

**Columbus Regional Tennis Association
Board Meeting**

Tuesday, August 6, 2013 • 12 noon
Double Tree at Sidney Simons

Called to order @ 12:05 by Doug Gibson

Members present: Doug Gibson, Lauren Isom, Scott Laymon, Bernard Francis, Michelle Fuller, Melissa Foy, Lynn Reis, Liz Gobbel, Brian Worstell, Wanda Dryman

Staff/ex-officio: Judy Pearce, Cindy Williams, Jackie Dudley, Charlie Clippinger, Cissy Sanders, Deby Caldwell

Absences: DeAnne Martin, Kim Glass, Jackie Fitzpatrick, Phil Smith, Mark Hudson, Nancy Prescott, Mary Blackmon

Minutes from June meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report presented by Liz Gobbel:

(See attachments)

Liz reviewed the financials through June 2013. The tournament net income year to date is close to \$61,000. The budget had planned on \$63,500. CORTA is right in line with where they expected to be. CORTA has also been doing well on operating expenses. In looking at the tournament income and expenses attachment it gives a perspective on which tournaments give a better bottom line. This is mostly due to sponsorships and donations. The financial report was approved unanimously.

Doug Gibson (Executive Committee Report):

Court Expansion Update

There is currently no update on the court expansion. As of date, the city has not put the expansion back on their council meeting agenda. Judy will ask Will White to check on the progress.

Hank Tassin and Greg Gatti have both stepped down from Facility Chair and Marketing Chair. DeAnne Martin has stepped in as the new Facility Chair and the Nominating Committee is working on filling the Marketing Chair position.

Brian Worstell (Legal Counsel):

Nothing to report.

Wanda Dryman (Awards):

Dormant until later this year.

Judy Pearce for DeAnne Marting (Facility)

- The Facility Committee met last week. One idea the committee will be working on is to have a volunteer workday to help the Cooper Creek Tennis Center (CCTC) staff with yard work, painting, etc.
- Holli Browder is the new Assistant Parks and Recreation Director.
- The shade structure will be installed this week between courts 24 and 25.
- Last year there were issues with the timing of team practices. Because the schools changed their hours, it caused the juniors to get started later with their practices and/or matches. They now get started at 4:30, causing the adult league practice slot at 5:30 to get on late. The Facility Committee met with Mark Ruzeski and decided to change the adult league practice slots to 6:00-

7:30 and 7:30-9:00. There needs to be communication to the players to leave promptly at 9:00, so the CCTC staff can leave by 9:20.

- Another idea from the Facility Committee is to start having marshals at the courts like the golf courses. This would help the CCTC staff with closing during the week and to keep the matches on Saturdays moving smoothly.
- CCTC currently does not have a defibrillator, but would like to have two of them. The city does not have the money in the budget to pay for them, which costs \$1,500 each. Gene Oswalt made a suggestion to have a fundraiser to pay for it. One thought is to partner with the American Red Cross so they can train the members on how to use it. Doug suggested having a tournament that can serve two purposes; for charity and maintenance items and split the funds 50/50.

Jackie Dudley (Sponsorships/Development):

Jackie gave a presentation that will be given to potential sponsors. (See attachment).

Cissy Sanders and Doug Gibson for Phil Smith (Adult Programs-Leagues and Recreation):

(see attachment)

- Early Start League (ESL) ratings are supposed to be released today, but there is a glitch in the system so they will probably be released tomorrow. Fall league begins on September 7th.
- CORTA would like for the Adult Programs Committee (APC) to reach out to adults who haven't played league tennis in a while and get them back involved.
- Charlie said the adult leagues are beginning to stabilize since the restructure. The summer participation is up 7% this year compared to last year.

Bernard Francis (Community Outreach):

(See attachment)

Lynn Reis (Junior Programs):

(see attachment)

- Jackie Dudley shared with the board about the background screening process for those volunteering with junior programs. The process has changed and the screening takes about 3 ½ to 4 hours online. There are 32-35 middle school teams and all the adults who help with these teams must do the background screening.
- There were two junior teams from Columbus who won at the state level. One was a 14-under team and the other was a 10-under team.

Judy Pearce (staff reports):

There were 234 participants in the "Return to Server" Southern NTRP Clay Court Championships (Elvis) this year. This was the first year there was prize money offered in the Men's Open. The Men's Open divisions were sponsored by the St. Francis Orthopaedic Institute and Emmanuel Nkoueleue won both the singles and doubles divisions. His partner in the Men's Open Doubles was Mvogo Angelin. A suggestion has been made to have a sponsor at each level so winners at each level can win their entry fee back.

Adjournment: There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM by Doug Gibson.

Motions:

To accept the minutes from the June 4, 2013 meeting	Approved, unanimously
To accept the Treasurer's Report	Approved, unanimously

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michelle Fuller.