

GCTA Quarterly Meeting

Convened 7:03 by Phil Diaz



July 21, 2016

Board Members Attending:

Ed Amos	Pat Anderson	Olivia Autrey	Geoff Bibo	Denica Bruce
Phil Diaz	Fred Duy	Heath Elliott	Scott Gerber	Terri Jones
Paul Kobelt	Jane McMeekin	Shirley Neibauer	Mike O'Callaghan	Erin Ortman
Rob Postma	Geri Schlegel	Racquel Tyo	Les Vernardo	Dan Witteman

Guests:

Jacqueline Boggs, Lauren Hendrix, Guy Parks

2016 GCTA Board Meetings
Thursday
September 22nd
Upper Arlington Municipal Bldg.

Columbus Clay Court Championships
August 12-14, 2016

April Meeting Minutes

- Motion to accept minutes made by Fred Duy, seconded by Pat Anderson. Minutes from April were approved.

Treasurer's Report - Shirley Neibauer

	July 13, 2015	April 15, 2016	July 19, 2016
• PNC Money Market -	\$29,480.72	\$14,494.86	\$31,239.00
• PNC Checking -	\$11,223.96	\$31,23.54	\$26,846.00
• PayPal Account	\$ 1,561.81		\$ 2,916.00
• Total	\$42,266.49	\$45,730.40	\$61,001.00

CCCC/Awards Ceremony Committee Report – Terri Jones

- Sponsors:
 - Terri reported that we have two commercial sponsors, Cameron Mitchell & Fitness Matters
 - Club banner sponsors are Champions Tennis Club, Brookside CC, Worthington Hills CC, Racquet Club, Olympic and Northam Park.
- Currently we have 94 entries. The deadline for tournament entry is Friday, August 5th. Erin is going to send out a reminder email this week.
- The timeline for the Saturday evening event is as follows:
 - 5:00 pm Open level matches on viewing courts, cash bar and grill available.
 - 6:30 pm Complimentary bar snacks available.
 - 7:00 pm Awards Ceremony for league winners and annual award winners, followed by a complimentary desserts bar.
 - Annual Award: Junior Players of the Year, Promotion of Tennis (Nancy Hill McClary), President's Award (old fella from Champions)

Grant Committee – Jane McMeekin

- No grants have been submitted since our last meeting.
- Jane said that the committee is still accepting grant applications.

Women's League – Erin Ortman

- We have 2246 players. This number includes individuals who play on two teams and are counted twice.
- Most of the dues have been collected.
- Our league play is going well. Erin indicated she has had some blow back from the elimination of the preliminary line up, but is waiting until the end of the season to evaluate the rule change. She has reminded individuals coming to her that the rule still in place requires teams play in order of strength.
- Guy Parks raised the issue of using USTA ratings in the Women's League.
 - He proposed that club representatives should have more influence and input into how the league is operated. Erin explained that our procedures include an October meeting with the club representatives if issues are raised to the Women's Board in writing at the end of the season. Erin also indicated that in the 10 years she has been General Chair, we have not had an October meeting due to a lack of interest.
 - Phil suggested that perhaps we should find out if there is a better time for this meeting.
 - Jane McMeekin moved, Heath Elliott seconded that Erin send out an email to club representative soliciting preferences for a meeting time, offering August, October or February. Also included in the email will be a request that club representatives submit suggestions of rule changes to the Women's Board by September 1st. Motion passed.

Men's League – Terry Finneran – Fred Duy reporting

- Fred reported that we have 996 men players this year. The league is fielding 71 teams, an increase of 8 from last year.
- Terry attributes the increase to the new division created this year for the 3.5+ level that only requires 3 courts.
- Dues collection is going well but not completed.

USTA Adult Leagues – Susan Storrer – Terri Jones reporting

- Susan reported that we had 25 combo tennis teams and 9 mixed doubles leagues that is up 5 from last year. We also had two 55+ leagues at the 8.0 and 9.0 levels.
- There were 85 players in both the spring and summer flex leagues, up by 40 players from last year.
- Mixed doubles district competition is in September and the Combo championships are in 2017.

Columbus Recreation & Parks – Denica Bruce

- Denica reported that long time director, Terry Gee, retired and that Kelly Hoffman was recruited to handle the tennis program this summer.
- CR&P had two great weeks of summer camp.
- Adult lessons are full and the department had to add nights to accommodate participants.

USTA Junior Team Tennis Championship & JTT Local - Brittany Rings – Terri Jones reporting

- Brittany had 36 teams in the championship league and 21 in the non-advancing league. There were 480 total players, approximately the participation we had last year.
- Columbus sent 11 teams to the Districts in Wilmington last weekend with the following teams advancing to Indianapolis at the end of July.
 - New Albany -12 Intermediates
 - Racquet Club - 14 Advanced, 14 Intermediate, 18 Intermediate.
- We are searching for a tournament site next summer for the Championships so that the tournament can be held here in Columbus. This year all teams were from Columbus. Otterbein is at the top of our list.

Website – Scott Gerber

- Scott reported that website usage is up predictably, with over 8,000 hits coming from organic searches.
- He has attached the full report to these minutes.

USTA Junior Team Tennis Rec League - Lauren Hendricks

- There were 35 juniors participating in the JTT Rec league at 2 sites this summer, Whetstone and Grove City. This weekend, there will be 8 teams from all over the state competing in the JTT Rec League Championship at Whetstone Park.

Community Youth Tennis (10 & Under) – Jacqueline Boggs

- 7 play days Sept to Dec 2015
- 45 play days Jan to July 2016
- 52 play days, most 1 hour
- 21 different locations, most were schools, most were ymca/ywca/latchkey locations
- 15 kids on average * 52 play days = 780 kids
- Age ranges from kindergarten to 7th grade

Executive Directors' Report – Terri Jones

- All of our Midwest Youth Team Tennis programs came to an end this week. We had over 600 participate in the program this year. Powell was added to our existing 8 markets around the I-270 loop.
- The New Albany Enrichment Program comes to a close in 2 weeks. We had 240 kids each week, and the program became a favorite since the other choices were finance and economics. Instructors were hired for the program, many from the Ohio State Club Tennis Team.
- Nominations for Board positions are now open. There are 3 members not renewing their terms, thus we have room to add up to 4 new members.
- Terri emphasized that are in need of individuals who will step up to leadership positions. She encouraged us to speak with Board members holding positions now to find out what is involved in the job.
- Our Ohio Valley Cup Team won its 6th consecutive championship in W. Va in June. Coaches Tyler Stephen and Steve Metzmaier continue to recruit juniors that dominate this tournament. Players include: Colton Clark, Jon Zhuravel, Jordan Phelps, Stu Brdicka, Alex Cash, Nethra Thenappan, Kathleen Jones, Bri Brdicka.
- Congrats to the Racquet Club who will be representing the Midwest Section in the 21st Annual World Team Tennis National Championships. The event will be held in San Diego, CA, July 25-28, 2016, at the Barnes Tennis Center.

Old Business -

- None

New Business

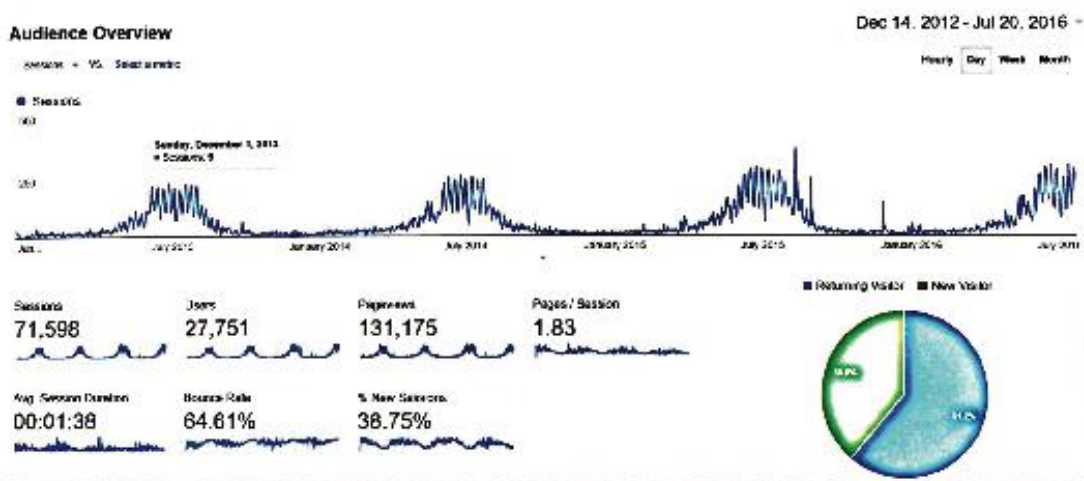
Scott Gerber mentioned that with the Ohio High School Athletic Association adding Boys' Lacrosse to the spring sports schedule, tennis programs will see more competition for players.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. .

GCTA Web Site Usage

December 14, 2012 – July 19, 2016

Activity is peaking for the year. Overall usage continues to slowly increase year by year. Clay Court Championship results were popular last year – please forward when available.



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