

# GCTA Annual Meeting

Convened 7:00 by Phil Diaz



September 17, 2015

### Board Members Attending:

Olivia Autrey	Geoff Bibo	Denica Bruce	Terry Finerran	Heath Elliott
Jim Hendrix	Terri Jones	Paul Kobelt	Jane McMeekin	Shirley Neibauer
Aaron Ockerman	Jim Scowden	Geri Schlegel	Mike Toomey	Raquel Tyo
Les Varnado	Scott Gerber			

### Guests:

Jacqueline Boggs

### Nominations Committee – Jim Scowdin

- Thanks to the committee – Phil Diaz, Jim Hendrix, Mark Anderson, Fred Duy.

The 2015 nominating committee's slate of officers shall be:

### Executive Committee

Phil Diaz	President
Jim Scowden	Vice President
Shirley Neibauer	Treasurer
Jane McMeekin	Secretary
Erin Ortman	Immediate Past President

### GCTA Additional Board Positions

GCTA Women's Chair	Erin Ortman
GCTA Men's Chair	Terry Finneran
Columbus Recreation & Parks Rep	Denica Bruce
USTA Junior Team Tennis Coordinator (Championship)	Brittany Rings
USTA Junior Team Tennis Coordinator (Non-advancing)	Cathy Williard
USTA Adult Summer Leagues Coordinator	Susan Storrer
Executive Director	Terri Jones

### GCTA Board of Trustee Members

Ed Amos	2016	Heath Elliott	2017	Mark Anderson	2018
Geoff Bibo	2016	Terry Finneran	2017	Pat Anderson	2018
John Campbell	2016	Jane McMeekin	2017	Olivia Autrey	2018 (new)
Fred Duy	2016	Shirley Neibauer	2017	Denica Bruce	2018
Jim Hendrix	2016	Aaron Ockerman	2017	Scott Gerber	2018
Rob Hildreth	2016	Rob Postma	2017	Beth Gibson	2018
Mike O'Callaghan	2016	Brittany Rings	2017	Phil Diaz	2018
Erin Ortman	2016	Sharon Rusk	2017	Terri Jones	2018
Geri Schlegel	2016	Jim Scowden	2017	Paul Kobelt	2018
Mike Toomey	2016	Les Varnado	2017	Raquel Tyo	2018 (new)
Emi Tsuda	2016			Dan Witteman	2018

- Shirley Neibauer moved, Les Varnado seconded, the motion passed.

### Treasurer's Annual Budget Report – Shirley Neibauer

### Adjournment of Annual Meeting

- Jim Scowden moved that the minutes be approved, Shirley Neibauer seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

## GCTA September Quarterly Meeting

Convened 7:10 by Phil Diaz

### July Meeting Minutes

- Jim Scowden moved that the minutes be approved, Shirley Neibauer seconded. The minutes were approved.

**2016 GCTA Board Meetings**  
**Thursdays**  
**January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**July 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Upper Arlington Municipal Bldg.**

**Columbus Clay Court Championships**  
**August 12-14, 2016**

## Treasurer's Report - Shirley Neibauer

	<u>July 13, 2015</u>	<u>Sept., 15, 2015</u>
PNC Money Market -	\$29,480.72	\$41,224.34
PNC Checking -	\$11,223.96	\$18,158.70
Totals -	\$42,266.49	\$59,383.04

## Grant Committee – Jane McMeekin

- We have not processed any grant applications since the last meeting.
- We have received reports from the summer programs that we funded and all went well.
- Jane discussed with the board limiting our grants to \$2,000 to better reach more programs.
- Phil suggested that we suggest that applicants also go to the OVTA for possible funding.

## Women's League – Erin Ortman

- Erin showed the board examples of the awards that were given this year – banners and plaques. The banners were well received. Erin reported a little negative feedback on the lack of individual prizes and increase in dues, but not a lot.
- The Winter Parties this year will include one mixed doubles event. Erin is looking for someone to be in charge of the Women's Parties and will need a man from the Men's Board to help with the mixed doubles event.
- The Women's Board will meet in October if any of the membership raises an issue that needs discussing.

## Men's League – Terry Finneran

- Terry reported a good season with the final two champions being decided just last week. The 3.5 Skill Champions was the team from Scarborough, and the 4.0 Champions was the team from Elysium. Each team will receive a banner and a plaque.
- The Men's Board will meet next month

## USTA Junior Team Tennis – Brittany Rings - Terri Jones reporting

- There will be changes in the format of the Championship Level JTT. Each team must have 2 girls and 2 boys. We anticipate this may be problematic for some teams. Others will be put in a separate league.
- Brittany reported that there is little support from the coaches for the mandatory pre-season meeting, therefore, we will be enforcing a "form stack???" for coaches to sign off on the rules changes and other issues we run up against every year.
- The league grew this year to 74 participants. Congratulations to the Racquet Club 14s and 18s who advanced to Districts?

## USTA Junior Team Tennis Non-advancing League - Cathy Williard - Terri Jones reporting

- The League had 59 participants this year.
- Next year, Cathy will be focusing on city league teams and is looking for sites to host the program.
- **Considering an incentive program next year where .....Sign up 4 players \$150, must be registered and show up for 3 of the 5 matches. This is an incentive to keep them playing through August 1.**

## Columbus Recreation & Parks – Denica Bruce – Terry Gee reporting

- Terry reported that the adult classes saw a 15-20% increase in participation. That is the best summer for the programs since 1994, with an average of 10-11 participants each week at each site – totaling over 400.
- Terry felt this increase was due to the quality of the instructors and better signage advertising the programs.
- Pickleball was offered at 2 sites.
- Youth participation numbers were good as well.
- The \$11,600 grant from the GCTA to Columbus Recreation & Parks reached 1949 participants. (\$5.95 each)

## Community Youth Tennis (10 & Under) – Jacqueline Boggs

- Entering our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of this project with partial funding coming from OVTA.
- Play days and Kids Club will resume in the fall.
- We anticipate another good year. Meetings begin next week to organize the program.

### **USTA Adult Leagues – Susan Storrer** - Terri Jones reporting

- We had 25 teams with 294 players.
- Flex league registered 177 players for 2 sessions. The Flex league was extended until September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The Mixed Doubles league may add District competition next year.

### **Website – Scott Gerber**

- Scott posted current summer photos. He would always like more.
- There was a large increase in traffic to the website before and after the CCCC event. Members went to the website to register for the party and the tournament.
- Scott's report is at the bottom of these notes.

### **Umpires' Report – Terri Jones**

- Terri announced that Bud Petersen retired.
- USTA is in desperate need of umpires for the January – April tennis season.
- Paul Kobelt mentioned that the Columbus ATP Challenger will be at the OSU Varsity Tennis Center, Sat. 9/19 thru Sun. 9/27. Great tennis with former local high school and OSU players participating. Volunteer opportunities are still open.

### **Executive Directors' Report – Terri Jones**

- Terri has secured the Upper Arlington Municipal Building for our 2016 Board meetings. The dates are on the first page of the minutes. Mark your calendars.
- Congratulations to the following Board members:
  - Beth Gibson – opening a new Buddy Up program in Pittsburg,
  - John Campbell – Otterbein University **O Club something,**
  - Scott Gerber – received the JHuddle.com Media award.
- **The USTA is opening it's new National Campus in \_\_\_\_\_, Florida in 2016. She said the plans look spectacular.**
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### **Old Business**

- **Phil asked that the Area Qualifier that we did not do this year be reconsidered. Terri is going to contact Dave Engle. ???**

### **New Business**

- None

### **Columbus Clay Court Championships Wrap-up**

- Phil and other Board members reported getting very positive feedback on the party and the tournament. There was general agreement that we will do it again next year.
- Terri reported that 310 attended the party, 60 of whom confirmed 48 hours prior. We would like to look at the whole process of signing up for the party before next year's event.
- The event committee will be able to begin earlier planning and hopes to seek more sponsors. Anyone interested in participating on the committee should contact Terri.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. .