

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting – January 22, 2017

Members present: Lydia Couch, Jamie Miers, Beverly Guthrie, Mary Noel Corn, Julie Beckham, Sheila Kidd, Jimmy Schaeffer and Kevin Crousen

Visitors – Amanda Friday and Laura Gilbert, TSR leader and FW/North Central TX TSR

Business

November 7, 2016 Minutes were approved. Jimmy made the motion and Julie seconded. All approved

President – Kevin Crousen

In December, a nomination/motion was made by Beverly Guthrie to have Kevin Crousen, as incoming Vice President, move into the President position since the resignation of Rich Bryan. Julie Beckham seconded the motion, Mary Noel and Sheila Kidd voted yes. Jimmy Schaeffer, Rick Meyers and Christi Adkins abstained. There was a majority, therefore Kevin Crousen is the President of the ATA.

Treasurer's Report - Sheila

Sheila gave the financial report without breakdown, because she did not have all the copies of the check stubs yet from Beverly. Financials were approved as is.

Adult League Committee Chair - Lydia Couch

Lydia Couch asked to move from chair of the Volunteers to Chair of the Adult League, all approved. Lydia will begin to put her committee together

Volunteer – Beverly Guthrie

Beverly agreed to take on Volunteer Committee Chair until the board could nominate someone else

Banquets Events Committee – Mary Noel Corn

Mary Noel said that her committee was about to meet, and a more extensive report will be given in February. Asked about Certificate of Insurance, which Beverly said she would get.

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. Our first tourney, Jan Junior Open, was held this weekend at ACC. Site Director Training was held Friday night at ACC. We have new Boards for all Tournament Sites and all required USTA procedures for Tournaments are being followed. Next tourneys for this year are in our Challengers in March & May. USTA Texas will run Grand Slam in Abilene in June. Continuing to recruit & celebrate new site directors & officials in our ATA family - James Wagstaff & Jimmy Schaeffer are new officials. Gary ACC, Melinda Roberson, Sean Polk & Brooke Dennis are new Site Directors, Court Monitors.
- 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. Hopefully, many Abilene players will continue attending most of our West Texas neighbor tournaments each month. In addition, we are creating a West Texas UTR play day format for once per month for one day of Sunday play for Advanced players. Working with Eric Huntley from Lubbock on this.

- JTT leagues Abilene: Spring Season Registration is underway. New 2017 JTT flyers are here, please share. New NTRP ratings replace qualified divisions for Advanced levels. We are discussing having a West Texas Regional Tourney for Adv levels. Will include Lubbock, WF, San Angelo, Midland/Odessa, and Amarillo.
- ATA Banquet: New for 2017. By signing our ATA ball contract with Wilson, they will help JTA support the ATA banquet with racquets & prizes this year.
- USTA Texas: Semi-Annual Meeting coming up in February in Marble Falls. We have ATA representation on USTA Texas committees. If you are interested in volunteering to help with Grand Slam in June, contact Debi Schultz.
- USPTA Junior Team Abilene 2016 to Newks: Team commitment from Abilene due in March, deposit due in April. Abilene needs a team captain. Jenny Gray from Austin will be Tournament Director in 2017 again.

There was also discussion of the possibility of moving our July SCMZ to Labor Day. A motion was made by Beverly and Seconded by Jimmy that if we need to move the tournament from July to September, to do it. All approved.

Jimmy brought up that there was not water or ice at Cooper for the January Open.

When the March Challenger was moved from the first weekend of March to the second Weekend of March, caused a conflict with Bobby Hagerman, our tournament director. He sent a letter, recommending that Tom be listed on the Sanction Form to receive inquiries or questions. There was discussion, and Jamie made the motion to Put Tom's name on the Sanction Form for the March Challenger, Lydia Seconded and all approved.

Officials/Referees – Kevin Crousen:

The Officials Committee has not met since November. Many who took the new officials test did not like it.

Marketing & Communications Committee – Jamie Miers

Our Tennis Balls arrived with the ATA Log. We will be handing out one case to the 7 middle schools. Also tournament Cards were distributed during the JTT Sectionals.

Discussion was made regarding the expenditure of monies before board approval. Instead of \$500, it is moved back to the \$1000. Jamie made a motion to approve, and Lydia seconded. All approved.

Scholarship/Nominating Committee – Jimmy Schaeffer:

No Committee meeting

Next meeting will be February 27, 2017 at 6:30

Will try to get Fairway

Adjourned at 6:00