

July GCTA General Meeting

Convened 7:00 by Jim Scowden



July 16, 2015

Board Members Attending:

Ed Amos	Geoff Bibo	Denica Bruce	Terry Finerran	Heath Elliott
Scott Gerber	Beth Gibson	Terri Jones	Jane McMeekin	Shirley Neibauer
Aaron Ockerman	Rob Postma	Sharon Rusk	Jim Scowden	Emi Tsuda

Guests:

Jacqueline Boggs, Cathy Willard

April Meeting Minutes

- Shirley Neibauer motioned that the minutes be approved, Arron Ockerman seconded. The minutes were approved.

2015 GCTA Board Meeting

Thursday

September 17th

Upper Arlington Municipal Bldg.

Treasurer's Report - Shirley Neibauer

	<u>April 15, 2015</u>	<u>July 13, 2015</u>
PNC Money Market -	\$10,031.25	\$29,480.72
PNC Checking -	<u>\$11,223.40</u>	<u>\$11,223.96</u>
Totals -	\$21,254.65	\$42,266.49

USTA Adult Leagues – Susan Storrer/Terri Jones reporting

- We have 25 teams with 294 players. Flex league registered 177 players for 2 sessions. We do not have the 2 team leagues that we have had in the past, which led to the reduction in the # of teams fielded this summer.

Columbus Clay Court Championships – Rob Postma

- The event is coming together nicely. We have a major sponsor that will deflect most of the cost of the tournament.
- Posters were divided up for distribution along with fliers to each of the major clubs. We need everyone to help spread the word to lessen the confusion of all three events. (Tournament, Open tournament and party)
- All registrations are on line. Party reservations go to Terri, tournament entries go to Erin and the Open division entries are on tennis link that Rob will retrieve.
- The awards ceremony will be a combined event this year instead of the Everal Barn event in September.
- Team banners will be awarded to the league Champions. Some opposed the lack of giving individual awards.
- Email blasts will continue to promote this event.

Grant Committee – Jane McMeekin

- We have not processed any grant applications since the last meeting.
- Jim Scowden & Ed Amos reported on their programs.

Women's League – Erin Ortman

- Our Women's League membership is 2,151 members on 156 teams. We have collected in \$32,385 in dues.
- Terri asked if there had been much feedback on the \$15 dues increase and Sharon reported only a few.

Men's League – Terry Finneran

- Terry reported that the Men's League membership is 893 members on 64 teams. Our numbers are down 37 members and one team. We have collected most of the dues - \$14,505.
- Terry indicated that the dues hike did not seem to be an issue with the men's membership.

Columbus Recreation & Parks – Denica Bruce

- Denica reported that the Adult classes are full and going well. CR&P added adult beginner classes.
- Registration for the kids' classes is down and the classes were delayed with all the rain. They did use some indoor facilities when possible.
- Summer camps also went well.
- Denica asked if we could post information about the use of alcohol at The Champions Tennis Club. The vendor providing alcohol at The Champions Golf Club has complained about teams bringing their own beverages into the matches. CR&P indicated that if this rule is not observed it could jeopardize the contract. Jim Scowden responded that he is trying to control the situation.

USTA Junior Team Tennis – Brittany Rings / Terri Jones reporting

- This year we had 56 teams from 13 clubs in the area with 515 players. This is up from 55 from last year. The district tournament was held Thursday, July 16th in Wilmington Ohio. We sent 14 teams.
- A 10 and under division is new this year. We had 5 teams!
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USTA Junior Team Tennis Non-advancing League - Cathy Williard

- This summer we had close to 60 participants over 3 sites. Thanks to Coaches Witteman, Walters and Carlson who helped bring in players. Site monitors were a good group of kids and the sites (Whetstone, Antrim and Grove City HS) all had nice courts.
- We held a small entry level tournament Monday, July 20th at Whetstone, and are having a bigger event Saturday, July 25th against other Non-Advancing JTT leagues in the Mid Ohio Valley.
- Cathy feels we can grow the program next year since we got wonderful feedback from parents and our site monitors.

Website – Scott Gerber

- Website usage continues to increase each year, up 14% this year. June 24th saw our highest volume this year. Our direct contacts are up 14% from last year.
- Scott migrated our site from an older version of GoDaddy to the newer server technology. The system appears to run a bit faster. Full details included at the end of these minutes.

10 & Under Initiative – Jacqueline Boggs

- Play days and Kids Club will resume in the fall.

Executive Director's Report – Terri Jones

- On June 13th Ed Amos was recognized at Wolfe Park for the 20 years that the program has been serving the Columbus community. One of Ed's students, Cameron Raglin, won the Richard Bradley Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2500. He will be attending Cornell University.
- Terri asked if the board again wanted to support the Diaz Pancreatic Cancer tournament in the amount of \$250. Sharon Rusk moved and Shirley seconded, the motion passed.
- The Girls' 16s were held in June. This is the first year that the GCTA did not provide a small gift for the girls and no one seemed to miss them.
- The Ohio Valley Cup in June was again won by our team coached by Steve Metzmaier and Tyler Stephen. This is the 5th year in a row that they have won the Championship
- GCTA is accepting nominations for our annual awards at this time. Forms are posted on the GCTA.net website. We have received one nomination so far.
- Terri mentioned that nominations are also open for 3 board openings. Contact Terri with names of possible board members. Key HS coaches will be contacted to see if there is any interest in juniors in HS serving on the board.
- YTT (Youth Team Tennis) programs went very well this summer with several hundred participants in Westerville, Worthington, Dublin, Hilliard, Pickerington, Gahanna, Southwest Schools.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. .