



GCTA Quarterly Meeting

July 18th, 2013

Convened at 7:00 p.m. by Erin Ortman

Board Attending:

Mark Anderson
Pat Anderson
Denica Bruce
Fred Duy
Scott Gerber
Beth Gibson

Art Haus
Rob Hildreth
Terri Jones
Paul Kobelt
Jane McMeekin
Erin Ortman

Brittany Rings
Geri Schlegel
Jim Scowden
Les Varnado
Dan Witteman

Guests Attending:

Laura Fenton Guy Parks Tyler Stephens

April Meeting Minutes

Jim Scowden moved and Art Haus seconded to approve the April meeting minutes. The motion passed.

2013 Annual/Quarterly Meeting,
Thursday, September 19th
UA Municipal Building
Lower Level

Treasurer’s Report - Shirley Neibauer / Terri Jones reporting

Money Market	-	\$ 48,597.27
Checking		<u>\$ 19,053.76</u>
Total	-	\$ 67,651.03

Junior Area Qualifier – Gabe Higgs / Guy Parks reporting

- Guy Parks reported that the Junior Area Qualifier was held this spring/summer. Since we were not able to fill the 64 player draws in either the Boys or Girls tournaments, perhaps it is time to examine if there is a need for the event. Scott Gerber moved that we form a committee to explore this issue with OVTA and report back to the board in September. The motion passed. Suggested committee members are Phil Diaz, Gabe Higgs, Scott Gerber, Beth Sanford, and Paul Kobelt. Scott would like to add a few junior parents to the committee that he will make his suggestions soon.
- If we do hold the qualifier next year, Guy suggested moving the Boys 16s and 18s to Feb. 28 – March 1, due to scheduling conflicts with the boys tennis season, spring breaks, etc.
- Guy also indicated that if there is going to be an area qualifier, Gabe mentioned he would be interested in running it.

Ohio Valley Cup – Tyler Stephens

- Tyler reported that the event was held in Parkersburg, WV, June 15 & 16. The GCTA team won the large city division in defeating both Cincinnati and Dayton to win the division. The tournament is looking into adding a younger division for this event next year. The feedback seemed to be favorable.
- The team members and coaches were coaches Tyler & Steve Metzmaier. Boys team: Nate Wallace, Jeffrey Melvin, Ryan Bibo, Eric Hunter. Girls: Olivia Kompa, Ashley Thai, Audrey Berger, Rachael Morales.
- Tyler commended the team for their behavior and for exhibiting a good balance between having fun and producing competitive tennis. It was a great experience.

10 Cap Presentation – Laura Fenton

- Laura presented the board with information about her organization, 10 Cap. The purpose of her group is to organize division and league championship events. She will meet or talk with Erin and Terry about opportunities with our Women’s and Men’s leagues.

USTA Leagues – Shelby Rhyne/ Beth Gibson reporting

- The USTA League Tennis summer season is almost halfway done with 55 out of 122 matches played - despite the weather. This summer we have 35 teams and 392 players in three USTA leagues and 8 flights (Women’s Combo, Mixed 18&Over, and Adult 55&Over) and 60 men and women players are participating in the USTA Singles Flex league. Online registration for a second LATE SUMMER singles flex session registration is open until July 31 with matches to be played in August/September.

Awards Ceremony – Shelby Rhyne / Beth Gibson Reporting

- Beth reminded board members that the 2013 ceremony will be at the Everal Barn on Thursday, September 26, 2013, 7:00 pm. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- The GCTA Awards Committee met July 11 and reviewed and accepted the following nominees for recognition at the 2013 Annual Awards Ceremony. Terri Jones has notified each award winner.

Mitsi Niceswanger, Promotion of Tennis
Jacqueline Boggs, Promotion of Tennis
Sam Arison, Special Recognition
Sanford Family, Family of the Year
Francesca and Cristina DiLorenzo, Female Players of the Year
May Summers, Female Player of the Year
Canyon Teague, Male Player of the Year
Colleen Williams, CR&P

Grant Committee – Jane McMeekin

- Jane reported that we have awarded two new grants since the last meeting. Pick10Tennis (Pickerington) - \$2,478, Groveport Tennis (Groveport) - \$2,000. Jane encouraged board members to spread the word about grant monies available.
- Dan Witteman & Jim Scowden reported on their successful summer clinics funded by GCTA grant funds.

Women’s League – Erin Ortman

- The Women’s League has 152 teams this year with over 2,000 members. We now allow players to play for a Daytime and a Career team representing two different clubs. Sharon Rusk is now determining how that affects our total membership number.
- All divisions will be finished by the second week in August.

Men’s League – Terry Finneran / Rob Hildreth reporting

The Mens League has shown some growth this year with approximately 1,000 members. League play is going well except for the number of defaults. We always would like to see fewer of those. League play should finish the week after Labor Day.

Columbus Recreation & Parks – Denica Bruce

- Denica reported that the Adult program numbers are very good and that CR&P had to cap enrollment this season. She expects the Fall numbers to be the same.
- The Start / Restart program has 30 regular players. She reported that instructors are very successful using some of the Ten & Under equipment with this program.
- The weekly lessons at Wolfe & Whetstone parks are going well.
- This year’s Ten & Under program is also going well with a great deal of parent support and lots of parent volunteers.
- CR&P will be taking 35 kids to the Cincinnati tournament next month.

Junior Team Tennis – Brittany Rings

- Brittany reported that we have 14 programs participating this summer with 62 total teams and 518 players. Brittany feels that the incentive grant to encourage coaches to bring new teams into the program worked very well
- Brittany said that we have 12 teams going to districts in Wilmington, OH.
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Umpires – Art Haus

- The Girls 16s tournament went extremely well in spite of having numerous venue changes due to weather. Art thanked Terri Jones for all her help and for the help of the GCTA. GCTA provided a promotional gift for each participant.
- Art commented that the behavior of the players was exceptional.
- Art expressed concern that Columbus hosts NO junior tournaments feeling that so many capable players are in this. Scott Gerber added that having to travel so far to play adds cost to parents who have to take players out of town to play. Dayton & Cincinnati have 43 junior tournaments and we have none. Terri said she has contacted Midwest and found out that Columbus has not bid on any tournaments. Pat Anderson said that with increased USTA play, indoor clubs really don’t need the business. Art asked if there was any incentive that GCTA could provide to clubs.

Website – Scott Gerber

- Scott reported that we are seeing an increase in site usage. He provided the board with the graphs on the final page of the minutes.
- Scott is asking for pictures of men and women playing leagues. Pictures should be submitted to Jane or Terri via email.

10 & Under Initiative

- Terri Jones informed the board that due to the end of 10 & Under responsibilities, Ashley Leveto and Tyler would no longer be involved in the program. She thanked them for their service. She indicated that we are looking to hire someone to run Red and Orange Ball tournaments which would be a natural “next step,” for players currently involved in YTT.
- YTT markets reached over 800 kids. Emails were sent to all of the parents suggesting indoor clubs to continue the 10 and under experience. Those clubs that responded to my request and will offer fall programming are Racquet club, Wickertree, New Albany Tennis Center, Scarborough East and Olympic.
 - 10 and Under tennis was featured on Good Day Columbus in June with anchor Dana Turtle. Two of our four segments were live on the air.
 - We have been contacted by WCMH Channel 4 to do a feature story on 10U. We are working on the logistics.
 - Jim Amick and Terri met with the Arnold Schwarzenegger Classic staff to bring tennis to the largest sports festival in the country. Arnold is a tennis enthusiast and is thrilled to have 10U as part of his event. There will be over 18,000 youth athletes there and over 175,000 spectators. We have secured Michelle Krause from USTA national who is the lead for USTA in cardio tennis. We are also trying to have either a sanctioned tournament or a large play day during the weekend of Feb 27-March 2, 2014
 - We have 3 board members who won't will be serving another 3 year term: Howard Humphries, Kathy Eisnaugle and Doug Ewart. That leaves us with 28 board members with room for no more than 5 available board spots. Please forward to Terri by August 15th any nominations you may have.
 - Terri asked how board members felt about future meetings at the UA Municipal building. Consensus was it is a good meeting space. She will try to reserve it for our future meetings.
 - Terri asked the board if we wanted to give the annual PanCan tournament a gift of \$250 as we have for the past few years. The board agreed.
 - Terri reminded the board of the important dates for the upcoming Western & Southern Tennis Tournament in Cincinnati. Saturday, Aug 10 is Kids Day, High School day is Aug 11, USTA Appreciation Day is Aug 15th, Butch Staples and Leah Friedman Education Extravaganza is Aug 16. Invitation Only Kids Play Day is Aug 17, **Buddy Up demo is August 18 prior to the Men's Final.**

Old Business – None

New Business

- Scott Gerber suggested that we might consider participating in local parades as a good way of marketing tennis in this area, after seeing the success of local lacrosse teams in putting themselves out there. Terri & Jane will be reviewing the latest version of the GCTA brochure as another means of getting our message out.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM

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