

USTT HOF Board of Directors
July 7, 2017

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Members present - Sean O'Neill (SO) - President; Mal Anderson (MA) - Secretary; Tim Boggan (TB); Dick Hicks (DH); Dean Johnson (DJ); Yvonne Kronlage (YK); Patty M Wasserman (PW)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 AM by Sean O'Neill

2. Motion (MA/TB) to approve the 2015 minutes Passed 7 - 0

(Donna Sakai (DS) arrived)

3. The Mark Mathews Lifetime Achievement Award was discussed.

Present practice is only living people are eligible.

Question - should dead people also be considered? The vote was 5 - 3 in favor allowing dead people to be eligible.

4. Amendments to our C&BL:

Article IIB states the Board of Directors shall meet annually during the U S National Championships, held in December. The U S National Championships is now held in July. It was previously proposed to delete the words "held in December".

Motion (SO/PW) To make this deletion passed 8 - 0

Article IIA states the Board will consist of a President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary and six At-Large Members. We have no Executive Vice President and seven At-Large Members. It was previously proposed to to remove "Executive Vice President" and raise the number of AT-Large Members from six to seven.

Motion (PW/DH) To make this change passed 8 - 0

5. Financial report. Our assets on 01/01/2017 were \$28,155.25.
Our assets on 07/04/2017 were \$33,104.51.

A complete balance sheet for 01/01 thry 07/04 was distributed to the BOD members.

Motion MA/TB to approce this financial report was approved 8 - 0.

Sean O'Neill reported there was no room charge for last night's HOF dinner as it was held at the L V Convention Center instead of at a hotel. Sean also stated donations were still coming in.

6. Museum report by Dean Johnson. A large amount of artifacts and memorabilia are in the homes of Mike Babuin, Tim Boggan and Dean Johnson. This all could be at risk -

Proposal by Mike Babuin presented by Dean Johnson: we rent a 10' by 20' storage space and purchase needed office equipment to store these items. Initial cost plus 1st year's operation would be \$3,756, subsequent yearly operating budget would be \$3,400 per year. Mike Babuin would be the Curator.

The BOD approved this general idea. Sean O'Neill will contact Mike Babuin and discuss this, then contact the BOD via email.

Triangle Table Tennis presently has our most valuable artifacts on display. They will be safe there for several years at least.

Sean stated that Chuck Hoey (ITTF Museum Curator) suggested we set up a virtual museum.

Mal Anderson stated he would record scans of his (67,000+) TT photos on an external hard drive and send it to Mike Babuin. (Scans these images are already stored at USATT Hq and at the ITTM Museum)

7. It was suggested we should award a plaque, similar to the plaque awarded to HOF members, to anyone who donates more than \$1,000 to the HOF. Sean O'Neill and Dean Johnson will work on this

(Patty Wasserman left)

8. HOF logo. Presently has letters USTTA. The BOD prefers USATT. Sean O'Neill will make this change.

9. Our next BOD meeting and HOF Banquet will be in July 2018.

10. Nate Wasserman Program grants. Presently \$6,400 goes to a Junior Tournament run by Dan Seemiller. Seemiller would like this raised to \$7,500. Sean O'Neill will discuss this with Dan Seemiller and Si Wasserman.

11. Si Wasserman has allocated \$300,000 to the HOF in his estate plan. Are we receiving the interest on this? We will ask Patty Wasserman to answer this.

12. Our Nominating Committee is Sean O'Neill, Tim Boggan and Dean Johnson.

Donna Sakai suggested nominating Yaroslav Kaminsky and Stellan Bengtsson. Stellan's playing career was entirely for Sweden, but he has done significant work for handicapped players in the USA.

13. Motion (MA/DH) to adjourn passed 7 - 0.

Malcolm Anderson
Secretary, USATT HOF