

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting Minutes

Abilene Country Club – Tapestry Room

Tuesday October 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Board Members present: Beverly Guthrie, Kevin Crousen, Lydia Couch, Jimmy Schaeffer, and Julie Beckham (via phone)

Board Members unable to attend: Mary Noel Corn and Valerie Giles

Other Attendees: Rick Meyers

Business

Kevin Crousen called meeting to Order. Minutes from the September 26 board meeting were presented. Beverly Guthrie made a motion to approve, Lydia Couch seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report –Beverly Guthrie

Beverly Guthrie handed out financial information reflecting a current total bank balance of \$61,295.06. 2017 YTD activity has been coded and submitted to Davis Kinard & Company to create financial statements. Additionally, final Grand Slam income and expense were completed and provided to the Board, ACVB and USTA. Sponsorship funds of \$500 received from First Financial Bank for the 50+Adult Men's National Tournament and \$250 received from ACVB for the 18+ Mixed Sectional Tournament held in Abilene in October. Jimmy Schaeffer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Lydia Couch seconded, all approved.

Committee Updates

Officials and Referees and Fundraising Committees

- No new information presented

Community Tennis Development & Marketing

- Brochures promoting adult tennis leagues completed and made available in time for the Adult Mixer.

Adult Tennis

- Abilene Country Club hosting SuperSmash tourney the first weekend in November. An Adult/Junior event added this year.
- Adult Committee in planning stage for setting up a Local 1-day round robin tournament.
- Open question – should we explore Flex leagues?
- Upcoming Tournaments:
 - ✓ Mixed 55 & Over Sectionals November 10-12 in Corpus Christi
 - ✓ Tri-level tournament February 1, 2018. Location TBD.
- Adult leagues
 - ✓ 50 Adult Brochures printed, provided at Halloween mixer, placed at ACC, FWO and RP.
 - ✓ Need calendar for next year – post on website, newsletter, and hand out fliers.

- ✓ Awaiting USTA Texas to publish 2018 calendar.
- Adult Tennis Coordinator – RFP to be issued for this contractor role.
 - ✓ The Adult Tennis Coordinator Roles and Responsibilities was presented and reviewed with the Board and attendee. Beverly Guthrie made a motion to approve, Jimmy Schaeffer seconded, all approved.
 - ✓ An RFP will be created reflecting a pay structure on a per participant basis. Post the RFP between November 6 and December 4 on ATA website.
- ATA Governance
 - ✓ The Adult Committee will begin work on creating adult league rules and a captain's handbook, leveraging San Antonio and Austin documents.

A review of past monthly events:

- Adult Halloween Mixer was held October 28th at Rose Park. There were almost 20 adults attending in costume.
- Over 18 Mixed Sectionals –tournament held in Abilene October 6-8. It was a successful event. There were 47 teams in 4 levels of play. Player party held Friday night at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel with approximately 160 players attending. Finals were completed by 1:30 on Sunday.

Junior Tennis

- November SCMZ November 18-20 in Abilene. Needing 4-5 volunteers to hand out shirts to players on Saturday morning from 8-10am.
- USTA Texas announced 2018 tournament cities. West Texas lost a lot of tournaments due to low participation and location. Abilene fared better than most, getting a Tier 3 SCMZ 16/18 and a CMZ and two Challengers. The ATA tournament committee has sanctioned 6 USTA events for 2018, plus two Open Tourneys for Junior & Adults in June and December. Committee is also reviewing how to run UTR events and may run 2-4 UTR tournaments in 2018 – these tournaments are for Adults and Juniors and are one day events so can be held on Saturday or Sunday.
- JTT Fall League is wrapping up. Fall sectionals are Nov 17-19 at Newks. New USTA TX rules for 2018 include: setting new age cutoffs to April 30 for Spring season. There will be “Open” Team registration for Summer National Track Sectionals, so no league will be played in advance. Just put your teams together. League levels will no longer be named Beg, Int or Adv, but x.x NTRP and below, and then “Open” JTT for Adv levels. Spring & Summer sectionals may be in San Antonio and Austin in June.
- The ATA Banquet will be held May 2, 2018 at ACU or the Civic Center. Volunteers from all area High Schools will be on the ATA Banquet Committee.
- USTA Texas Slam – a kickoff meeting will be held November 1 at the FDLIC office.

- USPTA Junior Team Abilene – 2018 tournament held at Newks in New Braunfels. If Abilene team wants to stay in the condos, a check will need to be sent ASAP after January 1st to Chris Singer in Tyler. He will be the USPTA TD at Newks in 2018.

Financial and Operations

- Sponsorships/Grants
 - ✓ The \$1,000 grant to Abilene Cooper High School for team sweats was paid to Tennis Outlet. The \$500 sponsorship to Gil DeShazio and his 50 & Over Team was paid.
 - ✓ A sponsorship request was made from Adam Ewing for his 18+ Adult Mixed team that is going to Nationals. Beverly Guthrie made a motion to approve, Kevin Crousen seconded, all approved.
- Nominations
 - ✓ Mark Edwards was contacted regarding serving on the ATA Board, and he has agreed. Jimmy Schaeffer made a motion to approve Mr. Edwards, Kevin Crousen seconded, all approved.

Beverly Guthrie will be calling a budget meeting sometime in November to create the 2018 budget.

The meeting adjourned by 8:00pm.

Announcements

- Next Board meeting is November 21, 2017.

Prepared by: Valerie Giles, November 12, 2017