

**COLUMBUS REGIONAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, December 4, 2012  
12 noon  
Twelfth Street Deli

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

**Members Attending:** Rem Houser, Lauren Isom, Greg Gatti, Scott Laymon, Michelle Fuller, Doug Gibson, Lynn Reis, Bernard Francis, Sara Dismuke, Tom Miller, Liz Gobbel, Brian Worstell, Betty Matthews, Nancy Prescott, Melissa Foy, Angela Stillwell

**Guest(s) Attending:** Hank Tassin

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

**Excused Absences:** Kim Glass, Wanda Dryman

**Unexcused Absences:** DeAnne Martin, Max Patrick

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

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

Liz presented the budget for 2013. (see attachment) CORTA did a great job keeping expenses down even with the \$2 increase participant league fee being charged by USTA Georgia. The finance committee is projecting league income to be the same as it was for 2012. There is not an Adult League price increase built into the budget for 2013. The finance committee will continue to monitor the pulse on the participants before increasing fees. Columbus Regional had to cut back on their sponsorship, but the finance committee feels positive it will be replaced with another sponsorship.

The budget for 2013 was unanimously approved.

**Nancy: (Immediate Past President)**

Nancy presented the slate of officers for 2013. (See attachment) The slate of officers for 2013 was unanimously approved.

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

*Court Expansion Update: (see attachment)*

The current plan for the expansion project is for the City of Columbus to own the clay courts and Columbus State University (CSU) to own the hard courts. The clubhouse will be jointly owned between CSU and CORTA. The complex will be managed by Parks & Recreation. Will White is working with the details of the clubhouse. It may end up that CORTA own the clubhouse and CSU will lease or jointly own the clubhouse with CORTA.

Scott Laymon asked if there will be locker rooms in the new clubhouse. Rem said there will be locker rooms.

Judy Pearce said CORTA's goal is to have 10 clay courts and 4 QuickStart courts.

Doug Gibson said that the wish list for the clubhouse coming from CORTA and CSU is big and they will have to work on the details to trim down the list.

Rem asked the board to cast a vote of confidence. This will show the city we have confidence with this project. The board will have an opportunity to make a final vote on the details. The vote of confidence was unanimously approved.

**Brian Worstell: (Legal Counsel)**

No report.

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

No Report

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

Betty congratulated Fran Carpenter for a job well done with the USTA Southern Super Senior Section Championships, which was held November 30 through December 2.

Fran Carpenter said CORTA lost some funding from Columbus Regional due to budget cuts, but St. Francis Orthopedic signed a sponsorship contract for 2013, which almost makes up for the loss. Fran is also working with Valley Hospitality on a potential partnership. The John P. & Dorothy S. Illges Foundation contributed \$5000 to support our Ad In, Special Olympics and TennisWorks in the Parks programs.

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

There were over 1,000 players at the USTA Southern Super Senior League Section Championships. The player party was held at the National Infantry Museum. The tournament is scheduled again for 2013. The Toy Tournament is the next upcoming tournament. The Officials Clinic will be held February 9, 2013.

**DeAnne Martin/Greg Gatti: (Special Events)**

No Report

**Michelle Fuller: (Volunteers)**

There were several new volunteers for the past tournament. Michelle is working on building a new committee.

**Scott Laymon: (Adult Programs)**

(see attachment for report)

**Lynn Reis: (Junior Programs)**

(see attachment for report)

**Tom Miller: (Awards & Facility)**

Tom, Judy, and Cooper Creek Tennis Center (CCTC) staff have been meeting once a month. They have a list of 30 items they continually review. CCTC asked yesterday for funds to help with buying additional rubico because they are almost out. Tom does not recommend doing so at this time because he does not want to see CORTA getting in the habit of helping the city pay for normal operating costs.

Scott asked what the projected time line for having to resurface the courts again. Tom said the projection is to resurface the courts every 5 to 6 years.

Judy said that they were told the city has \$12,800 in the budget for maintenance for the courts. This includes rubico, nets, sprinklers, etc.

Rem is positive that things will continue to improve at CCTC and that is a work in process.

**Nancy Prescott: (USTA Georgia Report)**

No report.

**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 October 2, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes.	Approved
To accept the 2013 operating budget as presented.	Approved
To accept the 2013 slate of officers as presented.	Approved
To accept a vote of confidence to show the city we want to move forward on working with the details of the expansion project.	Approved

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lauren Isom.