

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting – October 22, 2014

Members present: Rich Bryan, Mary Noel Corn, Beverly Guthrie, Sheila Kidd, Allen Prachyl, Chris Redman, Julie Beckham, Susan Bowles, Rick Meyers, Robyn Wertheim and Karen Wilkins were not present.

Business

The board approved the minutes of the September 24, 2014, with noting the correction of the misspelling of Allen Prachyl's name in two spots. Sheila Kidd made a motion to approve and Chris Redman made the second. All approved

Treasurer's Report - Sheila

- Sheila presented financials
- Discussion of Sanction Fees, Sheila will call Debi Shultz to try and see if she can get 2014 Sanction fees paid since they were not submitted last year in time.
- Discussion of Adult League fees and suggestions for accountability in the future.
- Sheila announced that a \$700 donation was made to the ATA in Memory of Rick's Mom.

Beverly Guthrie made a motion to approve financials and Rich Bryan seconded it. All approved.

Vice-President – Rich Bryan/Tournament Chair

- Rich announced that the March & May ZAT for 2015 has been approved.

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

Community Development - Robyn Wertheim

Not at meeting no report

Secretary – Beverly Guthrie

- Handed out drafts of Bylaws to be reviewed and discussed final changes, which New Bylaws will be submitted in October to be approved.
- Discussion of two signatures for amounts above \$1,000 to be signed by two members of the executive committee.
- Discussion was made to add ATA Scholarship Committee verbiage.
- Discussed that tax exempt status had been revoked on June 9, 2011. Davis Kinard sent paperwork with Beverly to get the tax exempt status updated and gave file to Sheila, to finish filling out necessary information.
- Visited about the change of address for the ATA, which Sheila checked on and has to be a place that can be "served". Discussion was made that ATA use the address of Davis Kinard and Company as the address for the Articles of Incorporation and paperwork for State.
- It was discussed and approved that Bylaws would be signed and approved at November meeting, then the following of Bylaws would begin January 2015. Since there was not enough time to hold an annual meeting and so forth. The main focus is to get Bylaws done and work on getting tax exempt status renewed.
- It was discussed that each Board Member should be a Chairman of a Committee unless on Executive Committee, but a member of Executive Committee could also Chair a Committee.

Adult Women's League – Karen Wilkins

Not at meeting no report

Adult Men's League – Susan Bowles

Not at meeting no report

Officials/Referees – Allen Prachyl:

Allen shared the news of the passing of Joe Ed Burnam. He made the motion that the ATA send flowers, Rich Bryan seconded the motion and all approved.

Allen asked that the ATA purchase from USTA, 10 Official Rule Books to give to the 5 middle schools, 3 high schools and 2 adult leagues. 10 books @ \$10 each for a total of \$100. Beverly Guthrie made the motion to approve the purchase, and Rich Bryan seconded the motion.

Junior Tennis – Julie Beckham:

Beverly shared that the JTT Sectional Championships were in November and what the ACVB were doing for the tournament

USTA Tournament Director for Abilene - Chris Redman

- Discussed that he had added the Classic in November, the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 22nd.
- He was able to add the adults to the tournament.
- Due to low adult attendance at adult tournament, they have lost that tournament.
- Regional tournament is Oct 31 & Nov 1st.

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Tennis Events Committee – Mary Noel Corn:

She updated information from Civic Center. Chairs have gone up from \$1 to \$2 and tables from \$3 to \$5. She has been brainstorming sponsorships. She has the names from last year and is hopeful to get more help.

Amanda Friday

- Talked about the Section Level Committees
- USPTA Certification would be Nov 8 & 9 in Odessa at the Country Club
- TRAPS, Texas Recreation & Parks Service would be at the Civic Center in Abilene March 3-6, 2015
- Samantha at Dyess Air Force won the National Youth Excellence Award and was going to Florida.
- Dyess trying to redo courts and has applied for grants through USTA.
- Samantha is looking for Contractors if anyone knew of someone to redo fencing.
- Discussed JTT Sectional Championships. They would be using every facility in town. The Fall is one of the largest events, and expecting 700 players.
- Needed volunteers to be site directors, fill water.
- Discussed that USTA has rented Prime Time and the ACVB is footing the bill.
- Amanda asked what the CTA could do to be involved. There was no response.

Next meeting will be held November 19, 2014, Chris or Allen will try to get the Adaptive Recreation Bld for the meeting.

Adjourned at 8:45