



GCTA Quarterly Meeting

April 17th, 2014

Convened at 7:05 p.m. by Phil Diaz

Board Members Attending:

Mark Anderson	Pat Anderson	Denica Bruce	Fred Duy	Scott Gerber
Art Haus	Rob Hildreth	Terri Jones	Jane McMeekin	Erin Ortman
Shelby Rhyne	Sharon Rusk	Jim Scowden	Mike Toomey	Les Vernado

Guests:

Jacqueline Boggs Sue Swyt

January Meeting Minutes

- Shelby moved and Sharon Rusk seconded that the minutes be approved as written.

2014 GCTA Board Meetings,
Thursdays
July 17th
September 18th

Treasurer's Report - Shirley Neibauer / Terri Jones reporting

Money Market	-	\$ 48,615.49
Checking		<u>\$ 7,044.44</u>
Total	-	\$ 55,659.93

Grant Committee – Jane McMeekin

- Jim Scowden reported on a successful indoor clinic that was funded by a GCTA grant.
- Six grants were awarded since the last meeting.

Ace with Love \$1,200	Ed Amos	Wolfe Park Tennis Program's ACE with Love" Junior Development Program
Columbus Classic Tournament \$1,000	Scott Schopper	3 rd annual Columbus Classic Tennis Tournament - on GLTA international tennis tour \$12,000 budget
SW Youth Tennis \$1,800	Dan Witteman	6 week summer youth tennis program – basics of tennis taught
Summer Tennis Leadership Camp \$1,800	Nancy Hill-McClary	Part of a summer program for Brentnell Rec Center & The Neighborhood House – tennis clinics & play days
Eagles Tennis Summer Camp \$1,500	Ryan Balaz	Summer tennis camp – grades 4-12
JTT Coaches Incentive \$1,500	Brittany Rings	Incentive offer of \$200 to a coach of a new JTT, and \$100 for each team after with a maximum of 4 (cap of \$500 per coach)

Awards Ceremony – Shelby Rhyne

- Nominations for 2014 awards are due July 15. Mark your calendars for the 2014 awards ceremony held at the Everal Barn on Thursday, September 25th.
- Please keep in mind that not all nominees are selected as award recipients.
- Shelby is looking for a Co-Chair for 2014 to become chair in 2015.

Junior Area Qualifier – Terri Jones reporting

- Information on the qualifier is posted on our website at <http://www.gcta.net/gcta.php>. Click on the link under "Upcoming Events."
- Terri has sent a letter to each indoor club promoting the event.
- The strict GCTA exemption standards were discussed and the board decided that the committee should revisit the recommendations presented at the September meeting.

Women's League – Erin Ortman

- Many of the forms required for fielding teams in the summer league were turned in on April 14. Preliminary lineups are due on April 28th.
- Final rosters and dues will be collected on Wednesday, May 14th. Three meetings will be held that day, 9-11am, 1-3pm, and 7-9pm at the Upper Arlington Municipal Building.

- The Women's Board is in need of two board members, a Special Events Chair, and a Career 3.5 Chair. Let Erin know if you have any suggestions for individuals to fill these positions.
- Erin handed out GCTA window clings to all board members. Each GCTA member will receive a cling at the Captains' meetings in May.
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Men's League – Terry Finneran/ Fred Duy reporting

- The Teams and Court Scheduling and Availability forms are due April 20th. Preliminary rosters are due May 8th. Captains' meetings are held at the same times as the Women's meetings mentioned above, , 9-11am, 1-3pm, and 7-9pm at the Upper Arlington Municipal Building.
- The Men's Board will discuss the fee structure prior to the beginning of their season next year with the possibility of charging fees comparable to the Women's.

USTA Leagues – Shelby Rhyne

- USTA Spring Flex Singles league is in play with 47 player registration in Men's 4.0 and 4.5 flights and Women's 3.5 and 4.0 flights. We will also have a Summer and Late Summer Flex Singles Leagues
 - USTA Summer Adult leagues team registration is open until May 1. This summer USTA Adult tennis league types are Combo, Mixed, and 55&Over. We are planning two new late summer leagues (65&Over and Mixed 7.5) as well as a 18&Over 5.0+ Women's league.
 - **2014 USTA League PROJECTED EXPENSES - \$1955**
 - \$ 2000 Total Tournament Fees (increase of \$400 for two new league types)
 - **2014 USTA league PROJECTED INCOME - \$3920**
 - \$2730 450 league players at \$6 each*
 - \$1190 170 Flex singles players x \$7 each
- *2014 League player distribution (\$20/player): \$4 OVTA, \$7 MW, \$6 GCTA, \$3 Active.com)

Website – Scott Gerber

- Summer season sees the activity on the website jump dramatically. Scott presented the board with a statistical report on usage.
- Jacqueline Boggs suggested that we ask local clubs to include a link to our site on their websites.
- The discussed whether or not we should have a GCTA Facebook page given the recent popularity in social media.

OVTA – Terri Jones

- The OVTA is offering \$50,000 for "local projects." Grant applications are due May 1 and July 1. Terri will look into applying.
- Tyler Stephens and Steve Metzmaier have agreed to coach our Ohio Cup team. The weekend tournament will be held in Charleston, WV on June 14 and 15.
- The OVTA Awards meeting will be held in Columbus this year on Sunday, Nov. 2nd. Location to be announced later. The OVTA is considering eliminating this awards meeting and the awards themselves.
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Columbus Recreation & Parks – Denica Bruce

- The staff is in the midst of planning the summer season. Program listings will be found at <http://columbus.gov/TennisProgram/>.
- Denica will confirm that a GCTA link is still on the newly designed CR & P web page, and she will also post information about the Jim Scowden clinics at Champions.
- Denica presented the GCTA board with a plaque of appreciation for the support we have provided Columbus Parks and Recreation throughout the years.

USTA Junior Team Tennis – Brittany Rings / Terri Jones reporting

- Terri reported that all coaches are now required to have a background check.
- JTT league will start June 6th with a 6 week program with the culminating tournament in Wilmington, OH on July 17, 18, and 19.
- Brittany is replacing the in-person coaches' meetings with conference calls. Coaches can call either Sunday, May 4th or Tuesday, May 6th. Both calls are at 8 pm.

Umpires – Art Haus

- The Umpire training took place on April 5th at the Racquet Club with 8 participants. GCTA provided breakfast.
- Art reported that umpires are now required to have background checks and to complete the online Safe Sport course.

- The Girls 16s tournament will be using umpires.
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10 & Under Initiative – Erin Ortman & Jacqueline Boggs & Terri Jones

- Terri reported that the Upper Arlington schools have received their 10 & Under equipment and will have a teacher training on Wednesday, April 23.
- YMCA re-training took place on March 20th.
- Westerville & Dublin will again have YTT summer programs.
- There will be an open volunteer training, YTT Summit on May 18th for all YTT coaches. **This training is free** and will be May 18th at 12:30 pm at Capital University. National 10 & Under trainer, Leah Friedman will be leading the training.
- Erin reported that Hilliard YTT registration is open and soon to be closed.
- Jacqueline reported that the Pickerington & Gahanna YTT programs will occur again this summer.

Executive Director’s Report – Terri Jones

- Terri is in communication with our insurance company, BOD, to determine our coverages.
- She announced that TennisLink is being revamped and will hopefully become more user friendly. The revamp is hoping to make the site a one stop shop where a visitor can easily navigate all USTA activities.
- The Arnold Sports Festival was a great success for GCTA. Fifty-seven GCTA members volunteered at the event and many indicated interest in working again next year. As the only “kid-friendly” booth, the GCTA was swamped with visitors the entire event. Meetings are already underway for the 2015 event and we are going to be invited again.
- Read all about the event at http://www.midwest.usta.com/news/tennis_a_success_at_arnold_sports_festival/.
- The USPTA Midwest Conference has named Tyler Stephens as the high school coach of the year.

Old Business

- Terri shared the new GCTA brochure (Thanks to Jim & Jane) with the board. We have 300 copies and will distribute at Captains’ meetings and to the indoor clubs.

New Business

- Terri mentioned that we are in a position to add new board members. Please send any recommendations to Terri.

Phil Diaz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. **The Meeting was adjourned.**