

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting – March 26, 2014

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

Karen Wilkins and Susan Bowles were not present.

Business

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

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 ZAT tournament which showed a loss.
- Discussed the JTT account, and Beverly Guthrie, Treasurer of the JTT will provide bank statement information to ATA Treasurer, Sheila Kidd. Rick Meyers, will check with Amanda Friday and Mike Carter regarding account status.
- Sheila also asked Rick Bryan to check on a check that had not cleared yet for Score Posts
- There was further discussion of a healthy CTA and the involvement of JTT & Adult Leagues.
- Discussion was continued on the importance of updating bylaws.
- Sheila Kidd said that deposit was made for Civic Center for the ATA Banquet.

Vice-President – Rich Bryan

- Reported that the Scramble League that was put together by Rick was going great and very excited for it to happen
- Discussion about various P.E. Credits in schools were different from school to school
- Asked about Parent /Child tournament on April 13, and was told that it is a 10u tournament only this year
- Rich would also check on Check for Score Posts that were purchased

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

Community Development - Robyn Wertheim

- Robyn reported that the ATA had been successfully registered and that the CTA online renewal was complete
- Robyn has been asked to serve on the Advocacy Committee and discussed what was involved with that committee and how ATA might participate
- Reported that the Adult League Mixer had 52 attend.
- Tomorrow, March 27, 2014, there would be a Social Media webinar through USTA if anyone was interested in the link
- Will work with Adam Ewing on the Diversity Grant Program for scholarships for the 4 Abilene middle schools

Adult Men's League/ Rose Park – Adam Ewing

- Discussed Men's league looked like may have two 3.5 teams and one 4.5 team. Further discussion on why adults are not playing
- Discussed working with the Four Abilene Middle Schools, Clack, Craig, Mann & Madison and taking a total of 16 kids and offering scholarships for these kids to play tennis up to 4 days a week. Requirements will be that they are passing in school, and will be chosen by the coaches from each middle school.
- Adam will work with Robyn Wertheim on the Diversity Grant Program.
- Discussed possible USPT men's league competition between Abilene and San Angelo

Officials/Referees – Allen Prachyl:

- Reported that there were two upcoming tournaments, a Huge Jr. High Tournament and a College Tournament on April 5th, which would require a number of umpires. Wanted to spread the work of the need.
- April 12 ZAT would need umpires
- Chair School will be held May 11th
- Umpire School will be held May 17 at Rose Park

Junior Tennis – Julie Beckham:

- Discussed that JTT had one snow out day and that matches were being made up
- Reminded ATA of the website so that it may be utilized by the various divisions of ATA
- Gave the name of Matt Parker with ITHINK as IT guy to go to if update was wanted
- Discussion of Score Posts came up and Julie reminded that Green Score Posts were owned by JTT. And that the younger kids were using the net counters that were purchased.
- Julie discussed the possibility of getting sponsorships for various tournaments especially ZATs

USTA Tournament Director for Abilene - Chris Redman

- Discussed the March ZAT tournament and reported 150 players participated. Chris Redman worked 61 hours getting the tournament ready, and that 14 umpires were used for all the sites during the ZAT.
- Rick Meyers asked that Chris will put in bids to change months for ZAT tournament so that it will not conflict with Spring Break.
- Chris reported that deadline for April ZAT will be Sunday, March 30

Tennis Events Committee – Mary Noel Corn:

- Announced that the ATA Banquet will be on Wednesday, May 14 at the Abilene Civic Center
- Sheila agreed to help with printing tickets to sell
- Mary Noel has already purchased double roll tickets for raffles/door prizes
- Discussion on the number of tickets that were given out;
 - o Schools were delivered 75 tickets
 - o 150-250 tickets were given to Rose Park
 - o 25 ticket to Abilene Country Club
- Mary Noel can go to schools to pick up and deliver more tickets
- Ice can be purchased for \$10 for 100lbs
- There will be a senior only slide show with toddler picture and random Junior Team Pictures
- Rented nice projector and screen
- Food will be furnished by Roberson's
- She has developed a sponsorship letter and mailed out
 - o Game - \$50
 - o Set - \$100
 - o Match - \$200
- Will Show sponsors on slide show, and sponsor board/banner, possibly on tables
- Stan West photographer is coming and doing a back drop for photo ops
- Robyn Wertheim has agreed to print certificate awards and Allen will get the names of the kids to her
- There will need to be a minimum of 14 plaques made
- Rick will make order from Clark's
- All ATA Board members will help with the collection of door prizes
- Checks for sponsorships will go to Sheila
- Civic Center will be open at 8:00 am that morning to begin decorating
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Next meeting will be held April 30, 2014

Adjourned at 8:45