

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting – April 30, 2014

Members present: Rick Meyers, Julie Beckham, Rich Bryan, Beverly Guthrie, Adam Ewing, Chris Redman, Mary Noel Corn, Sheila Kidd, Karen Wilkins, Susan Bowles and Robyn Wertheim.

From USTA, Laura Gilbert and Amanda Friday were present

Allen Prachyl was not present.

Cathie Coleman and Drake Coleman stopped by shortly

Stacey Bryan

Business

The board approved the minutes of the March 26 2014 meeting motion by Robyn Wertheim to approve and seconded by Rich Bryan. All approved.

Rick said that an Area Training Center Account that had been started over 26 years ago had approx.. \$1,000 in the bank and he wanted to sign it over to the ATA.

Other Business

Cathie & Drake Coleman stopped by to talk about the JTL for the Refugees. They wanted to spread the word that Drake is leaving and wanted to put out to the Board to see if anyone was interested in taking over this project. Cathie talked about the program and the importance to these kids. Amanda suggested that they bring to the ACU Tennis Club.

Amanda Friday

- Had been at meetings all day at various facilities
- McMurry & HSU are interested in getting a Club started
- HSU should be breaking ground for their new tennis facilities soon
- She will be having meetings with Sam Gregory with Dyess and the Parks & Recreation for the Senior Tennis Club the next day from 10:15-11:30.
- Talked about the Hot Shots which is an incentive for Schools

Laura Gilbert

- Just came in from Wichita Falls.
- She has about 15-20 CTA's
- She has been helping the CTA's focus on their structure.
- She suggested once we get our 5013C in order so that the ATA would be protected. She suggested a sub-committee be organized to do a check off list:
 - o Liability Ins.
 - o Health Index
 - o Bylaws
 - o Office's are in order
 - o Good sets of policies & procedures in place
 - o Good Job Descriptions for Committee Chairs
 - o Keep files on Google Doc or Drop Box

Treasurer's Report - Sheila

- Discussed financials of the ATA and gave a written report to each board member. Gave report of income and expenses of April ZAT tournament which showed income of \$288.77.
- Sheila asked Amanda Friday from USTA, about how Tournament Directors were normally paid, and Amanda Friday said it was usually a written agreement and all tournaments were based on flat fees or number of kids attending.
- Sheila asked that she be put on the ATA – JTT Bank Acct signature card.
- Beverly asked that the monies in the ATA account be moved the ATA – JTT Bank Acct
- A motion to move money from ATA account to the ATA-JTT Bank account was made by Beverly Guthrie and seconded by Julie Beckham, all approved.
- Beverly Guthrie made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Robyn Wertheim seconded, all approved.

Vice-President – Rich Bryan

- Rich asked about the Highway 80 tournaments. Amanda Friday said they could be added anytime.

ATA Committee chairs made reports on the tennis news and upcoming events for their groups.

Community Development - Robyn Wertheim

- Robyn received the Health Index back and the ATA received a 6.3 score.
- She had received a request from the Chamber of Commerce to participate in the Busted Racquet/Busted Putter which is a connection w/Dyess. She would like ATA to be a Sponsor of \$500, have a booth, signage & reinvestment into the game.
- Beverly Guthrie made a motion to fund the \$500 as a sponsor for the Busted Racquet and Susan Bowles 2nd the motion, all approved.

Adult Men's League/ Rose Park – Adam Ewing

- Discussed Men's league looked like may have 4.5 teams, over 40 qualified for Sectionals.
- 4.0's non existent
- Announced this would be his last meeting because he is taking a job in San Antonio. He needed someone to take over the men's leagues.
- Karen Wilkins said she would take over the men's league.
- He would be in charge of the Rodick Academy

Adult Women's League – Susan Bowles

- 3.0 Women's adults are almost finished
- 3.5 Women are just about to start
- There are no 4.0's
- 4.5 over 40 going to QT
- Susan would like to see how San Angelo got so large.

Officials/Referees – Allen Prachyl:

- Not at meeting

Junior Tennis – Julie Beckham:

- Julie discussed the JTT last meeting and the addition of more Junior sanctioned tournaments in Abilene
- Abilene will be sending a team to USPTA in September, and wanted to send in funds as soon as it was possible to register the team.
- Discussed that JTT State is in Midland and that JTT has 3 or 4 teams attending May 17-19.
- Next Sectional in Abilene in November at Rose Park

- Julie just received items for ATA banquet.

USTA Tournament Director for Abilene - Chris Redman

- Just noted the completion of April ZAT and said no other tournaments coming up

Tennis Events Committee – Mary Noel Corn:

- Announced that the ATA Banquet will be on Wednesday, May 14 at the Abilene Civic Center
- Mary Noel Corn has raised \$2500 in Sponsorships for the ATA Banquet.
- Cookies would be made as dessert and be placed at each place setting
- Discussion regarding the MVP certificates and how many students should be given a certificate
- There were 68 MVP's nominated so far
- Wylie Reps would do the prayers and drinks.
- Giving 3 in town Camps, 1 A & M Camp
- Money from Rose Park - \$150, Kyle's \$150, and Clark's for \$250

Group discussed a possibility of helping Allen Prachyl's since his son was no longer in a coma, but in a rehab and would be for quite a while. The group discussed setting up a meal plan online. Susan Bowles said she would set up website and send out email's.

Next meeting will be held May 28, 2014

Adjourned at 9:00