

## **Abilene Tennis Association** Board Meeting – November 7, 2016

Members present: Rich Bryan, Beverly Guthrie, Mary Noel Corn, Julie Beckham, Sheila Kidd, Jimmy Schaeffer and Kevin Crousen

Rick Meyers and Christy Adkins was not present

### **Business**

September Minutes were presented, and Kevin made a motion to approve, Julie seconded, all approved.

### **President – Rick Meyers**

Not Present

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

Sheila gave the financial report. Beverly made a motion to approve the financials, Jimmy Schaeffer Seconded and all approved.

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

- Received email from USTA to bid for 2017 league sectionals - working with Debi Schultz
- Deadline is 20 Nov to be submitted
  - 1) Men & Women's 55 & Over    2) Mixed 55 & Over    3) Mixed 18 & Over
  - End Sept / 30 courts / 3 sites    Nov / 1 site & location    Oct / 1 site & location
- Trainer question looking for feedback on from board (also court \$ prices)
- USPTA first qualifier tournament completed for Jan 2017 in Houston (next one in Dec)
- Tri-Level rosters due 15 Nov. Working on getting a team. Sectionals Feb 2017
- Combo leagues completed. Refund request for 6 ladies of \$18 each (\$108 total)

#### **Rich made a motion/Julie seconded and all approved.**

- Oct 7-9 Adult Open - low sign ups. Hoping change to Summer next year w/youth will help
- Adam Ewing has officially resigned as ATA men's adult league coordinator (Karen now)
- Worked with USTA & Tosha Smith to get all incoming league checks & mail to P.O. Box.

The Adult league is trying to get the 55 & over Sectionals for Abilene. Continued to work on Bid

Rich wants to create a committee for 2017 for Coaches, Pros. The Board discussed the pros & cons. Beverly made a Motion and Kevin seconded that the board revisit this at the strategic/orientation meeting in January.

### **Volunteer/ Banquets Events Committee – Mary Noel Corn & Christy Adkins**

Mary Noel booked the ACU Teague Center for Tuesday May 2nd for the ATA banquet. Aramark will be the caterer.

Doors will open at 6:00 pm and banquet will start at 6:30

Wanted to be sure and tell the Coaches – Check on US Open Application

Mary Noel picked up the boxes for the bricks to help raise money for Senior Scholarships

### Junior Tennis Development– Julie Beckham:

- Abilene USTA Tournaments - Abilene has received 10 USTA sanctioned tourneys for 2017. ATA volunteers are needed for each tourney to help at sites - hand out ATA player shirts & gifts and help site director, please signup to help at a few tourneys each year. Next tourneys for this year are in December: CMZ and Open Junior. Grand Slam bid was submitted on Oct 23rd by ACVB/ATA. USTA Texas will award location for next three years soon. Continuing to recruit & celebrate new officials in our ATA family - James Wagstaff & Annie H are new officials. Julie mentioned that help was needed for December CMZ
- West Texas Junior Tournament Swing: 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 for 2017 are in January, June, July, and Dec for 2017. So far in 2016, many Abilene players are attending most of our West Texas neighbor tournaments each month.
- JTT leagues Abilene: Fall Leagues ended last weekend. Sectionals is next weekend. Need to confirm ATA volunteers for each play site. 7 or 8 sites being used: RPTC, AHS, WHS, McMurry, ACU, ACC, Madison and maybe FWO. 500-600 players & families attending, largest Junior Tourney event to date. Abilene has 8 teams - winners in each league level - attending this event. ACVB has rented out PrimeTime for the Saturday night player/family party. The Friday night kickoff party will be at Rose Park, 4 food trucks coming - everyone come ! **Need approval to pay Melinda her Fall Coordinator fees.** Due to new Advanced Leagues added and a new foundation league partner, ACS, JTT Abilene Fall league participant numbers were up 30% from last Fall. Julie made a motion to Pay Melinda for Fall Fees, Kevin Seconded and all approved. We were short 20 medals for Fall, Beverly made a motion to go ahead and purchase 2017 medals, Jimmy seconded and all approved.
- USTA Texas: USTA JTT Fall Sectionals will be in Abilene Nov 11-13. Starting next year JTT sectionals will be at Newks for Fall again every year. And USTA Texas will bid out Spring and Summer sectionals only. Please signup to help with sectionals weekend, many site volunteers are needed.
- USPTA Junior Team Abilene 2016: Kevin Crousen took Team Abilene to Newks Sept 16-18, and all players and parents had a great time. Team Abilene sported ATA shirts and competed well. Jenny Gray, Austin Uspta pro will direct this event at Newks again in 2018.

### Officials/Referees – Kevin Crousen:

Held a committee meeting on October 28, 2016, and was attended by Kevin Crouse, Allen Prachyl, Marvin Stringfellow, Melinda Roberson, Bob Grodey & Tom Garrett.

Allen and Kevin had checked with several other CTA's across Texas with regards to what each was paying their tournament referees and officials. ATA was the lowest of any that were checked. After talking with all the officials, all agreed on the following pay scale to send to the ATA board for approval. Kevin made a motion that the referees be paid the hourly rate of \$18 and the Officials would be paid a flat rate of \$16. There would be not overtime rate with the adoption of this new pay scale, as most other CTA's do not pay overtime either. Beverly seconded the motion and all approved.

A discussion of having a trainer at the tournaments were brought up, be the board felt too much liability was at stake.

Last, they discussed the new testing procedures for USTA officials/referees, and no one like the new process. It was discussed that next year they have their own "certification class" on a Saturday where they all get together with their laptops and complete the process as a group.

## **Marketing & Communications Committee – Beverly Guthrie- Secretary/Jr. Treasurer**

Contacted Leif at 3rd street printing to print and tweak our JTT Cards that we will be distributing in the USTA Junior Team Tennis Sectional Packets. We will also be distributing in our tournament packets starting with December tournaments. I have attached for you to look at. The board approved by email. I will begin getting T-shirt Sponsors for our 2017 Tournament Shirts if anyone has any suggestions.

I completed the 2016 Health Index and have attached our 2017 Strategic Plan.

Meeting with Debi Schulz in the next couple of weeks to get hotels pinned down for 2017

Worked with Julie, Amanda Friday, and Veronica Nichols for Friday Night Party. I have contacted 4 food trucks who will be arriving between 6:00-6:30 to set up for our 7:00-9:00 registration. Offering delicious food for the USTA staff, volunteers and tennis families.

The Beastro Truck  
The Toasted Traveler  
Little Mafioso  
The Sweet Side.

Times for new meeting were discussed and voted that 6:30 would be a good meeting time. Next meeting would be in January.

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

The board voted for the new board members which was Jamie Miers and Lydia Couch. Jamie was nominated to Chair the Marketing & Communications Committee, Lydia Couch to take over the Volunteers Committee.

The Executive Committee presented was:

Rich Bryan – President/Chair of adult leagues committee  
Kevin Crousen – Vice President/chair of officials committee  
Sheila Kidd – Treasurer  
Beverly Guthrie – Secretary/Jr. Treasurer

Julie made a motion to approve the slate and new board members and Jimmy seconded and all approved.

On November 9, The Board received a letter of Resignation from Rich Bryan.

Next meeting will be in January

Adjourned at 8:00