

**United States Table Tennis
Hall of Fame Board Meeting
December 2010
Saturday, Dec. 20th**

Board Members Present

Dick Evans (dickevans@frontiernet.net), Tim Boggan (timboggan@aol.com), Dean Johnson, Sean O'Neill (sean@ping-pong.com), Scott Gordon, Mal Anderson, Donna Sakai (donnasenoda@aol.com)

Also in attendance: Cindy Marcum (proxy for Dick Hicks) Si Wasserman, Jack Witherbee

Meeting called to order by President Dick Evans – 7:30 am

1. Motion to accept minutes from December '09 minutes passed.
2. President's Report –
 - a. Dick reviewed previously distributed interim financial report, highlighting an anonymous donation funneled through our organization. As of 11-10, we have \$22,000 in the bank. Our biggest expense continues to be the cost of the banquet and fundraising continues to cover the expense. Dick will update the report in January to reflect final banquet financials.
 - b. Complimentary banquet tickets – Board in agreement to provide past Mark Matthews award winners with a complimentary plus 1 ticket.
3. Committee Reports –
 - a. Nominating – Dick advised that the committee (Dean, Tim & Dick) continually field calls with requests for consideration of others. The process requires that supporting documentation accompany all such requests. One specific request was made by Bob Kaminsky for the consideration of Norman Kilpatrick.
 - b. Mark Matthews – Tim reported nothing specific to discuss. Committee has short list of potentials candidates.
 - c. Webpage – Sean reported quick update time with the recent deaths of both Dick Miles & D.J. Lee on our site but not so with the USATT website. He hopes to work closer with USATT to improve its responsiveness. Mal continues to work with Sean to provide pictures for the site.
 - d. Wasserman – Dan Seemiller reported on the big success of this year's tournament (229 players with 51 juniors). Would like to see prize money extended to semi-finalists to encourage more participation. Sean suggested incorporating a national high school event to help draw more players. Posters (provided by Dean) were a big hit and were displayed at the banquet as well. Process of funneling money through USATT causes delay in winners

receiving their prize but is necessary to safeguard amateur status. Thanks, Si, for your generous donation!!

1. New Business –
 - a. Dick updated board on medical/financial status of Hall of Famer Jack Howard. Tim advised that the Swathling Cup helps its members as needed and supports we do the same. Board in agreement that that we provide limited financial assistance (\$2,000) to Jack. Future help to others will be limited to Hall of Fame members.
 - b. Dick advised board of status of the DJ Lee donation. Approximately 20 boxes of merchandise is being stored in Donna Sakai's garage in Las Vegas. Dick, Dean & Donna will do a preliminary inventory later this weekend. Collection has possible memorabilia value as well as charitable donation or sale potential.
 - c. Si Wasserman suggested banquet program be updated to include an asterisk denoting HOF member is deceased.
2. Banquet Discussion – In agreement that both inductees and presenters be advised that they are strictly limited to 10 minute speeches. Dick will add this requirement to the form letter mailed to new inductees. Dick will also ask inductees for a copy of their speeches beforehand.
3. Governance – Steve Isaacson's departure from the board was reviewed. Board participation requirement was discussed and consensus reached that missing three meetings is reasonable cause for removal. Our by-laws do not include any wording regarding meeting participation.
4. Dick Miles Cup – The cup is presented annually by USATT to the winner of the Men's Singles at the US Closed. Dick had a discussion with Mike Cavanaugh offering co-sponsorship of the cup as well as exploring possible promotional opportunities for the cup. Additionally, Dick will suggest a similar award be initiated for the Women's champion.
5. Meeting adjourned by President Dick Evans – 8:45 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Donna Sakai, Secretary USTTA Hall of Fame.