



**GCTA Annual Meeting
September 19th, 2013**

Convened at 7:08 p.m. by Phil Diaz

Board Members Attending:

Denica Bruce	Phil Diaz	Fred Duy	Scott Gerber	Beth Gibson
Art Haus	Jim Hendrix	Terri Jones	Paul Kobelt	Shirley Neibauer
Erin Ortman	Brittany Rings	Geri Schlegel	Jim Scowden	Mike Toomey
Emi Tsuda	Les Varnado			

Nominations Committee – Jim Scowden

- Jim shared the attached list of nominations with the board. Fred Duy made a motion to approve the slate of officers. Shirley seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report – Shirley Neibauer

- Shirley presented the proposed budget for next year with very few changes from last year’s document. Shirley pointed out that \$500 was added to the budget to cover the expense of a 10 & Under coach at the Ohio Valley Cup competition.
- Les Varnado moved and Jim Scowden seconded. The motion to accept the budge committee report passed.

**2014 GCTA Board Meetings,
Thursdays
January 16th
April 17th
July 17th
September 18th**

Adjournment of 2013 Annual Meeting

- Shirley made the motion and Paul Kobelt seconded. The motion passed adjourning the annual meeting.

September Quarterly Meeting Convened at 7:25 p.m. by Phil Diaz

July Meeting Minutes

Jim Scowden moved and Rob Hildreth seconded to approve the July meeting minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report - Shirley Neibauer

Money Market	-	\$ 48,601.30
Checking		\$ 32,194.79
Total	-	\$ 80,796.18

- Shirley noted that all expenses for the 2012-2013 budget have not been paid.

Grant Committee – Jane McMeekin / Terri Jones reporting

- Of our \$25,000 budget allocation, we have given out \$24,132 in grants.
- Jane hopes to continue this level of grant giving in the coming year.

Women’s League – Erin Ortman

- Erin reported that the summer season is over. She announced that the prize for winning and runner up teams will be umbrellas. The Women’s League has invited 22 teams to the Awards ceremony.
- There will be an October meeting to consider rules revisions. All club representatives and the Women Board will be involved in reviewing the rules.

Men’s League – Terry Finneran

- Terry reported that the Men’s league had 940 members this year and only \$473 in dues are outstanding.
- The Men’s league board is considering charging men a membership fee for a second team.
- Rob Hildreth is resigning as the Men’s League Membership Chair due to family commitments.

Junior Team Tennis – Brittany Rings

- Brittany reported that we had 9 teams that competed at the districts in Wilmington.
- Background checks for JTT coaches. More details to follow due to some logistics that need to be worked out.
- A 14’s team from the Racquet Club will be advancing to the Nationals.

Ohio Valley Tennis Association – Terri Jones

- The OVTA Annual meeting will be in Charleston, WV on Sunday, November 3rd.

Columbus Recreation & Parks – Denica Bruce

- The numbers for CR & P's summer adult programs are up with 275 participants. The fall program has over 250 people signed up. The Start/Restart program had 35 members.
- 2014 Mini camps are planned to increase participation. By offering sessions by the week, Cols Rec & Parks feel it gives more families flexibility to sign up per week instead of by a summer session.

10 & Under Initiative – Erin Ortman & Jacqueline Boggs

- Jacqueline is continuing her YTT program at the Racquet Club this fall. She hopes to include a Future's division next summer.
- Terri Reported that Jacqueline has been added to the 10U team to promote play days, red ball and orange ball tournaments.

Awards Ceremony – Shelby Rhyne / Beth Gibson Reporting

- Thursday, September 26th, 7:00 pm at the Everal Barn & Homestead, Westerville.
- All the plans for the ceremony are in place. The program will include a page dedicated to the Alexander's, long time GCTA supporters and board members.
- Board members are all invited to attend.

USTA Leagues – Shelby Rhyne/ Beth Gibson reporting

- The Fall Flex league has 60 participants.
- Our Summer Flex league had 125 players which was in the top 25 programs in USTA.
- There are two USTA adult teams advancing to the Nationals with a third team a possibility, but play offs aren't until early October.

Umpires – Art Haus

- Art lamented that since there were no Junior tournaments, we had no need for umpires. He asked if there were any incentives that GCTA could offer to get Junior tournaments to our area.
- Jim Hendrix added that Racquet Club has stopped bidding on tournaments due to negative parent/player attitudes.
- Umpires will be used at the Ohio High School Girls' State Tournament, October 18th & 19th at OSU and Hilliard Davidson.

Website – Scott Gerber

- Scott provided the report on website usage that is at the end of these minutes.

Executive Director's Report – Terri Jones

- **10 & Under Status**
 - Worthington City Schools have agreed to add tennis to their elementary curriculum. Their teachers will be trained in early November.
 - Still working on getting the same commitment from the Dublin and Gahanna schools
 - Players Club added blended lines in August. Wickertree has also committed to adding blended lines. Only one indoor club has not committed!
 - We will be participating in some capacity at the Columbus Capital Day on October 18th to retrain the district PE teachers. Logistics are now being worked out.
 - We will be training the After Schools All Stars staff at the end of the month at the Blackburn Rec Center.
 - In recognition of Nicolodeon World Wide Day of Play, we will again supply ice cream for the following Play Days:
 - Wickertree (44 participants) Aug 12
 - Racquet Club 30 Sept 14
 - GCTA Whetsone October 12
 - Scarborough East October 27th
 - Olympic Nov 9th
 - Leah Friedman will be coming back to Columbus on November 8,9, and 10.
 - Nov 8th - orange ball workshop for area pros and tennis enthusiasts at Wickertree from 12-3 pm.
 - November 9th - Buddy Up workshop from 8:30-11:30 am
 - November 9th - UPSTR Training Part 1, Saturday 1-6:00 .

- November 10th USPTR Training Part 2, Sunday, 8:00 – 4:00 pm
 - Incentives will be offered to eligible pros from both USTA and GCTA. Facilities with blended lines will be contacted in the next week. They will be asked to offer a scholarship to one of their teaching pros that will continue the 10U effort.
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- **Area Qualifier Committee** met with the following recommendations:
 - Any junior who is nationally ranked in the top 20 at the qualifier entry deadline will be exempt and receive an endorsement to move on to the districts.
 - Gabe Higgs is looking at the boy's state tournament schedule to determine if we need to move the boys 16's and 18's to a much earlier date in February.
 - The GCTA will come up with a marketing piece to help junior parents with the tournament process as it has become more complicated. Hopefully this explanation will help parents see the value of participating at the district level. There are plenty of kids to fill the draw we just need to educate the parents.
 - Thanks to committee members for their time & input: Geoff Bibo, Scott Gerber, Jim Hendrix, Beth Sanford, Gabe Higgs, Paul Kobelt, Erin Ortman and Pat Anderson.
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- **Earned Advancement :**
 - There is a handout in your handbook packet explaining a new junior tournament program that begins January, 2014. The new requirements are based on age, and a player can no longer enter any tournament unless he or she meets the age requirements or has earned at least 20 USTA/Midwest Section ranking points as listed on any 2013 final ranking list.
- Terri reported that she will be attending the Tennis Development Workshop in Denver in October on a Midwest Section scholarship, and that she also attended the Butch Staples 10 and Under Workshop at the Western & Southern Open in August.

Old Business – None

New Business

The ITA Mens' Regional tournament will be held at the Racquet Club October 17th through October 21st. Anna Sanford, recently honored with her family as the GCTA Family of the Year, also received the USTA Scholar Athlete Award. This is a national award presented at the US Open. Upon the suggestion of Jim Hendrix, Jim Scowden moved and Shirley seconded that the GCTA send \$500 to place an ad in the Midwest Youth Tennis Education Foundation Gala program. The motion passed. Terri will get in contact with Beverly Wentz to communicate that the board voted favorably to support the MYTEF Gala.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

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Executive Director Terri Jones



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GCTA 2014 Board Positions

Men's Chair	Terry Finneran
Women's Chair	Erin Ortman
Columbus Recreation & Parks Tennis	Denica Bruce
USTA Jr. Team Tennis Coordinator	Brittany Rings
USTA Adult Summer League Coordinator	Shelby Rhyne
USTA 10 & Under Initiative	Jacqueline Boggs
	Terri Jones
	Erin Ortman

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