

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting –May 22, 2017

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

Members unable to attend: Jimmy Schaeffer

Visitors: Susan Clark & Karen Wilkins – Adult League Coordinators

Business

The Recusal Letter from Lydia Couch was passed around, along with the letter of resignation from Jamie Miers. Since the Grand Slam was coming up a motion was made by Kevin Crousen that we skip the June Board meeting due to the Grand Slam, and have our July meeting on the 17th, since Kevin and Beverly would be gone, and we would need to prepare for Super's Tournament. Lydia seconded. All approved

President/ Grand Slam Report – Kevin Crousen

Kevin talked about getting ready for the Grand Slam, and gave the Grand Slam Report:

GRAND SLAM REPORT

The Grand Slam Committee met and went over the needs for the Slam on May 15, 2017.

The ATA will be hosting the Player's Party on Sunday, June 11, 2017.

The ATA has purchased the following:

12 Benches - 4 to Mann MS, Madison MS, and Wylie JH - \$2820.00

25 Net Straps have been purchased to go to various Middle Schools - \$175.00

12 Scorekeepers were purchased – 8 to Abilene Country Club and 4 to Rose Park - \$779.40

8 – Rol Dri's – 4 to Rose Park and 4 to Abilene Country Club- \$519.60

Court Numbers were created and donated to ATA for the 5 middle schools and 2 high schools - \$0

1100 shirts will be purchased to give to the Player's with ATA's Logo and Sponsor Logos on the back.

Approximately \$8,000 (Sponsorship money was raised)

8 tents have been purchased – 3 for Vendor's village and one for each of the middle schools for shade or site directors. \$695.22

5 sets of Canopy Weight Bags - \$114.75

Raffle & Meal Tickets - \$56.54

Food Truck Deposits and permits for Food Trucks and ATA - \$200.00

Ice Trailer and 1000lbs of ice - \$250

ATA will be purchasing Volunteer shirts with our logo.

The ATA will host the Vendor's Village and have 3 booths: Selling our US Open Tickets, Fan Gear, Drinks/Snacks and Chick Fil A. (Asking Junior Players to work/volunteer to help run these booths) Vendor's Village will be Friday the 9th-Wednesday the 14th)

Sponsorships in the amount of \$18,500 was raised to help cover various expenses. This includes court costs, and meals for officials, site directors and tournament staff, and Player Shirts

In-kind Sponsorships of approximately \$4,000 was given (water /drinks for volunteers, player party)(chick fil A) (gifts for raffles for player's party)

Susan Clark is in need of Adult Volunteers to help during the entire 8 days of the Slam. If you know of anyone who is interested, please contact her.

Total Grand Slam Expenditures to date \$5610.51

Treasurer's Report –Beverly Guthrie

Beverly will be working on the Chart of Accounts after the Grand Slam. The Banquet took a minimal loss due to lowering the costs of the junior high tickets. Not recommended to do that again. Went over the January Open, March and May Challengers. Each broke even or made a small profit.

Secretary's Report/ Community Grants – Beverly Guthrie

Working diligently on getting everything ordered for Grand Slam.

ATA purchased and delivered to Wylie Jr High the following:

- Purple Cones – 2 sets of 12
- Bruce Cart – 1
- Tennis Balls – 4 cases of balls
- 1- Rol-Dri Master Unit w/High Density Blue Roller

ATA Purchased and delivered to Wylie High School the following:

- 8 Gamma Score Keepers –
- Wilson Championship Extra Duty Tennis Balls – 6 cases
- 1 - Rol-Dri Master Unit w/High Density Blue Roller ,

Adult League Committee Chair - Lydia Couch

The Adult League (AL) Committee met on Sunday, April 30 at Rose Park with the following people in attendance:

- Lydia Couch
- Susan Clark
- Karen Wilkes
- Valerie Giles
- Maria Poradek
- Cassie Hughes
- Mitti Blackburn
- Randy Ivey

Discussion topics for board meeting:

- Abilene hosting 18 & Over Mixed sectionals October 6-8
- Still looking for date for mixer

Coordinator reports:

Karen Wilkins – no report

Susan Clark – email on 4/24:

- Over 18 local league finished. Abbey Wartes 3.0 team will advance to Sectionals in Dallas 8/4-6.
- Susan Bowles will also be taking a Lone Star team that is not required to qualify locally or go to QT.
- Levels 2.5, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 can take a team to QT 7/7-9 in Austin if team formed by 6/1.

Susan Bowles – no report

Volunteer – Beverly Guthrie

No Report at the time

Banquets Events Committee – Mary Noel Corn

ATA Banquet was the biggest one yet. 538 tickets were sold that made \$3945.00 Sites and details were given to Beverly. Mary Noel Corn does not recommend selling \$5 tickets for Jr. High (1) can't cover the cost of food and it wasn't well received. All bills have been paid by Beverly.

Sponsorship made a few mistakes because of lack of communication but was still successful. Several Committee members are going off this year: Muffy with awards, Shellie with tickets and Mary Noel Corn as even Planner. Tickets is the only one that someone taking over for her. Mary Noel Will be putting a notebook together to give to the person that will be chairing next year's Banquet.

Junior Tennis Development– Julie Beckham:

- Abilene USTA Tournaments - The March & May Challengers are complete and survey results are helping us focus on improvements. Our next ATA tournament are the June & July Open on June 24-25 and July 29-30. The ATA tournament committee will meet this week to discuss play sites & staffing. Bobby Hagerman will be here for both tournaments as planned.
- West Texas Junior Tournament Swing: Lubbock, Midland, San Angelo & Abilene all have open tournaments this summer. The Dr. Pepper Open is in Mason July 13-15 also.
- JTT leagues Abilene: Sectionals was in Austin this past weekend. Abilene had four team attend. Even through the rain delays, the tourney was completed and all had a great time.
- ATA Banquet: With Wilson's help this year, JTA was able to give 2 racquets & 3 bags this year to raffle giveaways at the ATA banquet.
- USTA Texas: Jr. Grand Slam is June 9-18th at all court sites in town. We need any HS or College Players who want to help with Vendor Village, they can contact me by phone or email to work. We also need adult volunteers for site help around town, they can contact Susan Clark.
- USPTA Junior Team Abilene 2017 to Newks: Team commitment & deposit is due by next week. Are we in? Abilene needs a team captain. Jenny Gray from Austin will be Tournament Director in 2017 again. Beverly made a motion to send check and Lydia Couch Seconded all approved.

Officials/Referees – Kevin Crousen:

No Report

Marketing & Communications Committee – Beverly Guthrie

I have been posting in a group-me tournament player text any information regarding upcoming tournaments

Scholarship/Nominating Committee – Jimmy Schaeffer:

The players that received the 2017 Kyle Williams scholarships -

Emly Corn - WHS
Nikhil Kalla - WHS
Sara Horn - AHS
Spencer Lin - WHS
Kiara Jones - CHS
James Watson - AHS
Lauren Wertheim - AHS
Ashley Smyser - WHS

ATA - Collin Hollingsworth - CHS
JTA - Haley Wallace – WHS and Ian Taylor - CHS

Next meeting will be July 17, 2017 at 6:15
Adjourned at 7:55