



**MINUTES**  
**USATT Board of Directors Teleconference Meeting**

Monday, April 9, 2018

Chair Anne Cribbs called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. EDT.

**1. Roll Call and Administrative Matters**

The following board members attended:

Anne Cribbs (Chair), Larry Hodges, Ed Hogshead, Tara Profitt, Gary Schlager, Rajul Sheth (7:08), Deepak Somarapu, Erica Wu.

Also attending:

Gordon Kaye (CEO), Dennis Taylor (General Counsel and Secretary), Mark Thompson (COO), Carl Danner (Representative of USTTA Foundation).

A quorum was established. No conflicts were reported.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2018 and March 26, 2018**

**MOTION 1. MOVED to approve the Minutes from March 12, 2018, as amended.**

Movant: Larry Hodges

Second: Ed Hogshead

**Motion passed unanimously by voice vote, 7-0-0**

**MOTION 2. MOVED to approve the Minutes from March 26, 2018, as submitted.**

Movant: Ed Hogshead

Second: Larry Hodges

**Motion passed unanimously by voice vote, 7-0-0**

### **3. Notice of Bylaw Amendment 10-B Regarding USADA/WADA (compliance with the Ted Stevens Act)**

A recent USOC audit reports that USATT is almost compliant with current requirements, except for the lack of a recent Strategic Plan (USATT's most recent is from 2009) and the lack of a bylaw requiring athletes to comply with ITTF/USADA anti-doping rules, including taking a USADA test. This is a legal dotting of an l and crossing of a t; however, USATT is required to come into compliance.

The Board reviewed USOC's proposed Bylaw amendment. Carl Danner advocated modifying the proposed amendment to reflect that it only applies to elite athletes. Mr. Kaye will research best practices from other NGBs, and the Board will likely make amendments to the proposal prior to voting.

#### **NOTICE 1. In June, the Board will consider a new Bylaw amendment creating a new Article X-B.**

The proposed new Bylaw reads:

##### **ARTICLE X-B ANTI-DOPING**

##### **Section 10-B.1. Membership anti-doping obligations.**

It is the duty of members of USATT to comply with all anti-doping rules of the International Table Tennis Federation ("ITTF"), the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), and the USOC including the USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing (USADA Protocol) and all other policies and rules adopted by the ITTF, USADA, and the USOC National Anti-Doping Policy. Members agree to submit to drug testing by the ITTF and/or USADA or their designees at any time and understand that the use of methods or substances prohibited by the applicable anti-doping rules make them subject to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension. If it is determined that a member may have committed a doping violation, the member agrees to submit to the results management authority and processes of USADA, including arbitration under the USADA Protocol, or to the results management authority of the ITTF and/or USATT, if applicable or referred by USADA.

### **4. Para Data Protection Guidelines**

Back in November, there was an athlete who felt it possible that someone's personal medical data, or something else or nothing, might have been left unguarded in a manila folder at a tournament. Mr. Kaye and Mr. Thompson, assisted by Ms. Profitt and Sharon Frant Brooks, have been creating new data protection procedures, which were distributed to the Board for its review. The new procedures will provide for enhanced security for protected data.

Mr. Kaye recommends distribution of this draft to Jasna Rather and Sharon Frant Brooks for final comments, with the resultant draft brought to the Board in the May 2018 meeting.

## **5. Consolidation of USTTA Foundation into USATT Financial Statements**

The USATT Auditor is recommending some form of recognition of USTTA Foundation financials into the USATT financial statements. The Board will place a footnote in the 2017 audit, stating that management is reviewing the matter. Mr. Kaye will conduct further research and brief the Board at the June in-person meeting.

The Board is aware that the auditor will make a material finding regarding this issue in the 2017 audit.

## **6. Events Update**

World Veterans Championships -- WVC2018

- There are currently slightly over 4100 registrants, representing 97 countries.

2018 US Nationals

- The event will be held July 2-7, 2018.
- The prospectus was posted today.
- The Westgate will serve as the host hotel.
- The event was budgeted for a 20% reduction in participation because of proximity of the WVC; however, it now appears that the reduction will be smaller. Be that as it may, the event is budgeted to return the same amount to the association as normal.

2018 US Open

- The event will be held in Orlando this December. Much of the leg work is already accomplished.
- USATT still needs to conduct a site visit to confirm that the lighting and air flow meet standards.

## **7. Executive Session**

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:55 [Note: Minutes are not kept in Executive Session.]

The Board returned to general session at 9:02.

## **8. Old Business**

n/a

9. **New Business**

**MOTION 3. MOVED to approve Deepak Somarapu as a member of the Umpires/Referees Committee.**

Movant: Larry Hodges

Second: Ed Hogshead

**Motion passed unanimously by voice vote, 7-0-1 (Mr. Somarapu abstaining)**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dennis Taylor  
Secretary