

## **Abilene Tennis Association** Board Meeting –April 24, 2017

Members present: Beverly Guthrie, Kevin Crousen, Lydia Couch, Mary Noel, Jimmy Schaeffer, Julie Beckham

Members unable to attend: Jamie Miers

Visitors: Susan Clark & Karen Wilkins – Adult League Coordinators; Amanda Friday, Taylor Jones, and Alex Trobough – USTA Staff; Rick Meyers – Advisory Board; Maria Poradek – Adult League Player

### **Visitors:**

Amanda Friday introduced Taylor Jones and Alex Trobough. Taylor is the marketing for USTA Texas, and talked a little about the CTA Websites webinar. They will be recording the Webinars so that we can go back and see them. Alex visited about the Health Index. They will not be giving one out this year, and hoping to restructure to make Health Index Easier.

Alex suggested that we have an Adult League Table at the Banquet this year. Talked about Tennis Link's new communications center.

### **Business**

March, 2017 Minutes were approved. Lydia made the motion and Julie seconded. All approved

### **President – Kevin Crousen**

Kevin Crousen went over the Grand Slam meetings that have been going on. Kevin, Julie and Beverly are on the Grand Slam Committee. Asked the Board for Approval to continue with necessary purchases up to \$10,000 to get courts and necessary items needed to make the Grand Slam happen. Lydia made a motion to approve, Julie seconded and all approved.

### **Treasurer's Report – Beverly (as temporary ATA Treasurer)**

Beverly met with Sheila and picked up 2016 records, the remaining checkbook and 1099's, Franchise Tax reports. Sheila did not want to go on the Advisory Board. Beverly will try to get the remaining records from Sheila after the Grand Slam. The Files have been turned over to Davis Kinard to try and get 501C3 done. They had asked for them in December when they were not so busy, but she gave the middle of April. They will also be working with Beverly to get chart of accounts done so they can start furnishing financials.

Julie made the motion to nominate Beverly Guthrie as permanent Treasurer, Kevin seconded, and all approved.

### **Secretary's Report/ Community Grants – Beverly Guthrie**

I have been working on Banquet, Grand Slam, JTT and May Tournament, I will be sending deposits and checks written to the board members by email, along with balances. I am meeting with Davis Kinard in the next couple of weeks to have them set up our financials, so that they will be providing them each month. They are looking over our 501C3 to see if any other documentation is needed before filing.

An ATA Debit/Credit card has been secured so that we can reserve rooms when needed for officials, and make purchases by credit card.

We have purchased and delivered Craig/Mann their Eye-Coach,  
We purchased court benches to be delivered to Wylie, Mann and Madison middle school. Kevin is picking up to put together.

A nomination was made by Beverly Guthrie to nominate Jamie Miers as Secretary, since Beverly would be taking over the Treasurer position. Kevin seconded and all approved.

## **Community Grants:**

We have received a request from Brent Albarez and Rose Bristow for Wylie Middle School and Wylie High School.

Wylie – Jr High would like the following:

Purple Cones – 2 sets of 12

Bruce Cart – 1

Tennis Balls – 4 or 5 cases, whatever to get to \$500

She has sent me a picture of what she wants

Wylie High School – would like the follow:

8 Gamma Score Keepers –

Wilson Championship Extra Duty Tennis Balls – 6 cases

1 - Rol-Dri Master Unit w/High Density Blue Roller ,

This will get him close to his \$1,000

Board had already approved dollar amounts earlier.

## **Adult League Committee Chair - Lydia Couch**

The Adult League (AL) Committee has not met since last month.

### **Discussion topics for board meeting:**

- Abilene hosting 18 & Over Mixed sectionals October 6-8
- Plans: Fall Adult mixer at Rose Park – \$1k in spending approved
- Parents of JTT kids might be interested in playing tennis – email?
- Recruiting members for committee
  - Suggestions from Amanda Friday: All pros, variety of players, some coaches who play the most

### **Coordinator reports:**

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- Karen Wilkins – email on 4/24:

- 40 and over is finished locally; there will be 2 teams, 3.5 and 4.0 ladies that will be competing the 12-14 of May in Austin at the QT. Winners will go to Sectionals in September.
- 55 and over will be played locally starting the middle of May.

Susan Clark – email on 4/24:

- Ladies 18 and over started April 18 and will continue through May 11. We have three 3.0 teams playing.

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- Susan Bowles – no report received

League	Type of play (Local / QT / Sectionals)	Local roster	USTA roster	Play Day(s)	Dates	Location
Mixed 40 & Over	Local	1/31/2017	5/1/2017	Sunday	February 5-26	local
Mixed 40 & Over	Sectionals				June 2-4	San Antonio
40 & Over	Local	2/28/2017	8/1/2017	Tues or Thurs	March 7-28	San Antonio
40 & Over	QT		4/15/2017		May 12-14	Austin
40 & Over	Sectionals				September 15-17	Austin
40 & Over	Little State - Men/Women		8/18/2017		September 15-17	Corpus Christi
					April 11 -	
18 & Over	Local	4/4/2017	7/1/2017	Tues or Thurs	May 11	local
18 & Over	QT		6/1/2017		July 7-9	Austin
18 & Over	Sectionals - 2.5-3.5				August 4-6	Dallas
18 & Over	Sectionals - 4.0 and up				August 11-13	Richardson
18 & Over	Little State - Men		7/7/2017		August 4-6	Corpus Christi
18 & Over	Little State - Women		7/14/2017		August 11-13	Corpus Christi
					May 23 -	
55 & Over	Local	5/16/2017	8/1/2017	Tues or Thurs	June 13	local
55 & Over	Sectionals				September 8-10	Beaumont
					June 20 -	
Mixed 18 & Over	Local	6/13/2017	8/15/2017	TBD	July 11	local
Mixed 18 & Over	Sectionals				October 6-8	Abilene
					August 15 -	
Combo	Local	9/8/2017	9/15/2017	TBD	September 5	local
Combo	Sectionals				October 13-15	TBD
Mixed 55 & Over	Local	9/3/2017	9/15/2017	TBD	TBD	local
Mixed 55 & Over	Sectionals				November 10-12	Corpus Christi
Lone Star	Lone Star		7/1/2017		August 4-6	Dallas
Tri-Level	Tri-Level		2/1/2018	TBD	TBD	TBD

### **Volunteer – Beverly Guthrie**

No Report at the time

### **Banquets Events Committee – Mary Noel Corn**

Tickets are being sold at all the schools and Rose Park.

Jim Ned and ACHS have decided to join the banquet but I'm having trouble communication with Jim Ned. Jamie is helping with that.

Meeting with Teena at ACU Teague Center on Thursday. The entrance is under construction so we will need to enter on the south side of the building this year.

The sponsor banner is being printed today. We raised \$6500.00 this year!! We added some new sponsors along with our returning ones.

Italian food will be served this year! Flatware and napkins will be at the end of the table with the desserts to avoid confusion.

ATA will be honoring Sharon Wartes as she is retiring from coaching this year. We are giving her a \$100 Perini's gift card. I will reserve a table for her family and friends with fresh flowers on it for Sharon. Terry at Tennis Outlet donated an oversized pink tennis ball that I'm having all her kids past and present sign and Coach Bryan is going to say a few words about her.

Robyn Morris has been working hard getting some great door prizes!! We are going to give away some US Open raffle tickets too.

We will have some tables set up for parents to buy US Open raffle tickets and pick up brochures about summer tennis camps, lessons and groups. This will be open at the first of the banquet when we are eating-everyone is ready to get home when we are done!!

Having trouble with getting information and commitments from Jim Ned. It was suggested that if coaches won't come, that they don't be at the banquet. All approved.

This is my last year running the banquet and I'm looking for someone to step up and take it over and continue making it a special event.

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

- Abilene USTA Tournaments - Our next ATA tournament is the the May Challenger on May 5-7. Deadline to register is this Tues, April 25th at midnight. The ATA tournament committee will meet this week to discuss play sites & staffing. All are invited to meet & greet at Player/parents party on Friday night, May 5th at ACC tennis shop from 6:30-8:pm.
- West Texas Junior Tournament Swing: High School match results may be going into the national UTR system soon. The first pilot program for this is being done with 6 Lubbock High Schools. Lubbock is also host to 4-6 UTR tourneys annually. We may look into hosting some UTR tourneys too. Benefits are - more competitive match play based on skill, not gender or age, guarantee of 3 matches per tourney instead of just 2 and therefore better development of players.
- JTT leagues Abilene: Spring Season is underway. Sectionals is in Austin on May 19-20. We will have 5-6 teams from Abilene at sectionals.
- ATA Banquet: Jr. Passion for Tennis Award. JTA will give 2 scholarships to graduating Seniors attending college again this year. There was a 3 way tie on nominations, so the board suggested that another email for all 3 names be sent out to vote again for the Passion for Tennis Award.
- USTA Texas: Jr. Grand Slam is June 9-18th at all court sites in town. We need volunteers to help at sites and vendor village. Please email Susan Clark if you can help.
- USPTA Junior Team Abilene 2017 to Newks: Team commitment from Abilene due in April, deposit due in May. Abilene needs a team captain. Jenny Gray from Austin will be Tournament Director in 2017 again.

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

No Report

#### **Marketing & Communications Committee – Jamie Miers**

Calling to get prices for team meals. Jimmy suggested that we check with Jason's deli for the May tournament

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

10-14 Applications has been submitted for the Senior Scholarships for those going to college. He will go through them and check on all those that meet the qualifications.

Julie mentioned that Le Ann Scott would like to have a single form for her Scholarship and the ATA/JTA. The seniors would just have to fill out one form.

Next meeting will be May 22, 2017 at 6:30  
Adjourned at 8:20