

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting – August 31, 2015

Members present: Julie Beckham, Rich Bryan, Rick Meyers, Susan Bowles, Beverly Guthrie, Allen Prachyl, Chris Redman, Robyn Wertheim

Karen Wilkins and Mary Noel Corn were not present.

Business

The board approved the minutes of the July 27, 2015. Motion by Rich Bryan and seconded by Julie Beckham. All Approved

President – Rick Meyers

Formed Sportsmanship sub-committee. Spectators cannot talk to officials, just to Referee.

Grand Slam changing Financial Income. Most money will go to USTA.

Grand Sla bid is a 3 year bid.

2017 – The bid form will out 11/1 & due 3/1. Big Contingency to have in Abilene. Need 100 courts.

Treasurer's Report - Sheila

Sheila was gone, so Financials were not available or approved.

Vice-President – Rich Bryan/Tournament Chair

Tournament Committee Report

July SCMZ brought in over \$165,000 to city with over 100 hotel rooms

Still looking for possible sponsors for Dec CMZ to get t-shirts

Rescheduled Friday night kickoff for Dec CMZ at FW

2016 sanction fees that city will cover (\$1368)

ATA has to pay for Classic sanction fees

All sanction forms submitted for 2016 tournaments

Classics Feb 20/21 Jul 30/31 Nov 19/20

USTA

*ZAT Mar 5/6 *ZAT May 7/8 *SCMZ Jul 16-18

*CMZ Aug 13/14 *Adult Oct 7-9 *CMZ Dec 10/11

Recap of 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. 142 participants/42 from Abilene
- o 12's & 14's Super Champs July 18-20 4 sites/223 players/5 Abilene
- o Classic Aug 1-2 56 players/44 Abilene area
- o Champs August 8-9 & 10u 6 sites/359 players/16 Abilene
- 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

Went over Health Index – Robyn needs New Bylaws

Discussion of CDW, whether to do a Sponsorship.

Secretary – Beverly Guthrie

- No discussion

Adult Women's League – Susan Bowles

- Adult (Women) Committee Report for August 2015
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- *Proud to announce the 2015 Ladies Lone Stars won the Texas Sectional Championship-no nationals to advance. Needless to say-successful recruitment for this level...added 10 Ladies memberships
- *Our 3.5 Ladies- DID make it to the Semi finals.
- *Combo Leagues are being formed—proposed date for league are September 14th through September 26th
- *USPTA dates are being considered as, October 24-25th and November 21-22nd-only mentioning that because Tri Level teams will be taken from Qualifying USPTA team(s).
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Adult Men's League – Karen Wilkins

- The 40 and over teams leave for Sectionals the 18th of September. There are 3 teams going:
3.5 ladies
4.0 ladies
4.5 men however they played locally from San Angelo but still are Abilene
Also have one 3.5 ladies team going to Little state in Corpus at the same time

The 55 and over ladies will go to Beaumont the 25th of September for sectionals and we have 3 teams going:

3.5 ladies
4.0 ladies
4.5 ladies

Officials/Referees – Allen Prachyl:

Chair School will be Sept 8, Tommy Varner is going. Last tournament umpires were awesome

Junior Tennis – Julie Beckham:

- attended a meeting in Austin with USTA Texas Aug 21-22 about JTT ALC training at the USTA CDW Event in San Antonio Oct 16-18. JTT Texas Coordinator is having a baby in October and I will be helping lead training that weekend since she may not be able to attend. Also our JTT Coordinator moving to USTA Texas Competitive Dept and Veronica with NJTL programs taking over as JTT Texas Coordinator in October.

- Uspta junior team abilene 2015 is selected and ready to go to Newks again next month. For our highest ranked ZAT players & JTT participants for all G's & B's age divisions. Sept 18-20 is tournament weekend at Newks. Team Captains this year will be Kevin Crousen & Beverly Guthrie. Will ATA pay for USPTA Team Abilene TShirts as they have in the past?

- JTT league registration for Fall 2015 leagues begins this week. JTT League play will begin on Sunday, Sept 27. Flyers will be ready later this week. JTT Committee quarterly meeting is next week. JTT Abilene will begin giving \$1 per player per season back to ATA to support board gifts back to community beginning this Fall 2015.

- Will send emails to all JTT families and out of town tennis groups about the upcoming JTT league and Nov Jr. Classic tourney on Nov 21 in Abilene.

USTA Tournament Director for Abilene - Chris Redman

Reported that all sanctions were done and in to USTA. Every tournament is in for next year. It will be in the 2016 book.

Tennis Events Committee – Mary Noel Corn:

Not at meeting

Adjourned at 9:00