

**United States Table Tennis
Hall of Fame Board Meeting
December 17th, 2011
Saturday, Dec. 20th**

Board Members Present

Dick Evans (dickevans@frontiernet.net), Tim Boggan (timboggan@aol.com), Dean Johnson (djab2b@aol.com), Sean O'Neill (olympic88@me.com), Scott Gordon (sgordon@sonic.net), Mal Anderson (undnlvp@comcast.net), Richard Hicks (dhickstt@yahoo.com), Yvonne Kronlage (mstabletennisusa@yahoo.com), Donna Sakai (donnasenoda@aol.com)

Also in attendance: Si Wasserman, Dan Seemiller

Meeting called to order by President Dick Evans – 8 am

1. Motion to accept minutes from December 2010 minutes passed.

2. Committee Reports –
 - a. Nate Wasserman Memorial Jr. Classic – Dan Seemiller reported on the big success of this year's tournament (242 players with over 60 Juniors & Cadets). It is the 3rd largest 4 star tournament and continues to grow each year. The refurbished facility has room to grow and hopes next year to have close to 300 players. Dick expressed the boards continued support for this event. Thanks again, Si, for your generous donation!!
 - b. Mark Matthews Selection – Tim reported nothing specific to discuss. Committee has short list of potentials candidates.
 - c. HOF Webpage – Dick expressed the board's appreciation to Sean for his continued work on the website.
 - d. Nominating – Dick advised that the committee (Dean, Tim & Dick) continually field calls with requests for consideration of others. The process requires that supporting documentation accompany all such requests. One specific request was made by Bob Kaminsky for the consideration of Norman Kilpatrick.

3. Financial Report
 - a. Dick reviewed previously distributed interim financial report (final report to be sent later). Disappointed that contributors have declined since 2008 (from 60 to 51 and donations from \$6200 to \$4735) Dick is hopeful we will end up in the black this year with close to \$27,000.

4. Nomination Selection – Dick explained how inductees are notified. First letter advises of induction and offers congratulations. Second letter describes what is expected of inductee at the banquet (acceptance speech guidelines) and what is offered (free banquet ticket, etc).

Dick was reminded to make sure asterisks are added to next year's program in the list of Mark Matthews members who are deceased.

5. Constitution Discussion - Dick gave overview of proposed changes made to the Constitution. Full Board discussion followed with numerous word changes agreed to.

6. New Business –
 - a. Dick gave a status of the DJ Lee estate donation. Thirty-nine boxes were donated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The collection had been evaluated by Dick & Dean at a value of \$9,000 retail. The HOF will provide the estate tax deduction documentation over two distributions – 2011 & 2012.

Dean set aside some of DJ's personal articles from the collection for inclusion in a future Table Tennis museum. Many board members have memorabilia for such a museum and needs to be discussed further at a future meeting. Scott gave the board an overview of film archiving for possible museum inclusion. Dick agreed to discuss insurance issues with his agent.

7. Meeting adjourned by President Dick Evans – 9 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Donna Sakai, Secretary USTTA Hall of Fame.