

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting Notes

- Location – Mezamiz Coffee Shop
- Date & Time – 01/26/2021 @ 6:15pm



Board Members present: John Foster, Reese Bontke, Mindy Bible, Bryan Rainwater, Jennifer Navejas, Jake Jennings, Nancy Willis, Marilyn Crowe, & Shannel Anderson.

Board Members unable to attend: Jimmy Schaefer

Others Present: Melinda Roberson

Business

- Annual Coach's Dinner
 - Reese provided the listing of all Abilene tennis coaches to Jake who will notify each coach of the upcoming dinner. Reese will contact Lytle Land & Cattle Co. to reserve the space for 25-30 people.
 - Location: Hashi Teppan Grill
 - Address: 1158 EN 10th St., Abilene, TX 79601
 - Date: 02/21/2021 @ 5:30PM
 - Coaches Invited:

School	Name	Email	Phone
AHS Head Coach	Stacy Bryan	Stacy.bryan@abileneisd.org	(325) 518-3572
AHS Assistant Coach	Cameron Walker	Cameron.walker@abileneisd.org	(940) 456-1084
CHS Head Coach	Trance Rosenquist	Trance.rosenquist@abileneisd.org	(325) 669-4441
CHS Assistant Coach	Lauren Renner-Cruz	Lauren.rennercruz@abileneisd.org	(325) 518-0487
WHS Head Coach	Mark Hathorn	Mhathorn@wylie.esc14.net	(325) 660-1892
WHS Assistant Coach	Margret Lemke	Mlemke@wylie.esc14.net	(325) 805-3199
Clack MS	John Kelley	John.kelley@abileneisd.org	(972) 966-9927
Craig MS	Jimmy Schaeffer	Jimmy.schaeffer@abileneisd.org	(325) 518-2268
Madison MS	Rich Bryan	Richard.bryan@abileneisd.org	(325) 864-4325
Mann MS	Steven Stanley	Steven.stanley@abileneisd.org	(940) 839-7476
Wylie JH	Rose Bristow	Rbristow@wylie.esc14.net	(325) 518-9831
Wylie East JH	Adam Ewing	Aceroseparktc@hotmail.com	(281) 389-3846
Abilene Christian School	Arnett McClure	Arnett.mcclure@abilenechristian.com	(325) 518-1279

- Annual CTA Survey
 - Completed and approved by USTA in December for 2021.
- 2021 USTA Changes
 - TennisLink is no longer accessible for tournament registration. All 2021 tournaments (Adult & Junior) are available via <https://playtennis.usta.com/tournaments>.
 - New Ranking Structure: The new structure utilizes seven levels of events, ranging from Level 7 (Intermediate) to Level 1 (National Championships) and a universal ranking system that distributes points consistently across the country. This new ranking structure will apply to both Juniors and Adults.

- USTA tournament structure will be month to month, rather than a full year scheduled out, and ATA will discuss each month's potential next month tournament before engaging USTA and scheduling a local tournament.
- ATA General Liability Insurance Renewal – Unanimous consent by all board members to pay the \$600.00 premium to continue our Liberty Insurance policy. Mindy sent the payment and liability invoice to USTA on 01/18/2021.
- Chris Redman's contract with ATA needs to be amended aligning with USTA's tournament structure changes. John will meet with Chris to discuss the amendments as agreeable.
- Melinda Roberson's contract with ATA needs to be recertified. John will meet with Melinda to discuss the terms & conditions and recertify her contract as the Abilene Coordinator.
- ATA President's Position – Kevin Crousen fulfilled his 2nd three year term and has rotated off the board. Unanimous consent by all board members present appointed John Foster to succeed Kevin as president. Jennifer made a motion to pass & Reese seconded.
- ATA Vice President's Position – As John Foster transitioned into the president's position unanimous consent by every member of the board was given for Reese to succeed John as vice president. Shannel made a motion to pass and Jennifer seconded.
- ATA Frenchman Creek Storage – Our storage at Frenchman Creek needs to be consolidated into one unit. A working day will be scheduled in the near future to facilitate the consolidation. Mindy & Kevin will compile inventory at storage.
- ATA Board Additional Members – Benny Morentin, Rick Meyers, & Nichole Casey have been identified as potential new board members. ATA can have 12 total members serving on the board so only 2 of these 3 could be added:
 - Reese will reach out to Benny for potential solicitation into the ATA board.
 - Nancy will reach out to Rick for potential solicitation into the ATA board.
 - John nominated Nichole, from JTT, for potential solicitation into the ATA board if Benny or Rick decline the invitation.

Treasurer's Report

- Annual Financial Summary/Review – Mindy reviewed the budget with the board and we are in excellent standing as an organization for 2021; the current budget was approved unanimously.

Committee Updates

- Officials/Referees: n/a
- Fundraising: Reese & Beverly Caudill Guthrie will continue with opportunities in 2021.
- Community Development/Marketing: n/a

- Financial: See Treasurer's Report.
- Banquet: Tentative plans set the 2021 banquet for May 4th, using digital advertising instead of paper, and Reese will contact the Church of Christ to inquire about securing the venue & any sponsor necessity. If unable to secure then a back-up plan will be reviewed which would be similar to the 2020 Senior Luncheon.
- Adult Tennis:
 - Jennifer & Jake will outreach to the committee members and discuss plans for 2021 including the potential for a money pot tournament.
 - Melinda has provided the USTA schedule for Texas Sectional League (TENTATIVE) in 2021. Abilene will host the Mixed 18&Over Sectionals once again on September 17-19. Melinda will review the schedule, develop a local schedule, and provide it to ATA to disseminate within the Abilene adult tennis population.
- Junior Tennis: Melinda will notify JTT individuals advising them to confirm their 2020 refunds in order to "*wipe the slate clean*" for the new year. Expiration date will be March 1st and whoever does not respond by the date will have their funds donated to ATA.
- Schools:
 - All 2020 funds given to the coaches will need to be used by March 1st:
 - \$1,500.00 for high schools
 - \$850.00 for middle schools
- Tournaments:
 - UTR Discussion - 2 opportunities for March 6th (doubles) and April 10th (singles and doubles) were agreed upon by the board members. John will consult with Chris Redman to facilitate him as the tournament director and secure Rose Park courts. ... Discussions for additional tournaments will be reviewed at later meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Announcements

Next Board meeting is February 16th at Jennifer's home at 6:15pm.

Prepared by: Jake, (01/27/2021)