

President Dan Estes called the meeting to order and a quorum was confirmed. The following members were present: President-Dan Estes, Vice-President-Chris Bodry, Secretary-Marla Goodwin, Executive Secretary- Cathy Russell, John Butorac, Paul Fultz, Laura Huss, Kim Laschober, Mike Newsom and Sylvia Poll.

The following members were absent: Jennifer Magee, Jackie Mills, Debbie Newman, Advisory Members Carol Seamons, Brian Sullivan, Michael Chamberlain, Dan Singer, Bob Spilman and Johan Svensson

**MINUTES** - Minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting were approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** –Dan Estes

Welcome new board members John Butorac and Mike Newsom. Laura Huss now has her own MTA credit card for JT expenses. Cathy will get with Debbie to add this to our Regions online account so Cathy can upload to Quick Books.

CGPG application was submitted by the December 1 deadline. Unspent grant at 12/31/2016 was \$5,079; balance at 12/31/17 will be \$399 if budgeted expenditures are met

Will pick up Memphis Open tickets on Thursday. The League Coordinators will invite captains to the Memphis Open and Board Members will be able to choose available dates also.

New Committee assignments for 2017 will be sent out next week

**VICE PRESIDENT**- Chris Bodry

Chris confirmed additional 2017 budget expenditures approved after the November meeting: \$2,000 increase in JT coordinator annual compensation to \$20k from \$18k, effective for 2017. \$1,300 expense for incentives for captains that bring in new USTA members. \$2,000 for four scholarships for 2017-2018 school year. Laura to provide criteria for eligibility. The application process has started and will be awarded in March. 2016 Budget is finalized and he will send a final copy to the board members

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT** –Cathy Russell

Charitable solicitation was filed and Year End payroll completed. Reviewed the Statement of Activity for 2016 and Statement of Financial Position as of Dec 31, 2016. Cathy to research Eagle Risk Management Insurance bill to find out who receives the bill and when due.

**LEAGUE REPORTS**

**Jackie Mills – Adult 18+, 40+, 55+, 65+ and ESL:**

Adult Leagues

Registration is open until Feb 5 and the season will begin early March for 18+ and 40+. 55 + will begin in

late February. Having major trouble finding indoor courts this year, so not sure if the plan to start early will work or not. If not, will figure something out because their season ends April 30.

Getting some emails concerning the one singles, four doubles format for 40+. Most are still overwhelmingly in favor of it, but some men, who did not vote are not happy. We will continue with this format for this year and re-evaluate at the end of the season. Nashville is also going to this format this year.

To compensate for the singles players, I have added a flexible singles league so all singles players can play more matches and be ready for state. I have waived all my fees and MTA fees for this league this year and already have about 50 players signed up and have 3 weeks to go still. This league will be flexible where an opponent each week will be scheduled but the two players work out date and time that works for them. This will run right up to state championships to keep our players match ready. I am being asked to offer this league year round.

65+ - Audrey Wood's Ladies 4.0 team is going to Nationals in May.

### **Kim Laschober – Combo & Mixed Doubles**

#### Mixed

Registration is from March 31-July 10 with play ending July 30. State is August 25-27 in Chattanooga

#### Combo

Registration is from June 5-July 31 with play ending September 30. State is October 20-22 Knoxville

Combo Sectionals is in March 3-5 in Auburn, AL with two 55+ 8.5 Teams advancing - Paul Fultz and Plum Nobles. Wild cards were offered to Keith Latiolais for 55+ 7.5 and Kevin Jackson 40+ 8.5. Kevin has accepted. It will be March 10-13 in Mobile, AL.

### **Chris Bodry – Tri-Level**

Registration is from March 31- June 15 with play ending August 6.

### **Laura Huss -JTT & LCC**

#### **Local League Coordinator - Junior Team Tennis**

The third annual Celebrate 2K16 was a success. The event was held at the Racquet Club of Memphis, for All 2016 JTT players and families. Included was match play, prize drawings & giveaways, refreshments, EXPO featuring the University of Memphis Men's Tigers and ticket/play certificates from Memphis Open presented by ServiceMaster. Event benefited families served by Memphis Athletic Ministries.

Winter Indoor Junior Varsity League registration closed January 22, and five high school teams from Collierville to West Memphis will be competing in round robin format during this winter indoor season at Leftwich, MUS and Wolbrecht in prep for their spring high school match season. Thanks to The Main Event in Memphis for providing early registrants with gift card awards.

Spring registration opens February 1. Calendars and information are online at [www.memphisjrtennis.org](http://www.memphisjrtennis.org). Beginner leagues in 10U and 14U will also be available.

### **Local Community Coordinator**

Tennis in schools programs have been implemented and are underway in four additional schools, with eight more scheduled in the spring semester. Seven are attending the Memphis Open All-Stars Student Days Field Trips. Overall, twenty schools will be in attendance and those schools will be receiving a permanent tennis equipment kit, and each of the 500 students will receive a racket of their own to keep, thanks to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee.

Partnerships have been developed with tennis facilities to offer spring junior development opportunities at a discount for those students in attendance at the Memphis Open All-Stars Student Days Field Trips. Special thanks to Tennis Memphis, our city's active NJTL chapter.

Working with USTA Southern & TN Hispanic Outreach Initiatives to expand tennis to the Hispanic communities in Memphis by promoting Kids' Fun Day at the Memphis Open presented by ServiceMaster to schools, neighborhoods and MAM centers serving Hispanic neighborhoods, with support of USTA TN and Hispanic ATP pro(s). We will have a booth with USTA TN at the Memphis Open.

Attended USTA Southern Annual Meetings, January 19-20 in Atlanta, as member of 2017-2018 USTA Southern Schools Committee for 2017-2018. Met with USTA TN staff re: upcoming events and opportunities in Memphis. Will be attending USTA Tennessee Annual Meeting in Nashville, January 2017 as member of state Junior Team Tennis committee, as Local Community Coordinator, and as chair of Community Outreach Committee.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Resource Development Committee- Paul- Continuing to work with the City on the Leftwich project

Nominating Committee – Continue to solicit new board members

By-Laws Committee- Sylvia presented two items for the By-Laws that will be voted on at the next meeting

Audit Committee- Jennifer will get with Carol for the Audit

Junior Development Committee- Laura will get together with her committee and the volunteer committee outside of the meeting to brainstorm.

Rules Committee- Forfeit rule added this year, which states a limit to the amount of forfeited courts a team may have before possible sanctions could occur. The amount differs for each age group.

Memphis Cup Committee- Kim and Cathy will choose a date and get with Jackie to help with scheduling. Looking at March 1st-5th.

**ADJOURNED**- Next meeting will be Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at The Racquet Club of Memphis

Submitted by Marla Goodwin, MTA Secretary