

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting – February 26, 2014

Members present: Rick Meyers, Allen Prachyl, Susan Bowles, Julie Beckham, Rich Bryan, Beverly Guthrie, Adam Ewing, Chris Redman, Adam Ewing, Mary Noel Corn, and Robyn Wertheim. Also Attending were USTA representatives, Amanda Friday and Mike Carter.

Rick introduced Mike Carter and Amanda Friday to the board.

Business

The board approved the nominations for the board:

Rick Meyers – President
Rich Bryan – Vice President
Beverly Guthrie – Secretary
Sheila Kidd – Treasurer

Robyn Wertheim made the motion to approve, and Susan Bowles seconded the motion, all approved.

The board then approved the minutes of the January 2014 meeting with the change of spelling of Karen Wilkins.

Rick suggested we look at Bylaws and asked Beverly Guthrie and Robyn Wertheim to work on and update ByLaws.

CTA's online Renewal was due and Robyn Wertheim agreed to get done.

Beverly agreed to take a look at CTA Took Kits and get samples of Bylaws and information

Texas Jr. Competitive Tennis - Rick Meyers:

- get better umpires
- push for better tournaments
- All Abilene Tournaments 1 1/2 years ago were on probation
- Abilene tournaments have seen improvements and would have gone off of probation, but with changeover of Tournament Director from Bill to Chris, Abilene is still on probation until Chris proves himself
- Many tournaments were cancelled because of incremental weather – Rick recommended refunds, but after hearing, the Committee made no recommendation to refund fees. The software unable to do refund.
- 10u system in Texas is best in nation
- anybody having champs needs to play in April. That Champs point are doubled.
- thinking about having 3 champs zones in smaller markets.

Mike Carter

- Talked about PE instructional at St. John's and very excited about the changes in CTA. Mentioned that the JTT Sectionals will be in Midland May 17th & 18th.
- Not doing CDW this year, but piloting a new program called Hot Shots which will be a stepping stone to JTT
- Encouraged Webinars because they are free.
- Encouraged being diverse and putting money back in to CTA's. That the funds collected need to be used for grass roots, Junior's, Seniors and disabilities.

Amanda Friday

- Talked about Dyess was chosen as a NH pilot program, and it has really taken off. USTA gave Dyess more equipments.
- Met with Jeff White, at parks and recreational and they are doing a lot of things with adaptive tennis, talked about doing a lot more programs with tennis and Ready Set Rally – Adaptive recreation.
- ACU – Tennis on Campus were playing in their first sectional. They did really well – won first tournament.
- March is National Tennis Month

Rich Bryan

Gave a brief outline about himself, and excited to be a part of ATA.

- Suggested the idea of PE Credits, getting them involved with JTT
- Also recommended after talking to Julie & Rick that we put together a kids scramble league

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

Adult Leagues -Susan Bowles had to leave early so Rick gave report

- Had a kickoff Mixer at ACC
- Received a Grant from USTA Texas
- Having an Exhibition Play

Officials/Referees – Allen Prachyl:

- Abilene very short on officials, May 17th Umpires School in Abilene
- Need netsticks for AHS – discussion followed, Rose Park has many out in shed, need a count, go ahead and buy
- buying 25 pairs @ \$20 for a total of \$500, 8 for Wylie, 8 for Cooper & 8 for Abilene High

Junior Tennis – Julie Beckham:

- starting JTAA-Spring Leagues 2014 started last week
- discussed that 18u is larger
- advanced divisions are suffering.
- Paper is coming out to do a story about being with family & Movement.
- JTT is going to do a Jr vs Sr tournament on April 13
- Julie suggested having an umpire committee so that they could have a voice.

Adam Adult Leagues

Discussed adult League

- Having mixed doubles
- Adults doubles tournament
- Putting Adult doubles tournament together Easter Weekend
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Chris Redman

ZATS were coming along in March 8 & April 12

Tennis Events Committee – Mary Noel Corn:

- ATA Banquet for Spring 2014, Wednesday or May 14....
- location options for banquet: Civic Center \$400
- There will be Audio Visual, and have a huge screen.
- getting baby pictures gathered up
- discussion on tablecloths and wear abouts.
- Going to do a survey
- going to have a dessert table with cupcakes

- discussion about an Adult Banquet.

Treasurer's Report – Sheila Kidd:

Sheila was unable to attend meeting.

Next meeting will be held March 26, 2014

Adjourned at 8:30