

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting – February 22, 2016

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

Jimmy Schaeffer and Sheila Kidd were not present

Guests were: Chris Redman & Adam Ewing

Business

The board approved the minutes of the January 25, 2016. Motion by Rich, Kevin seconded and all Approved

President – Rick Meyers

Discussion regarding Board – recommendations from committee should send out to the Board for decisions. Supers will be April, July, Aug, Dec – not Natl Rankings, will use UTR Ratings. Open Tournaments can use UTR Rating systems for seatings. Super Double Excellence will be a full 3rd set instead of a Tie Breaker.

All TD have to go to TD School every year.

Treasurer's Report - Sheila

Sheila is out due to aneurism. Beverly has taken over as interim treasurer.

Vice-President – Rich Bryan/Adult League Committee Chair

Rich found out that the gas powered blowers were \$150.00. He is going to check on Stihl Blowers.

He gave Adult League Committee report. Discussion of Adult League & Ratings.

- Submitted Adam to USTA as our new men's adult league coordinator/accepted
- 40 and over mixed leagues (7.0 & 8.0) underway. Should end first week of March
- 40 and over men/women's teams registered- matches will start in March for two team leagues.
Otherwise must wait for QT in May
- 18 & over women's league starts in April - registration begins 15 March
- Scheduled meeting with Matt Parker to update Adult tab on ATA website
- Started men's doubles 4.5 plus league on Wednesday nights with huge success

Tennis Events Committee – Mary Noel Corn & Christy Adkins

Committee met on Sunday Feb. 21st. We have some members helping us this year-Christi Adkins, Courtney Edwards and Libby McCurley along with returning members Shellie Smyser, Jodie Brown, Muffy Watson.

Banquet will be on Wed. May 4th at the ACU Teague Center at 6:30 pm.

We will have a baked potato bar with meats, numerous toppings, 2 salads, desserts and drinks for \$8.99!!

We are adding a new level for sponsorship.

Grand Slam-\$1000 will get them 10 tickets for one free table!

We'll still have

Game \$100,

Set \$250(2 free tickets)

Match \$500(4 free tickets)

*Need to ask Chris about allowing restaurants that want to be a sponsor to have their menus/info pamphlets displayed at Rose Park.

Stan West isn't able to take pictures this year, so we will have a fun photo area set up for all players to take pictures with their family and friends.

Still waiting to hear from USTA about the 2 President's Suite tickets for the US Open. Have to finish Application.

Handed out Sponsor Information

Needs Cans of Tennis Balls for decorations

Pros are donating lessons for a month

Rick will check on A&M Camp to Raffle, checking with Shaun for Texas Rangers.

Bev will check with Taco Bell for \$5 gift certificates.

Junior Tennis Development– Julie Beckham:

Abilene USTA Tournaments - Challengers/CMZ/SCMZ/Open Classics

Junior Tournament subcommittee has met several times and still working on ATA tournament responsibilities guidelines for our tourneys. We just had our first ATA Jr Open Classic Tourney in February, we had 61 participants and singles and doubles draws for all age levels. Our first Challenger Tourney for 2016 is March 5-6, and we have a kickoff party and shirts ordered. We got 12 sponsors for the shirts raising \$6,000 to give shirts at all 5 of our main junior tournaments.

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. Due to these communications, we had more players from out of town in this classic tourney. Our Abilene Classics are in February, July, and Nov/Dec for 2016.

JTT leagues Abilene: Spring league 2016 registration is currently in progress. Deadline was February 17th. Kickoff Meeting is this week : Thurs, Feb 25th at 6:30 at RP Sr. Center. Play begins this Sunday, Feb 28th. Melinda is working hard to get everything done for Thursday.

USTA Texas: Just returned from the 2016 Annual Meeting held near Austin this past weekend. As a member of the JTT Texas Committee, we all have had to create 'workarounds' for all Texas JTT leagues inside of usta's tennislink program to receive all registrations from new jtt rules being mandated from National JTT for the 10 & under players. 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 bid out Summer and Fall sectionals only.

Award - ATA Banquet: Nominations for the Rick Meyers "Passion for Tennis" Award are being accepted anytime this Spring. This is for a person who has given a great deal to Junior Tennis over the years. Please send emails to AbileneJTT@gmail.com with any deserving candidate and information.

USPTA Junior Team Abilene 2016: Austin USPTA Pros have taken over this tournament at Newks. Deadline for deposit to secure 2016 Team spot is June 10, 2016.

Officials/Referees – Kevin Crousen:

As of this time we have not had a committee meeting. I would like to have a meeting within the next two weeks (at a time when Allen can be present) so that we can report back to the board at the next regularly scheduled meeting. I am still in the process of gathering all of the information we will need to address all areas regarding referees and officials. I have sent out numerous request to other CTA's asking for their particular information on pay scales, tournament assignments, working conditions and etc., so that we will have a good cross-section of what other CTA's are doing as we prepare our own standards for officials. I also have spoken with some of our current officials, as well as some who have let their certifications lapse, about the items they feel need to be addressed by our committee and then brought to the board.

We adjourned at 8:45

3/28/16 will be next meeting