



GCTA Quarterly Meeting

April 18th, 2013

Convened at 7:05 p.m. by Phil Diaz

Board Attending:

Ed Amos
Scott Gerber
Erin Ortman
Les Vernado

Phil Diaz
Rob Hildreth
Shelby Rhyne

Fred Duy
Terri Jones
Geri Schlegel

Terry Finneran
Jane McMeekin
Jim Scowden

Guests Attending: Terry Gee

January Meeting Minutes

Les Vernado moved and Shelby Rhyne seconded to approve the January meeting minutes. The motion passed.

2013 Quarterly Meetings:
Thursdays
July 18th
September 19th

Treasurer's Report - Shirley Neibauer / Terri Jones reporting

Money Market	-	\$ 40,586.48
Checking	-	<u>\$ 10,133.68</u>
Total	-	\$50,720.16

Grant Committee – Jane McMeekin

- Jane reported that we have awarded six new grants since the last meeting. Tennis in Physical Education (Canal Winchester) - \$1,014, Steppin' 2Tennis Program (Summer Tennis Camp) - \$1,600, Southwestern Youth Team Tennis - \$3,500, Champions Summer Cincis - \$2,200, Canal Winchester Rec Tennis - \$2,500, Junior Team Tennis Coaches Incentive - \$2000 (maximum).
- Jane encouraged board members to continue soliciting grants!

Awards Ceremony – Shelby Rhyne

- Shelby announced that the 2013 ceremony will be at the Everal Barn on Thursday, September 26, 2013.
- More information, including past recipients, and nomination forms are available on our website http://www.gcta.net/gc_awards.php. The deadline for nominating someone for an award is July 15.
- Please keep in mind that not all nominations are selected for an award. The Committee will consider each nomination carefully and communicate with you our decision. For this reason, if possible, nominations should not be shared with the nominee unless selected.
- The Awards Committee consists of: Shelby Rhyne, Erin Ortman, Jane McMeekin, Phil Diaz, Mark Anderson and Scott Gerber. If you'd like to serve on this committee, please let Shelby know.

Junior Area Qualifier – Terri Jones

- The most important junior USTA tournament of the year is coming soon, the GCTA Area Qualifier. The deadline for registration is Sunday, April 28. This is a firm, non-movable deadline so register now. Go to our website for more information about the qualifier. You can download a pdf with all the details. http://www.gcta.net/images_gc/files/Information_sheet_for_2013_GCTA_area_qualifier.pdf
- While the registration date is the same for all age groups, the tournaments and locations will vary depending on age and gender

Women's League – Erin Ortman

- The Women's League will have 148 teams this year.
- The annual Captains' Meetings will be held at the Upper Arlington Municipal Building on WEDNESDAY, May 15th. As in the past, the Women's Board will host three meetings that day, 9am – 11am, 1pm – 3pm, 7pm – 9pm. All team rosters and dues will be collected at those times. A briefing on how to use the tenniscodes website will also be available.
- Play will begin the first week in June.
- Erin reminded everyone that due to the size of the Career division, 3.5 Career teams will be playing on TUESDAYs, not Mondays this summer.

Mens League – Terry Finneran

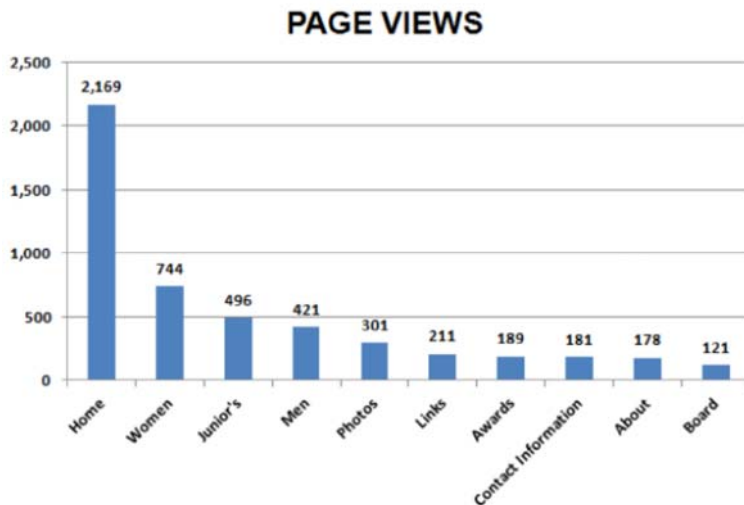
- The Men's League is up and running with all board members returning. They are expecting some new teams.
- Terry reported that all monies owed from the 2012 season has been collected.
- Terry asked if there was a way to get more media involved to let area residents know about our summer teams. He will contact Scott Gerber for advice.

USTA Leagues – Shelby Rhyne

- Summer Adult leagues team registration is open until May 12. This summer USTA Adult tennis league types are:
 - Men's and Women's COMBO leagues
 - Mixed Adult 18 & Over leagues
 - Men's and Women's Adult 55 & Over leagues
 - Men's and Women's Adult 65 & Over leagues
- The format is all doubles teams with a 3 court format and require at least 6 players on a roster.
- We are also offering for the first time in the Columbus area a USTA Singles FLEX league and a CoEd Doubles FLEX league for the Columbus Recreation and Parks. Columbus joins 140 other cities across the USTA offering this flexible schedule program for both USTA members and non-members.

Website – Scott Gerber

- Scott reported that we are seeing an increase in site usage. The graph below breaks down site visits by page from December when the site went live until today.



- Jane has added a link to gcta.net on both the Men's & Women's tenniscores.com sites in the Message Center.
- The question was raised whether we should post our minutes on the gcta.net site. After a discussion, the Board reached a consensus that our minutes should be posted on the site being careful not to include the personal contact information of any Board members.

OVTA – Erin Ortman

- Erin reported that she attended the Spring OVTA meeting in Chillicothe on March 17th. Columbus received a \$10,000 check.
- The Ohio Cup tournament will be held in Charleston, WV on July 15th and 16th. Tyler Stephens and Steve Metzmaier have agreed to coach the team again this year. The weekend activities will include a dinner and bowling.
- Joyce Engle, OVTA's USTA Team Coordinator proposed that winning teams receive a team banner to bring back to their home communities.
- The Annual Meeting will be held in Charleston, WV on Sunday, Nov 3rd.

Columbus Recreation & Parks – Denica Bruce / Terry Gee reporting

- The Adult and Youth programs are gearing up now. Sign up will begin on May 1st. Some adult classes started two weeks ago. Visit the CR & P website for more information on the programs being offered this summer.
- For Adult programs, go to <http://parks.columbus.gov/programs.aspx?id=57243>.
- For Youth programs, go <http://parks.columbus.gov/programs.aspx?id=26128>
- For Start/Restart, go to <http://parks.columbus.gov/programs.aspx?id=57249>.

Junior Team Tennis – Brittany Rings / Terri Jones reporting

- The captains' meeting will be held on May 9th 7:00 pm at the Racquet Club. The deadline to enter teams is May 28th. Matches will begin on June 7th and player registration will be closed on June 28th. Last date for matches will be July 12th. The OVTA District Tournament will be July 18 – 20.
- More information on JTT can be found online at http://www.gcta.net/images_gc/files/2013_JTT_fact_sheet_20130314.pdf.
- The Grant Committee approved an incentive grant to encourage coaches to bring new teams into the program.

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Umpires – Art Haus / Terri Jones reporting

- Umpire re-certification was held at the Racquet Club on Sat. March 9th. GCTA provided refreshments. Seventeen umpires received training at this time.

10 & Under Initiative – Terri Jones

- We have over 155 schools within 9 districts that have added TAUT to their PE curriculum. Our goal next fall is to complete the 270 loop and add the four remaining larger districts which are Dublin, Worthington, Gahanna and Olentangy.
- We currently have put blended lines on 52 courts around the city. We will have another 20 complete in the next 30 days and look for another 30 by next fall. We have been encouraged by Midwest to enter the National Blended lines contest. Unfortunately, only the lines that are complete in 2013 count towards the number of courts considered for the contest.
- In 2012, we had 96 play days with a total of 2400 participants
- Red and Orange Ball tournaments continue to be a struggle locally as well as nationally. They are difficult to market and difficult to find someone to run them.

Executive Director's Report – Terri Jones

- The OVTA has agreed to fund TAUT Initiative for the third and final year.
- Youth Tennis Team (YTT) new markets include: Westerville, Worthington, Dublin and most recently Reynoldsburg. Southwest will have approximately 140 kids, Pickerington is running two sessions and Canal Winchester is a full program. We've had one assembly in Westerville with another one scheduled on April 30. All YTT participants will receive a ticket to the Western and Southern tournament. The ticket is good on Saturday, August 10th.
- We will again participate in the After School All Star event on July 26th. Details to follow. We have become one of most requested stations. Board members are encouraged to volunteer for the events.
- Terri has hit a dead end with the Board of Directors Insurance. This program is currently under review by David Slade, USTA National Manager for CTS's, because of the difficult nature of having any questions answered by the insurance company.
- The Midwest Section has chosen the GCTA and Columbus Rec and Parks to be used as a success story to be featured because of our working relationship. We will most likely be used in a National Publication as a case study for partnerships between Metropolitan Parks and CTA's.
- Terri has been notified that the USTA SmashZone Mobile Tour, featuring 10 and Under Tennis, is not coming to Columbus.
- Congratulations to Beth Gibson and Buddy Up Program. The program was featured in the New Albany Life Magazine. Copy of New Albany Life Magazine (article attached to minutes).
- Congratulations also go to Ed Amos for being named Professional Tennis Registry Member of the Year for his dedication in promoting and supporting tennis.
- The July quarterly meeting location is yet to be determined.

Old Business

- Jim Scowden brought copies of the latest version of the GCTA brochure. It is taking shape very nicely. After making the latest changes discussed, Jim will provide copies to Jane and Terri.

New Business

- Diane Ansay from the Midwest office has sent out a bid request for an area to host the Midwest Adult Championship for Men and Women Open Singles and Doubles. Terri has shared the bid information with our area clubs and will keep us posted on any interest expressed in hosting the event. The tournament will be an outside event on a hard surface in late May, or anytime in June or July.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM