

**United States Table Tennis
Hall of Fame Board Meeting**

Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012

Board Members Present

Dick Evans (dickevans@frontiernet.net), Tim Boggan (timboggan@aol.com), Dean Johnson (djab2b@aol.com), Richard Hicks (dhickstt@yahoo.com), Donna Sakai (donnasenoda@aol.com)

Also in attendance: Si Wasserman

Meeting called to order by President Dick Evans – 8:25 am

1. Motion to accept minutes from December 2011 meeting passed.

2. Financial Report
 - a. Dick reviewed previously distributed interim financial report (final report to be sent later). Balance will be closer to \$25,000 after banquet costs are included. Dick negotiated extensively with Encore Productions and hotel to bring costs down from initial quotes. Fundraising covers most of the costs associated with the banquet.

3. Perennial Cups
 - a. Funds for the Bhushan Cup (presented this year for Closed Women's Singles winner) were approved for \$400. Actual cost will be around \$475.
 - b. The final cup in the program is the Sol Schiff Cup. Motion to provide funds for approximately \$400 was passed unanimously.
 - c. Richard Hicks restated earlier offer from the Indiana TT HOF to establish a Jimmy McClure Cup for Men's Doubles. Motion to accept the offer was passed unanimously.
 - d. Dean Johnson stated that the Hardbat Association was planning a Reisman Hardbat Cup.

4. Matthew's Award
 - a. Tim reported nothing specific to discuss. Committee has list of potentials candidates for next 4 – 6 years.

5. Museum
 - a. Tim Boggan, Dick Evans, Dean Johnson and Mike Babuin met to discuss museum logistics. Potential contributors may be reluctant to relinquish their collections without a specific home for display. Mike Babuin has offered a location in Cary, NC for \$500 a month. It is \$2,500 sq. feet and was formerly an art museum. Other possible locations were discussed (Homer Brown's mall location, USATT headquarters) but not deemed feasible nor desirable.

Tim advised he would start funneling his mementos to Dean to give to Mike. Additional collections from Si Wasserman and Sol Schiff's nephew.

Dean Johnson has been working on an ebook reflecting the history of TT from 1931 – 1966. It is 90% complete. The book will be sold through Amazon and all proceeds will go to the HOF.

6. Induction Nomination Ballot Selection
 - a. Tim gave overview of nomination process. Feels every ballot has names that won't be inducted. Dick also shared his procedure when he receives nomination request. Board agreed that a deceased person may be considered for HOF induction and Matthew's award.
7. Term Limits
 - a. Board agreed that while nothing is spelled out in our constitution regarding term limits, we are satisfied with the guidelines being informal.
8. New Business
 - a. The board discussed moving both the banquet and meeting to Friday but agreed current schedule is best.
9. Public Comment
 - a. Si Wasserman questioned if any revenue was produced from entry blank solicitation for HOF funds. Dick reported no.
 - b. Although the board likes the idea of the museum being located in Cary, NC, we should contact the US Tennis HOF in Newport, RI requesting inclusion in their museum. Dean and Dick will prepare a letter to them.
10. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

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