

July 7, 2009

The following is a brief synopsis of the United States Table Soccer Federation's combined meeting of its Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Regional/State Directors (open to the public).

In Attendance:

Pat Ryan
Jim Waterman
Bruce Nardoci
Ed Geer
Jim Stevens
Charles MacKintosh
Henry Serate
Kathy Brainard

1. President's report read

2. Financial report read

3. Votes

Ratings and Rankings

That ratings (the number) should be updated a *minimum* of 2 times per year, and that those dates be fixed as to when they will happen and for what time period they are in effect.

Passed unanimously

That until such time as the USTSF has the resources (to include compensation for those conducting data updates and system management) to maintain its own ratings system for each table and/or combined table ratings, that the USTSF shall set guidelines for those systems maintained by others. The guidelines are to be in writing, then put before the Board for approval. As such, all ratings systems, regardless of manufacturer or promoter, are to be USTSF certified. Note: This further allows that in the event any player should dispute their rating points and find themselves unable to resolve that dispute with the manufacturer/promoter, they can appeal that issue to the USTSF. (Such appeal processes are to be defined and submitted to vote by the USTSF General/National Assembly meeting in September, 2009). Input and collaboration regarding establishment and/or certification of ratings systems should be sought from persons who currently run the various systems to ensure ease of implementation, and fairness to players.

Passed 4 in favor, 2 against

Ratings and Rankings (cont.)

That the USTSF should explore various systems of ranking players for a USTSF National player ranking that more accurately represents who the top players currently are in the USA. This is not to be confused with the player ratings and classifications (usually based on ELO, or the various classifications that the ratings are broken down into, i.e. pro, master, amateur, etc.)

Passed 5 in favor, 1 against

Elections

That elections for the following positions are to be held in odd numbered years:

- a) Two (2) Director-at-Large seats, and Secretary and Treasurer, and that all terms are for two years.
- b) That the other positions on the Board of Directors be elected in even numbered years (the other positions are that of President – Larry Davis, and the 2 other At-Large Positions currently held by Jim Stevens and Bruce Nardoci). This is to provide some continuity on the BoD from year to year.
- c) That the two at-large seats for this year’s election are the seats currently occupied by Kathy Brainard and Jim Waterman. Also that the vote for these seats should be conducted by e-mail so that all state and regional directors have an opportunity to vote in the election. Details of the election by e-mail process are to be worked out before the election this year.

Passed Unanimously

Fees

That the USTSF shall charge the event holder a fee of \$1 per player for any US players that play in a USTSF sanctioned event with a total prize fund of less than 25,000 dollars, and \$2 per player for USTSF sanctioned events with a prize fund of 25,000 dollars or more. The fees are to be collected by the USTSF from the tournament promoter, and are due with the results of the tournament, within 10 days of the completion of the tournament. This is a temporary fee structure, until such time as there are more services being provided to the players, thus warranting charging the players an annual fee.

Passed 4 in favor, 2 against

National Team Selection and Approval

That the selection and approval of the National team for the Bonzini WCS be delegated to the BonziniUSA players association, as they are more knowledgeable regarding that style of play and of most of the players that will be attending.

Passed Unanimously

That the selection of the National teams for the other WCS events, as well as the selection process for the World Cup team and the wildcards for the individual world multi-table Championships, be handled by the National Team Selection Committee of the USTSF.

Passed Unanimously