

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting – May 28, 2014

Members present: Julie Beckham, Rich Bryan, Beverly Guthrie, Chris Redman, Sheila Kidd, Karen Wilkins, Allen Prachyl and Robyn Wertheim.

Rick Meyers, Susan Bowles and Mary Noel Corn were not present.

Business

The board approved the minutes of the April 30, 2014, meeting with change duly noted, motion by Robyn Wertheim to approve and seconded by Allen Prachyl. All approved.

Treasurer's Report - Sheila

- Beverly Guthrie made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Julie Beckham seconded, all approved.
- Sheila brought up email that was sent by Julie Beckham regarding the approval of \$240 for quilt for Rick. Supposedly, Meyer's family was sending money to help with expenses.
- Sheila made the motion that ATA send the \$240 for quilt and Robyn Wertheim seconded.
- Sheila noted that she and I had met at the bank and had her added to the Junior Tennis Account
- Discussion of the Area Training Center Bank Account. Julie Suggested we keep open in case we want to continue the training center. Julie made motion and Rich seconded. Will get a letter of authorization signed by Rick, and have Sheila put on the account as Treasurer. Sheila will type up a letter and get Rick to sign it.

Vice-President – Rich Bryan

- Rich brought up to Allen and presented to him an envelope of money that was collected at ATA banquet from ATA, and the Abilene Tennis families, kids and schools.

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

Community Development - Robyn Wertheim

- Robyn mentioned that the Busted Racquet Tournament would be June 6th
- She reported that there had not been any Dyess Personnel sign up yet. Rich said he would play. She noted that 7 downtown people had signed up.
- Next month the assessment from USTA would be out and Todd said he would be down for a visit.
- Discussions was made regarding the need for other committees to be formed

Secretary – Beverly Guthrie

- Brought up Health Index and how we need to continue to set up our structure of ATA and that the first thing was the need of a Tournament Committee. Rich volunteered to be the Tournament Committee Chair. Allen Prachyl, Karen Wilkins, Julie Beckham, Beverly Guthrie, Debbie Shultz, Rick Meyers and Diane Flanagan agreed to serve on that Committee.
- Julie mentioned that the Jr. Tennis Committee wants to have more tournaments, and that Jimmy Schaffer – Hawley Tennis Coach is interested in being a site director.
- Beverly Guthrie made the motion that Rich be the ATA Tournament Committee Chair, and Karen Wilkins seconded the motion.
- Discussion regarding various upcoming tournaments and how TD's were paid.

Adult League – Karen Wilkins

- Discussed various qualified league teams
- She will send out matches to qualify everybody

Officials/Referees – Allen Prachyl:

- Noted that on May 17 they had 20-22 people come to the official school.
- December 31, 2015 is when this certification will expire.
- December 31, 2014 is the last day to get certified.
- The Training was good
- Allen went to Chair umpire School in Dallas. He needs more people to do that.
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Junior Tennis – Julie Beckham:

- Julie discussed that the JTT sent 2 teams to Midland for the Sectional Tournament and that 2 teams will go to the Advanced Tournament in June in Waco.
- Midland had a video trailer that came to the tournament
- The tournament that will be held in Abilene in the Fall
- JTT Fall registration will be in August and play starts in September
- Had 210 children in Fall and 230 in Spring playing
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USTA Tournament Director for Abilene - Chris Redman

- Discussed that he was taking over the Junior Programs at Rose Park and that Colton was taking over the Grand Prix's and Leagues. Discussion about various things going on at Rose Park.

Tennis Events Committee – Mary Noel Corn:

Was not at meeting, but Beverly Guthrie passed around an email that stated the following:

2014 ATA Banquet:

**We sold right at 450 tickets for the event(250 tickets were sold as of the Friday before the event when I picked up all the tickets, between then and the day of the banquet I sold 200 more!!!!-Rick announced that we will only pre-sale tickets next yr to help get a set number early.*

**All the coaches going up to the stage at the same time was smoother and faster. We will discuss the guidelines about giving the awards for jr highs at another meeting. Co-MVPs, Best Sportsmanship, etc.*

**I raised \$3150 in Sponsorship!! My committee will have more time and do even better next year.*

**I gave Stan West a \$75 gift card to Copper Creek for all his hard work from ATA, recommended by Rick Meyers.*

**All table decorations have been saved and will be used again next year along with the green plants.*

**I have 9th-12th parents from each high school that will be on my committee next year. This will help bring all the schools together and keep everyone involved every year!*

Thanks to everyone that helped me make this one of the best banquets ever!!

Next meeting will be held June 25, 2014

Adjourned at 8:45