

## **Abilene Tennis Association** Board Meeting – April 25, 2016

Members present: Rich Bryan, Rick Meyers, Sheila Kidd, Beverly Guthrie, Christy Adkins, Julie Beckham and Mary Noel Corn,

Kevin Crousen was not present

Guests were: Adam Ewing and Allen Prachyl

### **Business**

The board approved the minutes of the March 28, 2016. Motion by Rich Bryan, Mary Noel seconded and all Approved

### **President – Rick Meyers**

Rick thought we should sell bricks at Rose Park to raise money for ATA at Rose Park

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

Sheila gave treasurer's report, Christy made a motion to approve, Jimmy seconded it, all approved.

### **Vice-President – Rich Bryan/Adult League Committee Chair**

40 and over

3.0's go to sectionals in September

3.5's don't have anyone to play at the QT, so they get to go to sectionals in September as well.

4.0's have 1 team to play at QT, May 13-15. If they win their matches there, they will go to sectionals in September.

4.5's have 1 team & play San Angelo team starting May 14th for right to go to Sectionals in September

55 and over

Will start soon around the end of May.

4.5's are qualifying thru midland, playing now.

Karen Wilkins

18 and over league is in its 3rd week. We have 2 teams at levels 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0. We will have at least 2 teams at 2.5 level that will play in June.

Susan Clark

USTA Men's league is struggling. No 18 & over teams have been made yet. I am having trouble getting anyone to commit to captain a team. I will captain the 5.0 + team out of Abilene and need to talk with Tasha about what happens if we have a 5.0 team go to QT and no other teams sign up. That has happened in the past and they won't allow us to go to sectionals. Al Flores has said he may captain the 3.5 18 and over, but no confirmation back from him yet. Either way it looks like whatever the outcome all men's league teams will have to go to QT. New Wednesday night men's doubles league off to a good start with 12 doubles teams participating on weekly basis.

Adam Ewing

### **Tennis Events Committee – Mary Noel Corn & Christy Adkins**

The banquet is next Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at the ACU Teague Center at 6:30. Shellie is busy selling tickets and will have extras at the door for sale for \$10.

Sponsorship was successful again this year and collected \$6600.00!!! A 4x10 banner was ordered last week. We will hang it in front of the Teague center and then move it over to Rose Park for display for the rest of the year.

We will begin decorating for the banquet at noon on Wednesday May 4th.

In the process of collecting all the coaches selections for awards and will order them asap.

Mary Noel was accepting door prizes from tennis pros, JTT and board members.

Aramark will be responsible for serving food, refilling drinks and cleaning up everything except our decorations. No coaches have to serve this year!!

Mary Noel is still looking for someone to co-chair with me next year so they can take it over in 2018.

#### **Junior Tennis Development– Julie Beckham:**

- Abilene USTA Tournaments - Challengers/CMZ/SCMZ/Open Classics: May Challenger is next weekend. Shirt orders will go in after tourney deadline. Friday night party snacks will be setup at Rose Park. Who would like to welcome families and players to Abilene on Friday night, May 7th at 6:30pm? Who needs an ATA shirt?
- West Texas Junior Tournament Swing for 2016: collaborating with CTAs across West Texas to coordinate upcoming USTA Open-level sanctioned events to better support our West Texas Junior Tennis players. Our Abilene Classics are in February, July, and Nov/Dec for 2016.
- JTT leagues Abilene: Spring League play will end at the end of April. JTT State Spring Sectionals will be May 26-28 in Tyler, Tx. Abilene should have 4-6 teams going to Sectionals.
- USTA Texas: USTA JTT Fall Sectionals will be in Abilene Nov 11-13. Starting next year JTT sectionals will be at Newks for Spring again every year. And USTA Texas will bid out Summer and Fall sectionals only.
- Awards - ATA Banquet: Passion for Tennis Award being voted on now. Also two Junior Tennis Scholarships for \$500 will be given to graduating Seniors from area high schools who have participated in JTT and other Abilene Junior Tennis tournaments and programs like Uspta Team Abilene over the years.
- USPTA Junior Team Abilene 2016: Deadline for deposit to secure 2016 Team spot is June 10, 2016. Should we send a team? Who can Captain?

#### **Tournament Committee Report – Julie Beckham/Beverly Guthrie**

No report at this time

#### **Officials/Referees – Kevin Crousen:**

Not at meeting – Allen announced that anyone interested in umpiring should email Allen. He is interested in giving a clinic.

#### **Scholarship Committee – Jimmy Schaeffer:**

We have received 13 applications for the ATA/JTA Scholarships. JTA has selected two recipients. We are waiting to hear from LeAnn Scott regarding her selection for the Kyle Williams Scholarship, so as not to duplicate. Then our committee will make a selection from the remaining applicants. Does ATA want to stick with giving two scholarships, or since we have 13 apply, does ATA want to give two more this year.

Due to a complaint that an application was turned in, but not received, it is the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to have all applications mailed to ATA post office box, and postmarked by a certain day. Then, all applications will be acknowledged receipt by email to the applicant.

**Guests:**

Adam Ewing said that Rose Park is holding a Grand Prix Championship on May 13. Also that David Blakely, the Wilson Representative, will be giving prizes for the Player's Party before the Challenger.

Next meeting will be May 23, 2016

Adjourned at 8:10