

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, Carol Byrne, Paul Fultz, Laura Huss, Kim Laschober, Jackie Mills, Mike Newsom and Sylvia Poll

MINUTES - Minutes from the January 22, 2018 meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT –Dan Estes

Update on Arlington tennis courts. A&E firm was selected for the Arlington tennis courts and they are in the process of completing plans for approval. Groundbreaking could possibly be in summer 2018.

There will be funding changes for 2018 and forward from Southern and State based more on increased membership. Dan shared power point from Michael Chamberlain on transition in funding. Dan is to meet with Michael in April to get a better explanation and answer questions about future funding.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Debbie Newsom

Debbie will be moving to NC this year.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT –Cathy Russell

A motion was passed to approve the Statement of Financial Position as of Feb 28, 2018 and Statement of Activity Jan-Feb, 2018.

LEAGUE REPORTS

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

Adult league:

82 18+ teams (vs 94 last year) 1156 players as of Sunday (1289 last year)

74 40+ teams (vs 74 last year) 1078 players as of Sunday (1118 last year)

29 55+ teams (vs 26 last year) 356 players as of Sunday (328 last year)

The total is nine teams less than last year (due to 18+) and to date 145 players less than last year but deadline to add players is April 22. Roster number is unlimited this year vs 18 before, but difficult to add that many due qualifying players.

Season started on March 3 for 18+ and 40+. 55+ began indoors on Feb 17 the remaining matches are outdoors for rest of season. Playoffs for women are the weeks of May 7 and May 14 at Germantown Country Club. Awards have been ordered locally from the Awards Place this year vs ordering them through the state contact. Per my budget proposal, higher quality awards will be purchased in lieu of the year-end barbeque.

65+ adults: Registration closes on April 8. There may not be any local leagues this year, but hoping for a 3.5 women's league.

ESL: Winners of the ESL leagues declared if they will attend state on Feb 1.

Singles League: Registration closes Monday, March 18 at 11 pm. We currently have 60 players, which is an increase from the fall. Good number at each level to make the leagues fun. The schedules will be done this week, with play to begin after Easter and extend through July. .

Kim Laschober – Combo & Mixed Doubles

Combo:

Combo Southern Results – 55+ March 2-4 in Auburn, AL & 18 & 40+ March 9-12 in Mobile, AL

- 40+ 7.5 Jeff Lee's team won 1st place
- 55+ 8.5 Paul Fultz's team won 2nd place
- 40+ 5.5 Dynelle Rinkes' team won 2nd place
- 40+ 6.5 Jeff Little's team won 2nd place

Combo will start the August 6 and end by September 30.

Mixed:

Mixed rules were approved by State and Cathy has posted them on the website. Mixed registration opens March 30 to May 4 and the last day to add a player is July 6.

Chris Bodry – Tri-Level

March 30 registration opens deadline to add May 5 with play in June and July

Laura Huss -JTT & LCC

Local League Coordinator - Junior Team Tennis

Winter Indoor Junior Varsity league wrapped up on February 25. The Collierville Dragons placed first in the league, managed by Michelle Thompson and coached by Tony Cherone. Registration for Spring Junior Team Tennis closes on March 26 with match play beginning the first weekend in April. Registration for Summer Junior Team Tennis opens in Tennis Link on April 30. The 2018 Junior Team Tennis State Championships are in Murfreesboro on July 20th - 22nd. Laura will no longer be LLC as of Aug 1 and ideally would like to hire a replacement by July 1. Please send applicants to Dan or Laura.

Local Community Coordinator

The 2018 plans for the USTA Tennessee Community Outreach Committee including a school fitness challenge, Serve and Return summer service project, growing and developing NJTL chapters, and Davis Cup JTT Spirit Challenge. The Davis Cup Team USA vs Belgium World Group quarterfinals are April 6-8, 2018 at Belmont University. The Tennis Channel will have live coverage with tickets and volunteer applications online. Grant accountability for the national JTT grant will be submitted to receive the other half of the funds. Tennis Memphis' A Serving for Tennis is April 27, 2018 at Propcellar. This is the largest

fundraiser for the at-risk youth served by NJTL and very important for us to support. We still have needs for product or gift certificate donations for the silent auction, and bulk donations for the guest goody bags. Let me know if you have connections for any of those. A limited number of reserved tables are still available, and "early bird" pricing ends on April 1st. MTA Scholarship application for 2018 high school seniors is online via JotForm under the scholarships tab of the junior website. The deadline is April 15, with recipients to be announced on May 1, 2018. Two schools began their two-week tennis curriculum program today via our loaner equipment program; with four more scheduled this year. The goal is for each school to be registered Net Generation providers so that they can receive their own equipment pack and curriculum. Schools will be participating in the Shelby County "Get Up and Let's Move" Olympics on May 4th-5th, where tennis will be an "Olympic" event. A Tennis Play Day and Field Trip is this Saturday at the Eldon Roark tennis facility for students at Holmes Road Elementary. The focus in 2018 is on growing the local base of Net Generation providers before the tentative national consumer roll out in May of 2018.

COMMITTEES REPORTS

Resource Development Committee (Marketing / Promotions / Awards)- Paul gave an update on the Leftwich tennis center

Audit Committee- Carol Byrne will be the new chair of this committee

Grant Committee- Several grants are available with the deadline of May 31. John will get with Cathy to put these on the MTA website and send out in constant contact. John will also find out more info on the grant that was sent to Paul.

Volunteer Committee- Need volunteers for GMSD March 29

Rules Committee- Added a new rule that goes to a 5th tiebreaker in leagues. If still tied the tied teams will have a one-match playoff. This will begin with mixed, not for spring leagues.

Memphis Cup Committee- Possible Memphis Cup in first weekend in October. Kim is the chair

ADJOURNED- Next meeting will be Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Palm Coast Imports, LLC.

Submitted by Marla Goodwin, MTA Secretary