



USATT Board Special Meeting Teleconference Minutes December 7, 2022

Board Chair **Richard Char** called the Board Teleconference to order at **5:00 pm** US Mountain time.

Board Members in attendance: **Arjun Chowdri, Nikhil Kumar Brandon Lawrence, Kelly Watson, Niraj Oak, Tara Profitt** and **Will Shortz**

Board Members joining after start: **Thomas Hu**

Board Members not in attendance: **Lily Zhang, Tahl Leibovitz, and Dan Reynolds**

USATT Staff: **Virginia Sung** (CEO) and **Jasna Rather** (Para High Performance)

USATT Outside Counsel: **Stephen Hess, Esq. and Brian Moran**

US Table Tennis Association, Inc. Foundation: **Pam Fontaine**

Other Persons Present: **Willy Leparulo** and **Kagin Lee**

Call for Conflicts

Board Member Kelly Watson called for actual, anticipated or perceived conflicts, and none were noted.

Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting of September 6, 2021

Upon Motion properly made and seconded, it was unanimously :

RESOLVED: That the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on September 6, 2021, are approved and formally entered into the record.

Report of the CEO

USATT Chief Executive Officer Virginia Sung reported on the 2022 IITF Summit and Annual General Meeting in Amman, Jordan.

- She described the format of the Summit and observed that there might be elements that USATT could use in the future to facilitate membership engagement. She summarized the AGM actions with respect to governance and the selection of Qatar as the location for the 2023 Championships.
- She mentioned that USATT had received an award for the conduct of the World Championships in Houston.
- She described the evolving structure of the ITTF, the creation of the WTT as a commercial entity and the recent sale of a 15% minority interest in the WTT.



Next, CEO Sung spoke to the upcoming US Open.

- She reported that 971 players have registered and more than 90% of the events have reached their maximum levels. Notwithstanding the record high level of participants, CEO Sung expressed confidence that the event could be conducted smoothly using the revised tournament model.
- She reported on the unexpectedly high cost of umpires and referees but said that USATT is still expecting to make a profit on the US Open. The Board asked several questions about the variance in umpire and referee costs and steps being taken to prevent this in the future.
- The Annual General Assembly will be held at the US Open on December 18, 2022. A draft agenda was shared with the Board.
- USATT will also be holding a series of panels at the US Open. These panels will serve to inform and engage the members on a number of different topics such as Clubs.

Audit Committee Report – 2023 Budget

Board Member Kelly Watson spoke to the 2023 Budget process. Ms. Watson noted that the Audit Committee had undertaken a detailed review of the 2023 Annual Budget and had recently met with CEO Sung. Following this meeting and revisions to the budget to reflect input from the Audit Committee, copies of the revised 2023 Budget were distributed to all Board members.

It was requested that Board members direct their questions and comments to Ms. Watson, with a copy to CEO Sung. The questions and corresponding answers will be distributed to all Board members. Thereafter, a special Board meeting will be called to approve the 2023 Budget.

Nominations to the USATT Foundation Board

Mr. Char reviewed with the Board the proposed nominations to the USATT Foundation Board for 2023. The Board discussed the basis for selecting nominees and the proposed nominees. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: That the Dell Sweeris, Donna Sakai and Pam Fontaine are hereby nominated to the Foundation Board, to serve until their successors are duly qualified.

RESOLVED FURTHER: That the Foundation be informed of such nomination in order that it may finalize their appointment to the Foundation.

Next Board Meeting – February 6, 2022

Board Chair Char notified all present that the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2022, at 6:00 pm Mountain Time.

Executive Session

Upon Motion properly presented, seconded and approved, the Board excused the General Membership and moved into Executive Session where it discussed various matters.



Upon Motion properly presented and seconded, the following Resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION: That the Board concludes the Executive Session and move back into the Board's General Session.

Adjournment

It was properly moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting. Board meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm US Mountain time.

Respectfully submitted.

Richard Char
USATT Board Chair