

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting – September 26, 2016

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

Jimmy Schaeffer was not present

Business

August Minutes were presented, and Rich Bryan made a motion to approve, Sheila Kidd seconded, all approved, with the exception of changing the information regarding July SCMZ to a 12/18. An Email was sent later by USTA that this age group was changed.

President – Rick Meyers

Grand Slam bid form will be out in 10-12 days. Discussion of how many courts needed. Which school courts needed resurfacing, and that some of the courts would need seating. Rich made a motion that Rick Chair a sub-committee for the Grand Slam Bid to see if feasible. Kevin seconded and all approved.

Treasurer's Report - Sheila

Sheila gave the financial report. Christy made a motion to approve the financials, Kevin Seconded and all approved. She also checked and found out that we cannot get a credit card for ATA. To get a debit card, we need to have a Resolution or Board Minutes approving that. It was also suggested that there would not be any expenditures over \$500 without Board Approval. Rich made a motion, and Christy Seconded, all approved.

Sheila brought up that we purchase Quickbooks for bookkeeping, and that Davis Kinard & Company will do financials for free. Beverly made a motion that we purchase the Quickbooks and let Davis Kinard & Company help in 2017 do the financials, Rich seconded the motion, and all approved.

Vice-President – Rich Bryan/Adult League Committee Chair

- Still awaiting email from USTA to bid for 2017 league sectionals (pushed back) - rumors?
 - 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
- 55 & over 8.0 ladies team competed at Sectionals Sep 23/25 in Beaumont & had great time
- Combo league started 8/23 - 6 teams (2 in each level for 6.5, 7.5, & 8.5)
- Women's 3.0, 3.5, & 4.0 over 40 competed at Sectionals in San Antonio Sept 16/18
- Men's 4.5 plus 40 & over competed at Sectionals Sep 16/18 in San Antonio
- Adult Men's Wednesday Doubles League finishing up 4th series
- Oct 7-9 Adult Open - low sign ups despite DTA & San Angelo push. Hoping 4 late push
- Big adult turnout for Kyle's tourney despite the rain - \$3500 raised for 7 Scholarships
- Submitted sanction form for 2017 tournament - June 24/25 Jr & Adult event

The Adult league is trying to get the 55 & over Sectionals for Abilene.

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

I 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

Rachel Gottfried has agreed to be on my committee along with Shellie Smysers, Christi Adkins, Courtney Edwards and Libby McCurley- still working on getting more AHS and CHS parents involved.

I'd like to do a special tribute to Sharon Wartes and what she has done for tennis in Abilene. Maybe something kids from Mann current and past students be involved in it.

We'll start meeting together in January to begin planning for the banquet.

Mary Noel asked about selling Bricks as a Fundraiser for ATA. She would also like to start collecting tennis supplies for players that do not have shoes, rackets, etc. It was voted to call it "Kyle's Closet".

We do want to apply for the U.S. Open tickets again as a fundraiser.

Junior Tennis Development– Julie Beckham:

Abilene USTA Tournaments - Sanction Forms for all 2017 USTA tourneys have been completed and submitted. 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.

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, our Abilene players are attending most of our West Texas neighbor tournaments each month.

JTT leagues Abilene: Fall League started play last weekend. Registration numbers are on par with regular Fall leagues, around 150-180 ish... Doing new Fall Play weekend for 12/14/18 Advanced Divisions on Oct 1-2 weekend. USTA JTT National has an incentive program for this, we applied and qualified. Game Day Play is our theme.

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. Also need help securing court options around town. Julie passed around signup sheet for volunteers to sign up to help with the JTT Sectionals. Asked for approval to register our winning teams for Sectionals, board approved.

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. It was voted on that ATA pay for the t-shirts for the USPTA team and that next year, ATA will pay for two shirts, one for Saturday and Sunday. All approved.

Officials/Referees – Kevin Crousen:

Scheduled a meeting, but was on League night, so had to cancel. A couple of people worked on their official testing, and will plan on having a meeting in October.

Marketing & Communications Committee – Beverly Guthrie

Prepared Flyers for our ATA Tournaments for the remaining of 2016 and for 2017. These were put in all the player packets and put at Rose Park, and both Country Clubs.

I visited with Debi at the ACVB regarding our hotels for 2017, she gave me the following information:

The ACVB has a hotel booking agent on our website. This booking agent can provide a unique link for certain events. The link below is a generic link we use for smaller events. We can offer an "Abilene USTA" link with ONLY properties you select on the link; i.e., if you work with 3 specific hotels those are the ones that will be on the

link. The booking agent likes to have 1,000 rooms booked off a unique link, which you can do with all of your tournaments.

<http://reservations.arestravel.com/hotel/list/9013>

Talked with Wilson, and have ordered our tennis balls for 2017. We had to tweak our logo so that it would fit on the tennis balls and wouldn't look weird. As per approval from the board, I filled out the information, and ordered them as follows: We can of course tweak this order. But have to order 100 cases, to waive the setup fee, and get the \$1000 in prizes for our player's parties. The next year, we will not have to do that.

30 cases of yellow

4 cases of orange

6 cases of green.

Due January 15, 2017

40 cases due July 1st, 2017

30 Cases due November 1, 2017



Amanda Friday has mentioned that she would like to do a Magnet for the JTT Sectionals with all the West Texas Tournaments on it to give each player that is participating in Sectionals. She would like for each CTA that has tournaments on the magnet to split the cost.

Beverly Talked with Debi Schulz, the ACVB has agreed to the following \$200 for each of the 5 parties; Sanction fees for 5 large tournaments; and \$500 for 5-Shirt Sponsor

Beverly will talk to Debi about which hotels she recommends

Scholarship/Nominating Committee – Jimmy Schaeffer:

Jimmy was not available, but Beverly will send out emails regarding nominations.

Next meeting will be November 7, 2016

Adjourned at 8:50