

President Dan Estes called the meeting to order and a quorum was confirmed. The following members were present: President-Dan Estes, Treasurer-Debbie Newman, Secretary-Marla Goodwin, Paul Fultz, Laura Huss, Kim Laschober, Jennifer Magee, Jackie Mills, and Sylvia Poll.

The following members were absent: Chris Bodry, Cathy Russell, John Butorac, and Mike Newsom. Advisory Members Carol Seamons, Brian Sullivan, Michael Chamberlain, Dan Singer, Bob Spilman and Johan Svensson

MINUTES - Minutes from the March 20, 2017 meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT –Dan Estes

Dan will begin posting a President's letter every two months on the MTA website.

Michael Chamberlain is the new Executive Director of USTA TN. Dan and Michael met to see what is working in other areas and ways to grow tennis in Memphis.

Arlington is considering courts at the high school by pooling money with the city and the schools they are hoping to put in six courts. Hugh Lamar is looking at starting CTA possible by next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Debbie Newman

The CD is the best place for our additional funds. Laura has the credit card, Dan has a check card, and those are the only two we have in use.

LEAGUE REPORTS

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

Adult League Report: Spring league is now complete. Every team that has qualified has registered for state, except 18+ 4.0 men, where five teams declined the state bid. Playoffs were held over the last two weeks and is now complete with only two days moved indoors. Invoices will be filed for the courts fees. It was a very rainy spring but the captains did a fantastic job of keeping within the 14-day make up rule and all matches have been played. Notifications were sent after two days if match had not been played with a deadline date, which helped keep things under control. Captain's gifts were sent out and awards will be given to first place teams at a picnic in Cox Park on Friday, June 2 from 6-8 pm. Board members are welcome to attend. I would like send a survey for feedback on the 40 + format. It needs to go out after state tournament and the LLC Southern Meeting. What I have seen is that the women love it and the die-hard men do not. Options are going back to the original format for the men but will wait to hear what they say about it at Southern Meeting in June. 55+ teams went to state this past weekend. Not sure of results yet if any of our teams advanced. 65+ will have one local league for 3.5 women that will start June 4 and they will play indoors on Sundays. State tournament is in Memphis in September and all the other teams that did not have local league play will get a refund of registration fees minus tennis link fee.

Singles League: We had 104 participants in the flexible singles league, which will end June 18. I sent out a survey to the players to see how it is going and if they want this offered again. Fall is the preference, so looking at September through early November.

ESL: Registration will open in August for season to run right after combo through mid-November and completed by Thanksgiving.

Kim Laschober – Combo & Mixed Doubles

Mixed: Fifty-four teams signed up for Mixed Doubles – Fifty-three last year. Matches begin June 1 and end July 31. Registration opened March 31 and will end May 5. The last day to add a player is July 7. State will be August 25-27 in Chattanooga TN. Southern Championship will be Oct 6-9 in Little Rock and Nationals will be November 3-5 in Mobile, AL.

Combo: Registration opens June 5. The league will run August and September with city playoffs the last week in the September.

Chris Bodry – Tri-Level

There are thirty-nine teams, which is the same as last year. Team registration is closed now except for the men's 18s 3.0-4.0, which closes this Friday.

Laura Huss -JTT & LCC

Local League Coordinator - Junior Team Tennis: Spring season-seventeen teams participated, plus a boys' singles league. Several teams in 10U and 12U from this league will compete at the state championships. Summer registration closes next week. 8U through 18U teams competing this summer can qualify to play in the USTA TN Junior Team Tennis State Championships, in Memphis July 28-30. Matches will be weekends in June and two weekends in July. NJTL Junior Team Tennis - Fourth annual, I am collaborating with Tennis Memphis this summer for these leagues. Looking ahead to Fall JTT, we are working as a state to coordinate a regional tournament for this league, which would compete tentatively in Murfreesboro in November.

Local Community Coordinator: Local planning and organizing efforts for MTA hosted 2017 USTA TN Junior Team Tennis State Championships are ongoing. MTA board members will assistance in securing sponsors and volunteering during tournament weekend. We are adding an informative college tennis forum and tour of the Rhodes campus for the 18U division. A new JTT league was approved for middle school intramurals for kids who are new to league tennis. Two new teams were added this spring, and emphasis is on growth in the fall. We received a Southern Tennis Patrons Foundation grant to help support and develop this league. Growth for 2017-18 tennis in schools will be ongoing by adding new schools whose teachers trained via USTA On-Court Workshops and wish to add tennis to their PE programs. As part of reaching players in the community, we had shared booths at the GMSD Race for Education on April 23 and at the Latino Memphis Festival May 13. We also collaborated with Memphis Athletic Ministries at their Leawood location to introduce tennis to the kids at their center with the help of USTA TN staff, Tennis Memphis coaches, Ronny Bran, and Steve Smith of Great Base Tennis.

High school senior Jonathan de Jesus was awarded a 2017 MTA Scholarship for \$1,000. Jonathan played in JJT tournaments for seven years, NJTL programs for three years and was on the HHS team for four years. He will be attending the University of Montevallo, majoring in biology with a Pre-Med focus, and of course, play tennis.

Several SCS PE teachers and administrators will be recognized for their contributions in the tennis in schools programs. This Reflections reception is a celebration of teachers' efforts to promote health, physical education and lifetime wellness, and will be attended by a number of community partners at the Teaching and Learning Academy Auditorium.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resource Development Committee (Marketing / Promotions / Awards)- Paul continues to work on Leftwich Facility with the city.

ADJOURNED- Next meeting will be Monday, July 24, 201 at 6:00 p.m. at Palm Coast Imports, LLC.

Submitted by Marla Goodwin, MTA Secretary