

**United States Table Tennis
Hall of Fame Board Meeting
December 2008**

Board Members Present

Tim Boggan (timboggan@aol.com), Dick Evans (dickevans@frontiernet.net), Dean Johnson (Djab2b@aol.com), Yvonne Kronlage, Sean O'Neill (sean@ping-pong.com), Donna Sakai (donnasenoda@aol.com)

Also in attendance: Si Wasserman, Christian Lillieroos

Meeting called to order by President Dick Evans

1. Financial Report – Dick reviewed previously distributed 12/1/08 Financial Report. Correction required and will adjust and redistribute. Projects balanced budget for 2009.
2. Induction Banquet – Discussion of banquet food with a consensus that attendees were pleased. Programs were handled by Steve and he is willing to continue to do them in the future. Discussed guidelines for allocation of complimentary tickets. Agreed to leave this at the Dick's discretion. Dick will pursue with USATT adding HOF as a recipient for donations on USATT entry blanks.
3. Parliamentary Procedure – Agreed to avoid Robert's Rules unless circumstances warrant. i.e. – important issues/ significant differences in opinion.
4. Governance – Dick will vote only in case of ties. Proxy use will be accepted if request is put in writing to Dick. Decision made to leave as is criteria for terms of office.
5. Corporate Sponsorship Prospectus – Due to current economic conditions, Dick will table efforts to pursue corporate sponsorships. Dick reported he has done extensive research working on a solicitation letter but will save for future efforts. Christian Lillieroos offered USATT assistance in this area.
6. Election Format for Induction – Tim described existing nominating process. There is a steering committee – currently 3 members – Tim, Steve and Dick. Anyone is free to make a nomination (with supporting documentation) and the steering committee will determine final nominations for board approval. Board in complete agreement that no results/information be provided to inductees or potential inductees.

7. Mark Matthews Award – agreed to committee size of three. Tim is only active member and he will pick two new members to join the committee.
8. HOF/USATT Relationship - Christian described new USATT by-laws. Although HOF will not be a committee we could be a Contributing Organizational member. This is a positive arrangement – no direct control by USATT but USATT can still provide financial assistance and other benefits as appropriate. Dick will review the new USATT by-laws and send a letter to USATT stating why the HOF should be a contributing organizational member. Christian expressed confidence that we would gain approval.
9. Meeting adjourned by President Dick Evans.

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