

**COLUMBUS REGIONAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, December 6, 2011
12 noon
Twelfth Street Deli

Called to order @ 12 noon by Rem Houser

Attending: Rem Houser, Sara Dismuke, Tom Miller, Lauren Griner, Nancy Prescott, Doug Gibson, Angela Stillwell, Melissa Foy, Todd Lee

Ex-Officio: Joe Adame, Judy Pearce, Deby Caldwell, Charlie Clippinger, Cissy Sanders, Fran Carpenter

Excused Absences: Becky Baker, Betty Matthews, Liz Gobbel, Kim Glass, Cindy Williams, Lynn Reis

Unexcused Absences: Patrick Callaway, David Snipes, Max Patrick

Approval of the Minutes of Last Meeting by Lauren Griner

Treasurer's report presented by Judy Pearce for Liz Gobbel:

The financial report as of October 31, 2011 was presented and approved. (see attachment) The net income is better than previously projected.

Todd Lee for Liz Gobbel: (Finance)

Todd presented the operating budget for 2012. (see attachment) USTA GA will begin the \$2 participation fee on January 1, 2012. At this time, CORTA will be able to sustain itself without increasing fees, but fees may possibly need to increase for league year 2013 or before. The Finance Committee will continue to monitor and make a recommendation to adjust the fees, if needed. Doug Gibson asked how other Community Tennis Associations (CTAs) are handling the \$2 increase. Nancy Prescott said that more than half of the CTAs are passing the \$2 on to the players. Lauren Griner asked what is the minimum CORTA needs for reserves. Todd and Judy said the Finance Committee has not determined a reserve minimum.

Angela Stillwell made the motion and Sara Dismuke seconded the operating budget for 2012.

Nancy: (Past President)

Nancy presented the slate of the 2012 Board of Directors. (see attachment) Angela Stillwell made the motion and Tom Miller seconded the slate of officers.

Rem Houser: (Executive Committee Report)

Rem and Judy met with David Arrington, Deputy City Manager, to discuss the expansion of Cooper Creek Tennis Center. On January 1, 2012 a bond issue in the amount of \$1.5 million will mature, which is to be used for expanding Cooper Creek Tennis Center. Rem is not sure if the timing is right for fundraising for the expansion, but would like to see what progress can be made with the \$1.5 million and with CORTA donating land to the project. David advised Rem to write a letter asking the city to move forward within these parameters. The city may accept land as CORTA's portion of payment. The letter will state it is for exploratory purposes to see what can be built with the \$1.5 million. It is estimated that the site work and ten courts could be built with this amount. Rem wants to begin a discussion to see if the city is open to beginning the expansion. He is hoping once the project starts, momentum will pick up and CORTA will be able to build the remaining courts. The full project is estimated to cost \$4.5 million.

Doug Gibson asked if the city has a time limit for CORTA to use the \$1.5 million. Rem and Judy are not sure.

Judy shared that the original design five years ago was to build 15 clay courts and 5 hard courts. This may need to be reviewed. Also, USTA will likely provide grant money to build 60' courts for 10 and under tournaments & programs since this is a big push.

Tom Miller made a motion and Doug Gibson seconded for Rem to write a letter to the Mayor and City Manager expressing CORTA's interest in the exploring the expansion of Cooper Creek Tennis Center.

Lauren Griner for David Snipes: (Legal Counsel)

David reviewed the bylaws and did not see a need to update them at this time.

Angela Stillwell: (Community Outreach)

No report

Fran Carpenter for Betty Matthews: (Development/Marketing)

Fran shared with the Board that Cici's is the new official CORTA pizza sponsor. Anytime CORTA needs or wants pizza, Cici's will provide.

Angela Stillwell complimented Fran on sending out an email to CORTA members to remember their team captains when donating to CORTA.

Melissa Foy: (Tournaments/Officials)

The tournament directors' workshop held in Atlanta was very informative.

The 2012 tournament season begins on January 7th.

CORTA has received the bid for the USTA Southern Super Senior Sectional Championships tournament for 2012 and 2013. We are expecting 1,100 participants for this tournament. The total estimated cost for running this tournament is \$24,000, which CORTA cannot afford. Judy has been in discussion with the Sports Council about funding the event and is awaiting their response. She said that CORTA is happy to host the event, but the Sports Council would need to cover the expenses.

Doug Gibson: (Adult Programs)

(see attachment for report)

Judy asked the board to encourage players to sign up for the spring league before January 1st to save CORTA from paying the new \$2 fee.

Deby Caldwell for Lynn Reis: (Junior Programs)

(see attachment for report)

Tom Miller: (Facility)

The city will not be increasing the fees for CCTC at this point. Council is expected to vote on new fees in late January. If passed, the new fees will probably go into effect July 1, 2012 so that it will coincide with their fiscal year. Tom did a walk through with the Assistant Parks and Recreation Director last week and created a list of items that need to be improved. Doug asked for a copy of the list, and Tom said he would email it to him.

Nancy Prescott: (USTA GA Reports)

- USTA is currently revamping their CTA Volunteer handbook.
- Helen Martin resigned as USTA GA President due to family health issues and her position has not yet been filled.
- There is a huge push for CTAs to get younger players more involved with tennis through the 10 and under/Quickstart program.

Judy Pearce:

Judy asked the board to review their job descriptions and to email her if there are any changes. She also asked that everyone complete their board self-evaluation form and submit to her.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. by Rem Houser.

Motions:

To dispense of the reading and approve the October 4, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes.	Approved
To accept the Treasurer's report as presented.	Approved
To accept the Operating Budget for 2012	Approved
To accept the 2012 Board of Directors	Approved
To approve Rem writing an exploratory letter to the Mayor and City Manager about proceeding with the expansion of Cooper Creek Tennis Center.	Approved

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lauren Griner.