

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting – April 27, 2015

Members present: Julie Beckham, Rich Bryan, Mary Noel Corn, Beverly Guthrie, Sheila Kidd, Rick Meyers, Allen Prachyl, Chris Redman

Susan Bowles, Robyn Wertheim and Karen Wilkins were not present.

Business

The board approved the minutes of the March 30, 2015. Motion by Julie Beckham and seconded by Rich Bryan.

President – Rick Meyers

Got the A & M Camp for the Tennis banquet and was having trouble with TCU

Treasurer's Report - Sheila

Sheila gave report.

Vice-President – Rich Bryan/Tournament Chair

Rich worked on local camps for Tennis banquet.

- Reviewed tournament schedule for rest of year
- Classic scheduled for June 13-14 was moved to Aug 1-2
- Had Chris submit sanction form for new date
- Asked Chris to submit sanction form for November Classic ASAP
- Posting tournament schedule for rest of year as flyers at ATA banquet
- Will also give one to each coach to copy & distribute at local schools
- Spoke to Colton about adult/child non sanctioned event – will follow-up to see if summer works
- 2016 tournament schedule – no rebidding this year so same ZAT, CMZ & Supers
- Still looking at Feb 20-21, late July (30-31 before tryouts) & Nov 19-20 for Classics
- Committee will look at sites in summer prior to events to make sure courts are ready
- Received thank you email from Debi Schultz (March ZAT generated over \$66,000 & produced over 100 hotel room nights for tennis tournament
- Submitted web entry form to recognize Rose Park & Chris for great job running tournament

Tournaments for 2015

o ZAT March 7-8	132 participants/40 from local area
o Classic March 21-22	36 total entries
o ZAT May 2-3	136 entries as of 4/26
o 12's & 14's Super Champs July 18-20	
o Classic Aug 1-2	
o Champs August 8-9 & 10u participation credit	
o Adult Open 100 point – Oct 9-11	
o Classic Nov 21-22	
o Champs – December 12-13	

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

Community Development - Robyn Wertheim

Given by Rich Bryan:

The adult leagues committee has met twice. It was determined that ATA will enter into a new contract with our coordinators. The coordinators will receive 75% of the earnings. The other 25% will be funneled into an incentive line to help grow the game. As of today, we are still waiting on the coordinators' draft of the contract. In old business, our committee recommends that the board approve the captain's gift expense. Although a luncheon is a nice idea, several of our captains do not have a lunch hour. We would like the board to come up with some other captain appreciation ideas for the future.

On another matter, the Busted Racket tournament is Friday, June 5th. Debra at the Chamber is the contact.

Secretary – Beverly Guthrie

- No discussion

Adult Women's League – Susan Bowles

- No discussion

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Adult Men's League – Karen Wilkins

Not at meeting no report

Officials/Referees – Allen Prachyl:

On Saturday 25, of April I meet with anyone that was interested in receiving help on their USTA test. I sent out a text to everyone about the review for tests. We had 2 students show up for the review. We went over every question and it was a good learning experience. The plan is to this again for anyone that needs help on the test.

Allen recommended that we get Coach Wasmer & Coach Fowlkes some sort of recognition for retiring. It was voted and approved by all to purchase a \$50 gift certificate to Perini's. Sheila will get the certificates.

Junior Tennis – Julie Beckham:

- JTT Season just ended 4/26
and we have 6 teams going to State - 10uG, 12uInt, 14uInt, 18uInt, 14uAdv, 18uAdv
- next JTA Committee meeting is May 4th week to pick Passion Award & Scholarship Winners, and Uspta team discuss
- we have prizes for giveaway at ATA banquet - 2 new racquets - Wilson & Babolat, tennis bags, etc... (Will bring to banquet)
- we have cmz & scmz lists for banquets and are working on certificates for Rick to hand out
- we are giving away (2) \$500 scholarships to Srs at banquet
- along with other Abilene Area businesses, we are sponsoring a DodgeBall Tournament in Abilene benefitting Colby Haught - it's May 2nd Saturday. Media to cover it too.

USTA Tournament Director for Abilene - Chris Redman

Chris noted that there was a need for more hotels for May ZAT

Tennis Events Committee – Mary Noel Corn:

Venue-Civic Center still needs our liability ins. papers

Tickets are ready to be taken to the schools and Rose Park/ACC-Shellie Smyser is in charge of it this yr. All board members get free tickets tonight.

Sponsorship is going great and almost finished collecting all the donations. We have raised \$4000.00 this year which is already more than last yr and still have a few more to collect.

Food-Diana and I went back to Jason's Deli and met with the manager. We decided to add fettuccini alfredo along with the penne pasta with marinara and chicken to give the kids 2 choices. They also said they would take off the price of the tax which is \$490.11 if we showed them a copy of the forms for a 501-3c.

Awards-I need to find someone who will hand out the awards for Cooper and Wylie since both JV and Varsity coaches will be at the state tournament. Also I want Rich to be the MC for the banquet since Rick will more than likely not be back from state. How does the city wide MVP voting work??

Photos-Stan from Photo Image Center will be the photographer

Senior slideshow is being worked on daily.

Door prizes-Rick is working on some from Clarke's, need to talk to Chris at Rose Park, Mark from McMurry said he could get some stuff if he is allowed to??

Decorations-Will start setting up on May 13th around 9:00. Purvi Shah will be in charge.
Next meeting will be held April 27, 2015

Adjourned at 8:45