

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, Treasurer-Debbie Newman, Secretary-Marla Goodwin, Executive Secretary- Cathy Russell, John Butorac, Paul Fultz, Laura Huss, Kim Laschober, Jennifer Magee, Jackie Mills, Mike Newsom and Sylvia Poll

The following members were absent: Advisory Members Carol Seamons, Brian Sullivan, Michael Chamberlain, Dan Singer, Bob Spilman and Johan Svensson

MINUTES - Minutes from the January 23, 2017 meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT –Dan Estes

The Memphis Open would like our feedback on the tournament. The attendance in the MTA box was good and used by many of the members. The marketing team did a good job and overall went well. Possible look at the playing times or more well know players.

The LCC grant of \$10,000 from USTA-TN and Southern was approved.

USTA-TN had a \$1 increase in adult league fee registration, \$1 increase in adult and junior tournaments, and a new \$3 head tax to JTT player registration.

Marla will look into a shared drive system to house MTA documents.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Debbie Newman

Reviewed the Budget by Class for 2017 and the Jan-Feb 2017 Budget vs Actual YTD. Also reviewed Statement of Financial Position as of Feb 28, 2017. A motion was approved to accept the budgets.

Debbie is going to talk to Regions and get clarification on the credit cards- who has and how many? She will also will get an update on the CD and what our other options are.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT –Cathy Russell

Cathy is working on updating the web site and LLC's will send league dates to her. Marla will begin a Member Spotlight for the MTA website. Cathy sent Dan and policy on Eagle Risk Management and he will follow up for details.

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT-Chris Bodry

Need advice from a tax attorney on possible ways to generate funds but still maintain our non-profit status.

LEAGUE REPORTS

Jackie Mills – Adult 18+, 40+, 55+ and ESL

League has begun and going well with 2644 current numbers not including 65+. There is still a month to go to add on players, so numbers will go up some. The one singles, 4 doubles format for 40+ has been well received. This change did not affect the 40+ numbers at all. Playoff schedule complete and courts are reserved for weeks of May 8 and May 15. Have commitments from ESL teams to accept state bid and registration has begun to prevent them from pulling out of ESL bid to state and take spring team instead if it does well. Champions Barbeque will be held at the end of the year.

65+

Registration is open and will close on April 9. If they have a local league season, it will begin mid to late May and run through July. State championships are in Memphis Sept 8-10. If no local league, I will request registration refunds for those that go directly to state since no local play.

Flexible Singles league

This new league has been exceptionally popular with 100 players signed up. The opponents set up their matches at their convenience each week. All ages play each other and there is a weekday and weekend league. I am getting multiple requests to continue this year round and may offer it in summer and fall.

Kim Laschober – Combo & Mixed Doubles

Mixed-Registration is from March 31 to July 10 with play ending July 30. State is August 25-27 in Chattanooga and Sectionals are October 6-9 TBA. 55+ & 65+ Invitational November 3-6 in Little Rock

Combo- Registration is from June 5 to July 31 with play ending September 30. State is October 20-22 Knoxville and Sectionals are March 9-12 2018 in Mobile, Alabama

Hahn Vaught 40+ 6.5 Team won Sectionals.

Chris Bodry – Tri-Level

Registration is from March 26 to May 7. The deadline to add a player is July 1. Playoffs are July 28 to August 6. State is September 8-10 in Memphis and Sectionals are October 13-15 in Jackson MS

Laura Huss -JTT & LCC

Annual meeting reports showed we had 911 Junior Team Tennis participants in 2016, with a 48% growth over last year. Winter Indoor Junior Varsity League had five high school teams participate and added a mixed doubles tournament-style round robin at the end of the season. Spring matches begin in March and run through early May. Registration for Summer Junior Team Tennis opens May 1 for 8U through 18U teams competing to qualify to play in the USTA TN Junior Team Tennis State Championships in Memphis July 28-30. NJTL Junior Team Tennis, we will be collaborating with Tennis Memphis again this summer for these leagues.

The Memphis Open All-Stars Student Days Field Trips were a huge success. Close to 500 students from 20 schools attended. The schools each received a permanent tennis equipment kit, and each of the students received a racket of their own, thanks to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee. A new Junior Team Tennis league was approved as an intramurals middle school league that will launch in the spring. Tennis Memphis will help host and grow this league and possibly to receive a grant from Southern Tennis Patrons Foundation. Tennis in schools continues to grow; we had an on-court training workshop, conducted by Thomas Fanjoy, on February 10 at Southwind High School, with 20 PE teachers from 16 new schools to the program. Met with Mike Newsom and John Butorac regarding new ways to reach the millennials with social leagues for beginners and Tennis Apprentice. Working with Veronica Uribe and Karen Chan at the state office to raise awareness of USTA programming with shared booth at the GMSD Race for Education on Sunday, April 23, and at the Latino Memphis Festival on Saturday, May 13 as part of Memphis in May and Hispanic outreach for tennis in Memphis. MTA junior scholarship applications via JotForm are live online, and registration is open through April 17. See online form at <https://form.jotform.com/70146669956167>. Ongoing planning 2017 USTA TN Junior Team Tennis State Championships. MTA board member' assistance is needed in securing sponsors for the tournament. Exploring new Junior Team Tennis league opportunity in partnership with Tennis Memphis and Memphis PAL (Police Activities League), a nonprofit organization formed to create learning opportunities and extracurricular activities for youth in various neighborhoods.

COMMITTEES REPORTS

Resource Development Committee (Marketing / Promotions / Awards)- Leftwich, Whitehaven, Belleview will get 10 new courts in 2017

Nominating Committee – Continue to think of good candidates for the Board

By-Laws Committee- A motion was passed to approve the following and add to the By-Laws:

Operational and league budgets for the next calendar year, as well as any other known special budgets, will be due to the Executive Committee by October 20 of current calendar year. Any ad hoc budgets for special events will be due to the Executive Committee on a predetermined set date either by the Executive Committee or by Board vote.

Audit Committee- Jennifer to get with Carol on the audit

Grant Committee- May 31 deadline for Grant. John will look at in the next two weeks to review.

Volunteer Committee- July 28-30 will need volunteers for JTT tournament. Send any ideas for gift bags to Laura

Memphis Cup Committee- Planning on fall tournament and working with Keith Evans at Germantown.

Membership Committee- Mike, Laura and John are talking about putting together a newcomer mixer.

ADJOURNED- Next meeting will be Monday, May 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at The Racquet Club of Memphis

Submitted by Marla Goodwin, MTA Secretary