo design.

New Business: A change in criteria for awarding the NCOE and RCOE for clubs was presented to include a ranking system for Juniors.

These ideas will be explored with the appropriate Committees for a recommendation to the Board for consideration.

Doru Gheorghe gave a brief report on the 2011 Pan Am/National Team Trials held at the Top Spin Club in San Jose, CA.

Next Board teleconference: March 21, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Meeting adjourned: 7:42 p.m. Eastern time by Chairman Scudner

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Gray, Secretary
March 7, 2011