

**COLUMBUS REGIONAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, June 12, 2012  
12 noon  
Twelfth Street Deli

**Called to order @ 12 noon** by Rem Houser

**Attending:** Rem Houser, Lauren Griner, Liz Gobbel, Sara Dismuke, Max Patrick, Tom Miller, Bernard Francis, Scott Laymon, Lynn Reis, Melissa Foy, Doug Gibson, Brian Worstell, Michelle Fuller, Kim Glass, Betty Matthews

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

**Excused Absences:** Wanda Dryman, Cindy Williams, Nancy Prescott, Angela Stillwell

**Unexcused Absences:** Greg Gatti, DeAnne Martin

**Approval of the Minutes of Last Meeting** by Lauren Griner

**Treasurer's report presented by Liz Gobbel:**

The financial report as of April 30, 2012 was presented and approved. (see attachment) CORTA is in line with where they expect to be with income versus expenses. There is a timing issue with receiving income after expenses have been paid. Under the balls expense, there is currently a shortfall because CORTA received a rebate credit. Also, advertising is a little behind with receiving income.

**Rem Houser: (Executive Committee Report)**

Rem welcomed Michelle Fuller as our new Volunteer Co-Chair. Natasha resigned because she is starting Graduate School.

*Court Expansion Update:*

Judy Pearce, Rem Houser, Larry French, and Will White met with Columbus State University (CSU) yesterday to discuss the joint venture with CORTA and the city on the court expansion. CSU gave the green light from their end. The next step is to regroup and talk with the city about specific details of the joint venture and to find out how we are to proceed.

CSU needs a minimum of 12 hard courts to operate. The details have not been worked out to date, but it is CORTA's understanding that we will have access to the 12 hard courts. The city will give CORTA direction and then details will be discussed before the board votes on this venture.

**Brian Worstell: (Legal Counsel)**

Brian asked Judy if CORTA has anything in place to monitor people getting hurt as a liability issue. Judy said nothing is in place. Brian suggests keeping in touch with those we know that have been hurt on the courts to make sure there are no repercussions.

**Angela Stillwell/Bernard Francis: (Community Outreach)**

TennisWorks will start the new season tomorrow.

**Liz Gobbel: (Budget and Finance)**

No finance committee report.

**Betty Matthews: (Development/Marketing)**

Betty said she is continuously working on getting monetary donations as well as gifts. She is having trouble getting commitments for sponsors and meals for the upcoming events.

Doug Gibson suggested giving tournament sponsors free advertising on CORTA's website. Betty asked Kim Glass if he has had any response to his banner ad on the website. He said he had only 3 hits coming from the CORTA website.

**Melissa Foy: (Tournaments/Officials)**

(see attachment for report)

Joe Adame has resigned, but fortunately Aline Trussell has stepped forward remotely to help with the gaps.

Rem thanked Cissy Sanders for being the tournament director for the State Senior Tournament. There were 929 players this year and Cissy did a great job and everything ran smoothly.

**Sara Dismuke for DeAnne Martin/Greg Gatti: (Special Events)**

No report.

**Max Patrick: (Volunteers)**

There has been a great response from volunteers for the latest events. There have actually been more volunteers than spots available.

**Scott Laymon: (Adult Programs)**

(see attachment for report)

**Lynn Reis: (Junior Programs)**

(see attachment for report)

**Judy for Wanda Dryman: (Awards)**

The award ceremony in May went very well. Wanda's next steps are:

- Determine a timeline to submit nominations for awards in September.
- Find a "volunteer" resource that can help create a form in Outlook to make award nominations easier to include check boxes with names of nominees, nomination criteria and the ability to include free form comments if necessary.
- Determine yearly marketing campaign for award nomination. Wanda wants to send reminders a few times a year for players to be on the lookout for nominees in the different categories. The awards committee may spotlight an award each quarter to bring more awareness. There needs to be a way to increase the number of nominees and the number of people submitting nominations.

**Tom Miller: (Facility)**

Tom will be thinking more about Brian's comment about liability issues to see if there is something CORTA can put in place for protection.

There is an ongoing issue with the Cooper Creek Tennis Center (CCTC) staff being unresponsive and unmotivated. Tom is trying to see if he can help. CORTA does give the CCTC staff a pre-event list of To-Do's for the courts. The staff has a big push right before an event, but there is very little ongoing maintenance.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. by Rem Houser.

**Motions:**

To dispense of the reading and approve the April 10, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes.	Approved
To accept the Treasurer's report as presented.	Approved

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lauren Griner.