

Abilene Tennis Association Board Meeting Notes

- Location – Shannel’s Residence
- Date & Time – 01/16/2022 2:00pm-4:00pm



Board Members present:

- Jake Jennings
- Nancy Willis
- Jennifer Navejas
- Benny Morentin
- Rick Meyers
- Shannel Anderson
- Mindy Bible
- Marilyn Crowe
- Reese Bontke

Board Members unable to attend:

- Bryan Rainwater

Others Present:

Business

1. Board Member Changes –
 - a. John Foster resigned as President
 - b. Jake Jennings resigned as Secretary
 - c. Reese Bontke transitioned from Vice President to President
 - d. Benny Morentin accepted Vice President
 - e. Beverly Guthrie accepted as Secretary

... All board members voted and approved these changes; there were no “nays”. Rich Bryan was selected as a potential new board member, having served in the past and currently is active within the tennis community, and there were no objections to bring him on.

2. Melinda Roberson will remain the ATA Coordinator for 2022.

Treasurer’s Report

1. ATA reviewed current financial standings from 2021 and forecasted 2022; the Board is in excellent financial wellness.

Committee Updates

- Officials/Referees:
- Fundraising – Reese will work with ATA and Fundraising Committee following their previous success of asking for donations/sponsors once a year.
- Community Development/Marketing – The following changes to the scholastic tennis program ATA grants were motioned by Jake, seconded by Benny, and all were in favor; no objections:

- High School Tennis program grants will be increased from \$1,300.00 to \$1,500.00 annually.
- Middle School Tennis program grants will be increased from \$850.00 to \$1,000.00 annually.
- Abilene Christian tennis programs for middle & high school will be \$750.00 total.
- Texas Lonestar tennis program grant, with Susan Bowles, will remain \$200.00.
- Due to lowered availability of tennis balls in 2022 both the middle and high school tennis programs will receive 3 cases of balls each. (previously high schools received 5 cases) ... Additionally, ATA made the decision to not sell cases of balls to schools, including any colleges, for 2022.
- Financial: N/A
- Banquet: N/A
- Adult Tennis – Jake and Jennifer are looking to host 4 adult mixer/social events for 2022:
 - Spring – Scheduled at Rose Park Tennis Center on April 16th.
 - Summer – A summer, 1-day money adult tournament is being reviewed for June 18th.
 - Fall – Looking at a Halloween mixer joint-run by Adult & JTT Committee tentatively set for October 28th at Rose Park Tennis Center.
 - Winter – Tentatively scheduled at The Mill on December 7th or 14th as a social mixer only; no tennis play.
- Junior Tennis: Chris Cozner will be joining the JTT Committee and will head the initiative.
- Schools: N/A
- Tournaments:
 - Increase price of entry fee to \$30.00 for singles and \$40.00 for doubles. Due to the goods inflation impacting aspects of tennis (balls, equipment, food for events, etc.) the increase was needed to ensure ATA could continue to afford engaging the tennis community. ... Shannel motioned to approve, Rick seconded, all were in favor with no objections.
 - Tentative Tournmaent Schedule for 2022:
 - JAN 29/30 AISD UTR
 - FEB 12/13 ATA UTR (singles Saturday & doubles Sunday)
 - MAR 5/6 ATA UTR (singles Saturday & doubles Sunday)
 - APR 23/24 ATA UTR (singles Saturday & doubles Sunday)
 - MAY 14/15 AISD UTR
 - JUN – DEC TBD
 - Tournament Director Challenges:
 - Extenuating situations for player timeslots/match times will be honored at the TD's discretion. Too many players have been outreaching to the UTR TD asking for rescheduling of their matches causing disruption and confusion amongst the other players. ... Additional verbiage will be added to each UTR registration so players are aware their schedule requests may/may not be honored.

- Coaching while a player is actively participating in a match has caused complaints to be shared with ATA. Consistent with USTA regulation ATA will now include verbiage in UTR registrations there is to be no coaching during active match play unless it is between the 2nd and 3rd sets.

Meeting adjourned 4:00pm.

Announcements

Next Board meeting is March 22, 2022.

Prepared by: Jake (March 16, 2022)