

## **Abilene Tennis Association** Board Meeting – March 30, 2015

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

Sheila Kidd, Robyn Wertheim and Karen Wilkins were not present.

### **Business**

The board approved the minutes of the January 28 with the change of Adult League coordinators names. Motion by Rich Bryan and seconded by Mary Noel Corn.

### **President – Rick Meyers**

Rick discussed what was going on in the State committees and that there is going to be a big push on Sportsmanship.

Also encouraging kids to play other sports.

Talked about EDC – 14 kids. Might end up making some money on this clinic.

### **Treasurer's Report - Sheila**

- Rich presented financials since Sheila was unable to attend.  
We Received Sanction Fees from Debi Schultz.  
Looked over the ZATS.

Abilene Visitors Bureau is going to reimburse us \$ 1,165 for sanction fees for the ZAT, Champ, and Super Champ tournaments. Should be getting the check any day.

Need to check on Insurance for ATA through USTA Texas. She has not received any billing on it. Have to have a sign on. Don't have that information. Will need a certificate for the Civic Center for the banquet so needs to be done soon.

Rick, Received the \$1,800 (12 X \$150) for the training program. Then there was another deposit of \$486. Assumed that was the additional amount that Rick had mentioned. If not let me know. I was not expecting any other deposits

Beverly Guthrie made a motion to approve financials and Allen Prachyl seconded it. All approved.

### **Vice-President – Rich Bryan/Tournament Chair**

Met 19 March

- Reviewed tournaments played so far this year
- Next Classic scheduled for June & November – told Chris to submit sanction forms ASAP
- Discussed ideas to improve tournaments 1) quicker on line & in book 2) post flyers at schools, country clubs & rose park 3) utilize contacts
- Ideas for future tournaments (adult/child non sanctioned event) possibly in the summer
- Started looking at 2016 tournament schedule – no rebidding this year so same ZAT, CMZ & Supers but looking at Feb 20-21, June or late July (30-31 before tryouts) & Nov 19-20
- Would like to bring back big Summer (i.e. Highway 80) event as July event for kids & adults
- Committee will look at sites in summer prior to events to make sure courts are ready
- Debi Schultz has reimbursed ATA for sanction fees for 2 ZATS, 2 CMZ & the 1 Supers events
- Acknowledged Chris for great job running both tournaments

- o ZAT March 7-8                      132 participants/40 from local area
- o Classic March 21-22              36 total entries
- o ZAT May 2-3
- o Classic June 13-14
- o JTT Sectionals June 27
- o 12's & 14's Super Champs July 18-20
- 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**

Not at meeting no report

**Secretary – Beverly Guthrie**

- No discussion

**Adult Women's League – Susan Bowles**

Over 40 leagues are completed

Adult (Spring) league have just started, 2.5-4.0 Women

Lone Star league is being captained by me-and coached by Tom Chicoine, (since his wife is playing on the team )

\*\*Trying to figure out a way to get ALL Abilene Texas Family membership info in order to sign up ALL family members

That do not currently have a number-this will increase our Community base numbers

**Adult Men's League – Karen Wilkins**

Not at meeting no report

**Officials/Referees – Allen Prachyl:**

Announced that his committee would consist of the following people: Marvin Stringfellow, Melinda Roberson, Allen Prachyl and Kevin Crousen

Wanting to have 4 to 6 hour shifts for tournaments instead of 12 or 13 hours. Trying to recruit more umpires.

Wants to have an umpire training session every 2 months to go over controversial scoring and do more training.

**Junior Tennis – Julie Beckham:**

Mentioned how awesome Chris handled the March Classic with rain and having to move the tournament to other facilities.

JTT Abilene – will be giving Tennis Scholarships. Did not want to duplicate.

Since there are 3 people picking scholarships, we needed to coordinate the recipients.

Bought Frames for Champs and Super Champs to be hung at Rose Park.

Put Flyer's on the doors with result sheets.

The May intermediate State Sectionals will be at Newks, May 16-17, and the Advanced will be in Dallas June 26-28. Fall Sectionals will be in Midland.

**USTA Tournament Director for Abilene - Chris Redman**

Nothing to report

**Tennis Events Committee – Mary Noel Corn:**

Mary Noel Announced that she had a Food Committee and that Jason's Deli will be catering the food. They will be serving Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce, Salad, Bread, Chicken and assorted desserts.

Sponsors were \$500, \$250, & \$100

Sue Shackmuth is Sponsor Committee Chair.

There will be a slideshow.

Next meeting will be held April 27, 2015

Adjourned at 9:05