

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting – July 27, 2015

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

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

Business

The board approved the minutes of the June 3, 2015. Motion by Julie Beckham and seconded by Robyn Wertheim. All Approved

President – Rick Meyers

Report given by Rich Bryan. Discussion of Grand Slam being held in Abilene.

USTA will bring in their own officials and possibly their own TD. Will provide staff. Chris said that if we get the Grand Slam, USTA will have to cover the cost of the Pros loss of work that week.

It will be June 13-21st

Treasurer's Report - Sheila

Sheila gave financial report. Motion by Beverly Guthrie and seconded by Rich Bryan. All Approved
Julie asked about the stipends for JTT that she requested from USTA.

Vice-President – Rich Bryan/Tournament Chair

Rich submitted the following report:

November Classic sanction form submitted/now on line

Procured sites & player bags w/ towels for July SCMZ

Used \$250 from Debi Schultz for SCMZ sites (fruit/snacks/items)

Spoke to Paul Smith (Mason) to add our events to his summer flyer

Emailed local coaches to help w/ Aug Classic sign up

Aug Champs (AHS, CHS, Rose Park) requested ACU & WHS

Met w/ Matt Parker about updating ATA web site for tournaments

Met w/ Debi Schultz on getting 2016 sanction fees (\$1368)

Initiated renewal of ATA USTA membership

Finalized dates for 2016 tournaments

Classics

Feb 20/21 week before Cooper tournament & good kick off to spring

Jul 30/31 weekend before high school kids start tryouts

Nov 19/20 weekend before thanksgiving & down time in fall season

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 2-3142 participants/42 from Abilene

o 12's & 14's Super Champs July 18-20	231 signed up/223 participants
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o Classic Aug 1-2 31 signed up as of 7/23

o Champs August 8-9 & 10u participation credit 187 signed up as of 7/23

o Adult Open 100 point – Oct 9-11

o Classic Nov 21-22

o Champs – December 12-13

Rich also announced that the board of ATA would be sending a check in the amount of \$100 to Hendrick Hospice in memory of Sheila Kidd's mother.

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

Community Development - Robyn Wertheim

Reported that there were 18 tennis players in the Busted Raquet. Gave a report of the opportunities for outreach and grants.

Secretary – Beverly Guthrie

- No discussion

Adult Women's League – Susan Bowles

- No report available. Not at meeting
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Adult Men's League – Karen Wilkins

- No report available. Not at meeting

Officials/Referees – Allen Prachyl:

Reported that he gave a seminar for the new umpires. Some of the Veteran umpires are messing up some. New umpires are doing an awesome job.

Going to be hurting for umpires for August 8. Going to use 5 sites.

Chris noted that on previous tournaments there was one complaint of an official answering cell phone as he was walking behind a court.

Allen also reported that he would like to have two big blower's that are battery operated to use on courts. Motion was made by Allen and seconded by Robyn. All approved

Junior Tennis – Julie Beckham:

- JTT Adv State Sectionals was in Dallas June 25-27 - we had 2 Teams attending- 14uAdv, 18uAdv. Both teams competed well finishing 4th & 7th respectively.

- Ring of Honor frames customized by Hobby Lobby have been paid for and delivered to Rose Park TC. 15 Scmz Frames and 35 Cmz frames available. We bought many extras in hopes more kids will qualify and we can fill the Ring. Still Awaiting many 8x10 photos from players to put up in Ring of Honor

- on July 4th, we completed usta's reports for JTT ALC Stipend for Spring 2015. Sheila should have received money. This is JTA's money.

- visited with the YMCA about having tennis programming for juniors in the spring.

- Uspta junior team abilene 2015 letters going out this next week to our highest ranked ZAT players 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.

- JTT league registration for Fall 2015 leagues begins at the end of August. JTT League play will begin on Sunday, Sept 20.

- Sent emails to all JTT families and out of town tennis groups about the upcoming August Jr. Classic tourney on Aug 1-2 in Abilene.

Julie reported that she will be recommending to JTT to donate \$1 per child per season to the ATA.

Also recommending to have a player party before the CMZ, ZAT & Super's on Friday nights.

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:

Reported that I received the final bill from the Civic center and scanned and sent it to Sheila Kidd to pay. I'm not home to have the exact figures, but it was around \$1100.00. I'm in the process of replacing committee members whose kids graduated. In the future I will only have 9th-11th parents on the committee since senior parents are so busy and have a hard time working on this event.

Next meeting will be held August 31, 2015

Adjourned at 8:50