

President Dan Estes called the meeting to order and a quorum was confirmed. The following members were present: President-Dan Estes, Treasurer-Carol Byrne, Executive Secretary- Cathy Russell, John Butorac, Paul Fultz, Laura Huss, Kim Laschober, Jackie Mills, Mike Newsom and Sylvia Poll

The following members were absent: Marla Goodwin

MINUTES - Minutes from the May 16, 2018 meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT –Dan Estes

Emily Allen and Travis Brady of the Memphis Grizzlies organization gave a presentation for board to consider replacement of Memphis Open tickets as benefit for members. Suite prices ranged from \$2400-\$4200, depending on the game. Suites accommodate 24 people and include 4 parking passes. Other options were mentioned such as Pinnacle Section seating. Pinnacle sections have 40 seats and prices range from \$40-\$100 per person. Emily Allen said she would contact Dan sometime in August as we get closer to putting our 2019 budget together.

Arlington tennis courts update- A&E firm updated status regarding some retention issues from I385 as it impacts rain drainage, potentially increasing the cost of the project.

Chris Bodry resigned as VP and from the MTA board by email on July 9th. Kim Laschober is interested in continuing in the role of LLC for TriLevel. Laura Huss said that she would be interested in that position as well if it became available.

The board nominated and elected John Butorac for the open position of VP. He attended by phone and was kept apprised by Kim Laschober during the meeting.

LEAGUE REPORTS

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

Adult leagues

18, 40, 55-Seasons completed, and state completed. We had 7 state winners and came in second for most of the other categories. Memphis had 3 winners (out of 9) for 18+, 3 winners at 40+ (out of 8) and 1 winner at 55+.

18+ winners: 3.0 women Chris Martin. 4.0 women Lisa Silver and 4.0 men Terry Bartlet. Interesting to note that all three of these winners were ESL teams.

40+ winners are: 3.0 men Jon Reesman, 3.5 men Joe Johnson and 4.0 men Jeff Lee/Paul Anderson. Also, interesting to note that at the 40+ level (using the 1/4 format locally), Memphis and Nashville won all levels but one which was won by Knoxville. Once again, this data shows that this format probably makes stronger teams in the long run as it has shown for the two years we have used this format. Last year Nashville and Memphis won all the levels at 40+.

55+ winner was 9.0 Vanessa Pruitt

Sectionals are this weekend. Awards were very well received this year and I got multiple comments on

how they loved them this year. Will continue to purchase nicer awards next year.

65+

The 3.5 men's league just concluded last weekend. The other three teams will go directly to state and they have until August 6 to add any players to their roster. Then we will reimburse the 3 teams their registration fees of \$16 per player as usual.

ESL

Rules have been approved by state and registration opens on Aug 1 and closes on Sept 9 and season will start early to mid Oct depending on size of brackets. Will conclude by end of Nov hopefully. Playoffs will be at Germantown Country Club.

Singles league

This league is being very well received and will continue in the fall. We have about 65 players on average each season. I have made it very relaxed and give them a long time to get their matches played. I have received many emails asking for it to continue and how wonderful the competition has been etc. Registration opens on Aug 1 for this league and closes Sept 9 and then will start season towards end of Sept once schedules done.

Kim Laschober – Combo, Mixed Doubles & Tri Level

Mixed

Mixed ends July 29 and State Championships will be August 24-25 in Chattanooga. Southern will be October 12-15 in Little Rock. Nationals will be in November 9-11 in Mobile for 18+ and November 16-18 in Orlando for 40+

Combo

Combo has 121 teams.

League starts August 4.

Playoffs will be last week in September.

Tri-Level

Trilevel playoffs are July 30-August 3. State Championships are in Memphis September 7-9

Laura Huss -JTT & LCC

Local League Coordinator - Junior Team Tennis

Summer Junior Team Tennis season concluded this past weekend. Several teams have qualified for the state tournament, which will be held this weekend in Murfreesboro, July 20th-22nd. LLC will be attending. The Fall program has been submitted to the state, and registration for Fall Junior Team Tennis opens August 1st. The match season will run September 21st through November 4th. Opportunities for beginner level middle school and high school players will also be available. USTA via Net Generation is piloting a new program called Team Challenge, as a low-pressure introduction to beginner tennis competition. Several facilities plan to host them, and USTA is providing some great incentives. This program will fall under the Junior Team Tennis umbrella. Laura is working with state office on new procedures

for registering NJTL JTT participants. The Junior Team Tennis Local League Coordinator position is still open. Current LLC will continue as coordinator during search for candidate and working with state on recruitment. For link to application, see <https://form.jotform.com/80967398588179>. Please reach out and share with any you feel are qualified candidates. LLC will send information to Executive Secretary so that it can be sent out to our members via Constant Contact.

Local Community Coordinator

Tennis in Schools - Upcoming workshop during professional development days with Shelby County Schools on August 2nd. Schools will begin signing up for their tennis in PE curriculum for the 2019-19 school year.

Hosting Team Challenges in September & October for participating schools at the end of their 2 week tennis in PE units.

Working with state office on updated reporting methods and upcoming Southern objectives.

Focus in 2018 continues to be growing the local base of Net Generation providers and in addition promoting Team Challenge to those providers.

COMMITTEES REPORTS

Resource Development Committee (Marketing / Promotions / Awards)- Paul Fultz gave a brief update on the status of the Leftwich facility. Things are still moving forward. He believes they will break ground next year. Current plan is to add 12 indoor courts to the existing 4 indoor, and add 22 outdoor to the existing 8, for a total of 46 courts when project is completed.

ADJOURNED- Next meeting will be Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Palm Coast Imports, LLC.

Submitted by Carol Byrne MTA Treasurer and Marla Goodwin, MTA Secretary