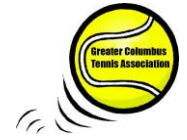


GCTA Quarterly Meeting

Convened 7:03 by Phil Diaz



April 21, 2016

Board Members Attending:

Ed Amos	Mark Anderson	Olivia Autrey	Geoff Bibo	Phil Diaz
Fred Duy	Heath Elliott	Terry Finneran	Scott Gerber	Jim Hendricks
Terri Jones	Paul Kobelt	Jane McMeekin	Mike O'Callaghan	Aaron Ockerman
Erin Ortman	Brittany Rings	Sharon Rusk	Geri Schlegel	Jim Scowden
Emi Tsuda	Racquel Tyo	Les Vernardo	Dan Witteman	

Guests:

Penny Boes, Jacqueline Boggs, Denny English, Lauren Hendricks, Kathy Kinnard, Maria Pottschmidt, Guy Parks, Susan Storrer

January Meeting Minutes

- Motion to accept minutes made by Fred Duy, seconded by Sharon Rusk. Minutes from January were approved.

2016 GCTA Board Meetings
Thursdays
July 21st
September 22nd
Upper Arlington Municipal Bldg.

Columbus Clay Court Championships
August 12-14, 2016

Treasurer's Report - Shirley Neibauer - Terri Jones reporting

	April 15, 2015	January 15, 2016	April 15, 2016
• PNC Money Market -	\$11,223.40	\$41,230.88	\$31,235.54
• PNC Checking -	\$10,031.25	\$7,887.29	\$14,494.86
• Total	\$21,254.66	\$49,119.17	\$45,730.40

Grant Committee – Jane McMeekin

- The committee awarded two grants since our last meeting.
 - \$2,000 to Summer Tennis Leadership Camp (Nancy Hill-Mclary)
 - \$1,100 to Ace With Love (Ed Amos)
- Terri reported that she recently applied for and received approval for a \$14,000 grant from the OVTA.
- Jane said that the committee is still accepting grant applications.

CCCC/Awards Ceremony Committee Report – Terri Jones

- Tennis event will be held in two locations Brookside CC (Friday-Sunday) & Worthington Hills CC (Saturday)
- Sponsorships are needed. Please email Terri if you have ideas of individuals, businesses or corporations to contact. For example, restaurants or food vendors might be encouraged to set up a sample table. We are planning to approach tennis clubs in the area to sponsor at the \$150 level – this level will be identified by a banner displayed at the event. Terri passed out sponsorship cards that can be passed out to possible sponsors.
- Terri also passed out “Save the Date” posters that we would like to see displayed at area venues.
- New plans for this year’s event include:
 - 50/50 Raffle
 - Light desserts & snacks
 - Cash bar & grill available
- Erin mentioned that we will need more volunteers this year. Phil asked if we could add a Volunteer Sign Up form on our website. Scott said it would be possible.
- GCTA Awards part of the event:
 - The committee is still looking for someone to chair this portion of the event. We will be seeking award nominations in the near future.
 - Terri suggested that we eliminate some of the awards that may no longer be relevant, and perhaps adding a new President’s Award.
 - These questions will be considered by the committee.
 - Terri mentioned that we will need to decide on the Junior awards quickly due to the turn around time for bronzing the shoes.

Women’s League – Erin Ortman

- Currently we have 37 clubs, including 4 new clubs – Corazon, Jewish Center, Wolfe Park, & Park of Roses, and 160 teams.
- Preliminary rosters are due Wednesday, April 27th.
- The Captains’ meetings will be held at Brookside CC on Wednesday, May 18th from 10 am-12 pm or 7-9 pm. Final rosters and dues are collected at that time.

- Dampeners will be given to every GCTA member (men & women) in the spring. These will be distributed at the captains meeting.

Men's League – Terry Finneran

- Men's board met last November and tweaked some policies. Always are looking for ways to increase the men's membership numbers. We will try graduation cards with the complimentary membership for 2016 to attract high school players. We had no takers in 2015.

USTA Adult Leagues – Susan Storrer

- Susan reported that we will have 3 adult divisions this summer, Singles Flex, Mixed and Combo leagues. Registration for these leagues is now open. Complete information about these leagues can be found by clicking [here](#).
- Summer Captains' meeting will be Thursday, May 9th at 6:30pm at the Racquet Club.
- To register for a team or for more information contact Susan Storrer, 614-309-2968 or email [Susan](#).

Website – Scott Gerber

- Scott indicated that after the normal "slow time" during the winter months, activity is starting to ramp up.
- Scott has responded to players new to the area who have requested informaton about joining teams.
- Full website usuage report at the end of these minutes.

Columbus Recreation & Parks – No representative/no report provided

USTA Junior Team Tennis Championship & JTT Local - Brittany Rings

- We will have 2 leagues again this summer. These leagues offer team play.
- Teams are being organized now for both of these teams, with the deadline for team commitment being May 26th.
- Each team in the **Championship League** must have 2 girls and 2 boys. -Matches consist of a girls singles, boys singles, girls doubles, boys doubles, and a mixed doubles. District Championships will be July 16th.
- The Local League Level, which will not advance to districts and sectionals, must have a minimum of 4 players at every match, gender neutral. Matches consist of 4 singles and 2 doubles, gender neutral
- Last match for this league is July 15th.

USTA Junior Team Tennis Rec League - Lauren Hendricks

- This league offers an opportunity for local players to participate in a team setting. Team play includes co-ed singles and doubles. We will offer two divisions, 18 & under, as well as 14 & under.
- The cost is \$30 for five weeks play.
- Locations will be Whetstone Park, Antrim Park, and Grove City High School. Details of the league and league coordinator information are included in flyer at the end of these minutes.

Community Youth Tennis (10 & Under) – Jacqueline Boggs

- As of last week, we done 36 play days and exposed hundreds of kids to tennis.
- We completed a 6 week New Albany camp which I conducted like a YTT.
- We added Dublin, Gahanna and Westerville after school care locations since our last report. Now we are making Worthington our last priority for the year.

Executive Directors' Report – Terri Jones

- Last month Terri wrote a grant to the OVTA for \$14,160. She received confirmation yesterday from the OVTA office saying that the GCTA has been awarded the entire amount of the grant .This is to offset some of our existing grants that we award annually.
- Tyler Stephen and Steve Metzmaier have agreed to coach our Ohio Cup Team again. The event dates are June 17-19th in WVA
- We have partnered with New Albany Before and After Care and Enrichment Programs this summer by adding tennis to their enrichment program. The NA Board of Education approved our proposal so we will be teaching 10 and Under tennis to children Mon.,Tues., and Fri. 9-3 for 10 weeks. We have one of Dan Witteman's students, Megan Landis, helping. We are looking for a second person to help with this project.
- We have also partnered with the Columbus Young Professional Organization to begin offering a Start-Restart program at Whetstone Park of Roses on Wednesday's beginning May 25th- July 6th.
- Congrats to Beth Gibson for being awarded one of 5 Columbus' Jefferson Awards. Beth was selected from a group of 115. A national committee will select one of the local honorees to attend a June ceremony in Washington DC. Buddy Up has grown from 11 athletes, 13 buddies and one coach to more than 500 athletes, 700 buddies and 60 coaches in 9 states.
- Geri Schlegel was selected as this year's honoree at Northam Park. A ceremony will be held at Northam on

Saturday, April 23rd.

- Several district Board Positions opened have opened up at OVTA, anyone interested in participating on the Ohio Valley Tennis Association board, please contact Terri.
- Midwest Youth Tennis Education Foundation has dropped “Youth” from their mission so they can now promote adult programs.
- Adult league captains incentives: 2 new players = \$100, 4- \$200, 6 \$300, 8+ \$400 promotion ends in August.
- The July board meeting is in the lower level.

Old Business -

- Mark Anderson reported that there has been very little interest in becoming an umpire.
- Jim Hendricks brought up the question of the Area Qualifier. Phil explained that the GCTA had spoken with the OVTA on this issue, but had not received any positive feedback. Jim then suggested perhaps the GCTA sponsor a Junior City Championship tournament.

New Business

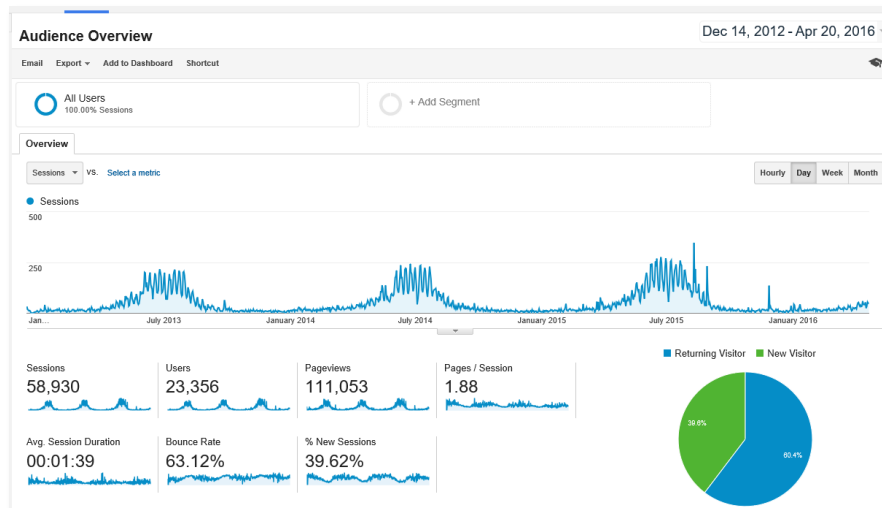
Phil Diaz reported that he had been approached by the WTT team from Racquet Club that is advancing to Nationals asking for financial support. After a brief discussion, no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. .

GCTA Web Site Usage

December 14, 2012 – April 21, 2016

Web site activity is still in its “slow time” but activity is starting to ramp up. Some players, who are new to the area, have requested information about joining teams.



Page Title	Pageviews
1. GCTA.net	54,314
2. GCTA - Women	20,383
3. GCTA - Men	11,529
4. GCTA - Junior's	6,407
5. GCTA - Photos	3,994
6. GCTA - Contact Information	2,421
7. GCTA - Links	2,408
8. GCTA - Contact	1,921
9. GCTA - About	1,870
10. GCTA - Board	1,606

Acquisition	
	Sessions ↓
Since Last Qtr	
1 Organic Search	1,153
2 Direct	770
3 Referral	130
4 Social	1

MAKE FRIENDS HAVE FUN

PLAY JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

- Co-ed singles and doubles play for local players
- Non-advancing summer rec league
- Divisions Offered: 18 and under & 14 and under
- Only \$30 for five weeks of league play



JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS REC LEAGUE

Choose From Three League Locations

SPACE IS LIMITED

LOCATION

Whetstone Park in Clintonville

June 13, 20, 27 July 11, 18 **no play on July 4th**

Antrim Park in Northwest Columbus

June 14, 21, 28 July 5, 12

Southwestern City Schools at Grove City High School

June 15, 22, 29 July 6, 13

DAY

Mondays

Tuesdays

Wednesdays

TIME

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Register by Monday, June 5th at www.ohiovalley.usta.com/columbus

Have questions or need more information?

Email Lauren Hendricks at jttrecleague@gmail.com

