

**United States Table Tennis
Hall of Fame Board Meeting
December 2009
Saturday, Dec. 19th**

Board Members Present

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

Also in attendance: Si Wasserman, Mal Anderson

Meeting called to order by President Dick Evans – 9:06 am

1. Motion to accept minutes from December '08 minutes passed.
2. Governance Issues –
 - a. Quorum - Agreed by acclamation that size of quorum required to conduct business is 5
 - b. Terms of Office – By-laws do not address means to remove member from office. Sean advised of his experience with the Athletes Advisory Committee which allows for removal if a member misses 3 meetings. Discussion continued with no definitive outcome.
 - c. Steering Committee – Agreed to change name to Induction Nominating Committee. Current committee members are Dick Evans, Tim Boggan and Steve Isaacson.
3. USATT/HOF - Agreed to continue policy of providing complimentary banquet tickets to USATT Board of Directors. Also agreed, by acclamation, to extend policy to Mark Matthews award recipients. Additionally, Dick Evans has board support to use his discretion to give additional complimentary tickets to someone in need.
4. Induction Procedures –
 - a. Discussion, with no changes made, of limiting the number of inductees allowed per year. The primary concern is the length of the banquet and ways to keep it a reasonable length.
 - b. Agreement reached that in the future, the honoring of deceased members should be limited with the use of slide presentations and moment of silence.
 - c. After discussion, agreement reached that the ballot voting guidelines will continue with “shall vote”.
 - d. Tim restated process requiring that all requests for candidate induction be accompanied with adequate back-up information.

5. HOF Museum - Dick Evans presented information on the potential for a HOF museum at a possible future Chula Vista training center. Additionally, he will pursue process for inventorying potential HOF materials/artifacts.
6. Mark Matthews Award Committee - – Tim reviewed the history of both the HOF and Lifetime Achievement awards as well as the criteria for the Lifetime Achievement award.

Sean O'Neill left the meeting – 9:40 am

7. Nate Wasserman Memorial Scholarship Awards Program – Si Wasserman provided a history of the scholarship program. He is happy with the involvement of the cadet and pre-cadet competition at Dan Seemiller's tournament in Indiana and would like that to continue. The annual award is \$5,000 for the scholarships and payment of all administrative costs.
8. Fundraising – Dick Evans will continue efforts to raise corporate funds through letter writing. \$5,000 was raised this past year – as opposed to \$6,000 the year before. Board agreed to compensate Dick 10% of his fundraising amount to help defray travel/miscellaneous expenses he incurs, with a cap of \$1,000. Dick will pursue compensation for one complimentary hotel room from the official hotel.
9. Meeting adjourned by President Dick Evans - 10:30 am

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