



## **Yankee Board Meeting**

12/6/2022, 7:30 PM

On-line Meeting

Board Attendees: Jeffry Powell, Judy Katalina, Amy Grigg, Geoff Tasca, Miriam Moodley, Nick Mone, Mark Archibald, John Kubilis

Board Absences: Lauren Bennett

Guests: Dave Peixoto, Zack Dalton, Daniel Chen

### **1. Approval of Prior Minutes**

- a. Prior minutes were distributed to be voted on.

### **2. Reports**

- a. Registrar's Report (Jeffry)
  - i. 2276 total members with ratings last year, more then half way to that total with Convention Center tournaments likely to add to it.
  - ii. 680 members have joined since October, 40% Female, 60% Male.
  - iii. 22% of the membership this year are new players. Not much growth at the upper levels yet.
- b. NERVA Report (Dave)
  - i. The big events are all full. At 20% above last years numbers. Adding more events is being discussed.
  - ii. Every club has had to turn away kids.
- c. Ratings Report (Jeffry)
  - i. Have added a few new raters.
  - ii. Uprates from now through Mohegan will be effective January 3<sup>rd</sup> as not many tournaments the holiday weekends.
- d. Social Media Report (Amy)
  - i. Fell behind a bit on winners posts due to having to chase down tournament reports from the TDs whether user error or google form issue.
  - ii. Website header updated to promote the Mohegan players party. Will add to FAQ page as well.
  - iii. Printed sign promoting the players party would be a good idea, Amy and Geoff will combine to handle this.
  - iv. Most popular posts in terms of comments are the ratings posts and winning pictures.
- e. Web Editor Report (Jeffry)
  - i. Have not had the time to get to it but is a priority to get someone working on it.
- f. GrassRoots Campaign Report (Jeffry)
  - i. 44 new members from scrambles so far. Most have upgraded to full membership.
  - ii. Coed Reverse format is less popular and more confusing for new players. May convert next one to men's and women's.
  - iii. Have made do with prizes for scrambles by using leftovers from last year and last year's champs prizes. Working on getting prizes ordered next few weeks.
- g. Tournament Director's Report (Mark)
  - i. Draft went well, couple of late tournament directors jumped in.
  - ii. Ran the draft early in November instead of December. Helps TDs that are fighting basketball for gym time.
  - iii. Aces Wild tournament was a little slow to fill.
  - iv. BCC was hit with a flurry of sign ups and was 75% full within the first day.
  - v. Some captains expressed frustration that more frequent captains should get priority for BCC.
  - vi. Will discuss options for BCC sign ups in the fall, perhaps doing away with checks as an option for Convention Center tournaments.
  - vii. Talked with GEVA to discuss details for A/AA showcase.

### **3. New Business**

- a. Mohegan Sun tournament and players party preparation (likely to be discussed in reports)
- b. Nationals mapping discussion
  - i. USAV email to Dave stated that they will enforce that players can not play multiple levels at Nationals.
  - ii. Other regions do not oversee their adult members at all and generally don't police what levels their teams play.
  - iii. If we eliminate mappings stipends will likely go away or need to be rethought and distributed to more teams then just the winner. Perhaps put that money toward the Nationals gifts instead.
  - iv. Judy motioned to eliminate all mappings for Nationals. Miriam seconded the motion. After discussion about impact on USAV tournaments on our current schedule motion was amended to eliminate mappings for Nationals but keep them in place for the USAV tournaments that we have already scheduled locally. Motion passed 8-0.
  - v. Stipend issue will still need to be discussed.
- c. Champs schedule discussion (specifically regionals and CR championships)
  - i. Taunton can add 2 more courts for all of our dates if needed.
  - ii. Probably no CR champs as the format has become less popular and we now offer RCO Champs at all levels.

#### **4. Old Business**

- a. Discussion on the rating for female players in men's tournaments.
  - i. Tabled
- b. Discussion on amending rule for replacement of injured players early in the day.
  - i. Tabled
- c. Not on the agenda, term lengths for board members and staggering the terms was discussed but also tabled.

#### **5. Executive Session**

#### **Key Future Dates**

- Mohegan Sun Tourney December 16-18, 2022
- BCC February 24-26
- Yankee Picnic, June 11, 2023
- Yankee Board Meetings: Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>; Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>