

USA Badminton Board of Directors Call

March 10, 2020

Agenda (All times EST)

9pm-

Rollcall and welcome to Fred Teng (Ken)

Present: Kyle, Ben, Dan, Fred, Rena, Patty, Ken, Nibu, Linda, Victor, Amy

Absent: None

9:05pm-

Prior minutes revisions (see attached) (Dan)

Dan motions for JRC recommendations 1-5 that were approved in the last board meeting take effect in the 2020-2021 Jr season. Ben seconds, 8-0 approval with two abstentions. (Kyle and Nibu)

9:15pm-

AAC Bylaw update (Kyle)

Kyle motions to approve the bylaw changes submitted on 3/10, Rena seconds. Passes 9-0 (Patty abstains)

9:30pm-

BWF update (Rena)

COVID-19 has forced changes to the BWF tournament calendar, especially in Europe. All England and Swiss Open will be held with no spectators.

Spanish Para International was cancelled. This event was the last opportunity for one athlete of ours to qualify, Steve Kearney is working with USOPC to apply for a bipartite spot for the Paralympics. USAB office has asked BWF and tournament organizers for refunds of hotel and entry fees.

Tokyo 2020 is currently on track.

Mastora Arezo, the president of Afghanistan Badminton Federation and member of the Afghanistan Olympic Committee and BWF Badminton Asia visited USAB on March 3-4.

BWF proposal for Tournament Director support, BWF coaching certification, ShuttleTime support and gender equity grants.

One player arrived at Czech Open, was picked up by the tournament organizers and then notified the event was cancelled. USAB office is asking BWF and tournament organizers for

refunds for travel and hotel fees. AAC will discuss Gofund me ideas for impacted in need athletes.

Fred notes that we can suggest or secure insurance for athletes to protect from event cancellation or other travel disruptions (airfare and hotel)

9:40pm-
Marketing and Sponsorship update (Ken)

Target of \$250k in sponsorship revenue in 2020 to enable funding for athletes and other projects outside of the approved budget.

Fred to develop a sponsorship strategy in the next few weeks. Will need to identify opportunities for sponsor participation in USAB events in addition to the US Open.

Membership will be included in the business plan for the organization, recognizing that we already rely on membership to support safesport, volunteers and other parts of the organization.

9:55pm-
Scheduling of next in person board meeting (Linda). Will be in Frisco TX.

US Open is June 23-28, Jr Nationals is June 25th-July 3rd, Board meeting will be either June 27th weekend, or July 3rd weekend

10:00pm-
CEO Search Committee update (Ken/Kyle/Rena/Amy)

Ken, Kyle and Rena have worked a description of the CEO job as a starting point to posting the position. Timeline is roughly establish the job description in the next two-three weeks, post in April, have it listed for 6-9 weeks, review candidates at that time and decide how to proceed.

10:10pm-
Executive session

10:27pm-
Conclude

Kyle motions to conclude, Fred seconds, unanimous approval.