



GCTA Quarterly Meeting
April 18, 2023

Convened at 7:02 pm by Aaron Ockerman

Board Members Attending:

Aaron Ockerman	Fred Duy	Linda Guyton	Eby Day
Kyle Burkholder	Bill Curry	Lenny Comeras	Lois Dosky
Heath Elliott	Scott Gerber	Jim Hendrix	Marty Pfeifer
Kris Susa	Brenda Toney	Les Vernado	Cindy Ferrara

January Meeting Minutes Approval–Aaron Ockerman

- The January minutes were reviewed and approved by all present

Grant Committee Report–Jane McMeekin

- Two new grant committee members are Kevin Choo and Kris Susa
- New application from the Champions Tennis Camp 2023 directed by Steve Hoffman-\$4,000. Champions Tennis Camp's target group is underserved middle and high school students from Columbus and Whitehall . Students are accepted from other schools. The camp charges no fees, instructors are volunteers, lunch is provided for all.
- Another \$4,000 grant may be available if enrollment warrants. GCTA has supported Champions Tennis camp for 12 years.
- New Application from Junior Jag Tennis at the Wellington School directed by Erin Ortman-\$1,500. The Junior Jag program is for kids from grades 1-4. Clinics are taught by the Wellington Coaching staff and assisted by school volunteers.
- The committee is expecting applications from 3-4 organizations that we have supported in the past.

Treasurer's Report–Fred Duy

- Fred reported a current balance of \$107, 028 which will continue to go down until July when the fees come in
- The full treasurer's report can be found attached to this email.

Women's League-Lori Brown

- We expect approximately 190 teams in 32 locations this summer. The largest division is Career 3.0 with 36 teams.
- Preliminary scheduling will take place the first week of May. Expect Schedules to be in their final form approximately May 14th.
- Captain's meeting will be via Zoom on May 14th at 10 am and 7 pm.
- First matches will be played Tuesday, May 30th.
- We have had to drop the 4.5 day level. 4.5 players will have a limited option to play down through (Rule 5(d)) or they can play in the Open Career League.

- Welcome to New Level Chair Emily Saalman for 3.0 Career. Laurel Elmore has switched to 2.5 Day Level Chair and Thanks to Marsha Friedli who is stepping down after many years of service as Level Chairs on the Women's Board.

Men's League-Bill Curry

- Blaine Carr and Preston Eberlyn have joined the GCTA Men's Board. Blaine is the 4.5+ level chair and Preston is the 3.0 level chair.
- The Men's league is finalizing teams this week and is currently working with the last club to finalize teams
- The Men's league is expecting 84 teams this summer, down slightly from last year. There was a decrease in some of the age levels. Platinum is down to 3 teams—we would appreciate help to find enough men to consider playing at this level to have a fourth team.
- The 4.5 + league has had a couple of teams merge or stop playing. We will be working with the captains at this level to see that these players who have lost their team will have an opportunity to play at this level for this year.
- The 3.5+ league has gone from 8 to 13 teams this year.
- Captains are working on submitting their roster. On the Men's side, they now have until May 5th.
- Matches will start June 2
- Invoices will be sent out on July 3rd, with payment due on July 14th.

Columbus Recreation and Parks—Eby Day

- CRPD is gearing up for National Tennis Month with events at Whetstone for Adults on May 8th and at Wolfe Park for youth on May 11th.
- Youth tennis camps for ages 7-14 will be June 5-9 at Whetstone and June 12-16 at Wolfe Park
- Lessons have expanded and will take place at Whetstone, Woodward, Carriage Place, Antrim, Schiller, Beatty, Westgate, Fedderson and Driving Park.
- There will be co-ed doubles at Woodward and Whetstone, Men's doubles at Champions and Whetstone. ,
- Some leagues that were offered, but not filled are Men's and Women's singles at Whetstone and Women's doubles at Champions.

Website—Scott Gerber

- Scott reports that website activity is picking up as usual this time of year
- The full Website Usage report is attached to this email

Executive Director's Report—Linda Guyton

- Secured numerous court liability certificates for area municipalities
- Sent various communications regarding OSU Men's and Women's Tennis
- Continued Open Dialog with Columbus Recreation and Parks
- Connected interested players new to the area with possible team captains
- Attended and participated in one of the winter tennis parties
- Exploring the option of advertising GCTA with logo shirts. A company in Westerville will embroider individual shirts with our logo. These would be worn by volunteers at events.

Old Business

- There was no old business to report

New Business

- Eby noted that she had an interest in running a level 7 junior tennis tournament in the summer in Columbus, as well as possible adult WTN (World Tennis Number) tournaments. There are opportunities for courts, particularly at Woodward Park. Eby also noted that USTA Midwest was looking for more tournaments. Scott added that Columbus was in need of more tournaments. Columbus Juniors often have to travel to Dayton or Cincinnati for tournaments. This topic will be on the next agenda.
- Fred noted that the last day to decide on the Columbus Clay Courts tournament for this year was rapidly approaching. We have not had conversations about the Columbus Clay Courts Championships this year. A site has not been secured. Bill indicated that it is not likely that we will have this tournament in 2023.
- Kyle noted that there was an emergence of new AI driven devices attached to the netpost to call lines. Currently, the technology is in limited supply. These are typically used for singles matches. We are not aware of these being used in Columbus. However, as the technology becomes more prevalent, we may need to address the use of these at some point, as some players or clubs will have these and want to use them. This will be an item to watch for the future.

Bill Curry made a motion and Brenda Toney seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm by Aaron Ockerman

NOTE: Next Board meeting is Tuesday, July 18th at 7:00 pm

Annual Awards Ceremony is Thursday, September 28, at 6:00 at Everal Barn