

Biggest Little Tennis Association

Minutes from Board Meeting

Sept. 13, 2017

Present: Kristine Wymore, Candace Smith, Sylvain Malroux, Christy Funk, Remy Bernarda, Sherri Elcano, and Deborah Alarcon (by phone). Invited guest: Diana Rovetti representing Tennis Buddies of Reno. Not present: Evan Brown

The Meeting was called to order at 6:25 by Kristine Wymore at the home of Christy Funk.

I Approval of Minutes

Christy Funk moved to approve the minutes and to deal with Action Items as we go. Remy seconded.

II Treasurers Report

1. Checking account balance is \$21,539.31

III Special Programs and Committees

a. Tennis Buddies of Reno – Cindy/Remy

1. Action Item from last meeting was to post the need for volunteers for Tennis Buddies on the website. This has been accomplished. However, Tennis Buddies is still in need of volunteers each week of the program.
2. Discussion about reducing the cost of program.
 - Anyone who needs help with fee only needs to apply.
 - All Participants receive a racquet and t-shirt at their 1st session
 - Idea proposed to give water bottle instead of t-shirt for 2018.
 - Remy proposed that all students who take the class again in 2018 get a 50% discount
 - Diana Rovetti will apply for a \$1,000 grant thru the NCED (Nevada Center for Excellence in Disabilities)
 - Deborah made a motion to revisit all of this in November.
3. Diana Rovetti and Cindy are pursuing adding tennis to the local Special Olympics.

b. Benefit Gala

- Action Items from last meeting:
- Evan was to contact Tim Atwell. Christy contacted Tim, signed the contract placed a \$250.00 deposit. Balance for gala is \$250.
- Kristine contacted Cameron Crane. He asked for \$300 plus a percentage.
- Gala committee meeting scheduled for Sept. 20 at Remy's home.

- Remy states that the Gala's main focus should be making money that will then be used for Junior Development. We must have more opportunities at the Gala for people to spend money.
 - Christy got 10 rooms under contract to expire on December 27th. Those interested in procuring a room must contact the Atlantis. Book under the name BUBUBO. Total cost per room is approximately \$161.47 and the deadline to book is Dec. 27th. The toll free number for booking is 1-800-723-6500. Base price is \$119.00 plus 13% tax, 2.00 tourism surcharge.
- c. Satellite Tournaments – Christy (I got confused w Satellite Tourn. info Please help.**
1. The last Satellite tournament will be held at Reno Tennis Center. Grand prix awards will be compiled and awards will be given to winners. The winners will be listed on our website. Sylvain suggested a Grand Prix Training Camp for the winners and offered up the date of May 5 and 6, 2018.
 2. Christy has changed our USTA status of CTA to CTA/NJTL. (National Junior Tennis League) By added the designation of NJTL we apply for additional grants and nominate kids in our programs to a Sonoma State Tennis Camp. It was suggested we nominat the winners of our divisions for the Sonoma state tennis camps.
- d. High School Coaches Clinic by Rosie Bareis was cancelled. (revisited for Action Item)**
1. Christy attended the HS coaches meeting on Aug. 2. She reported to coaches in attendance regarding the activities offered over the summer and asked for their help in encouraging their players to participate. She stated that she feels that in general the coaches don't seem interested in the opportunities presented. Not sure how to create interest. The High School Coaches Clinic was cancelled due to lack of interest.

IV Junior Development

a. Nevada Tennis – Free HS Training Camp Update

- Sylvain reported the training camps were a huge success.
- Recapping last notes Sylvain reported over 50 players and 12 HS were represented.
- Sylvain proposed that we set the dates, perhaps a weekend day, where students can play, have lunch and mingle.
- He suggests first date for 2018 be in May to kick off summer season
- Deborah motioned that BLTA would fund the additional expenses accounted for on the grant accountability of \$173.00. Christy seconded.

V School Programs

a. Update on Caughlin Wednesdays – Kristine

- Kristine submitted her idea to Caughlin HOA. They said they had to discuss. Waiting for a decision.
- For now using Caughlin courts and black top area at the school.

b. Update on Agnes Risley—Tennis Fridays

- No report from Cindy. However she is excited about the participation.

c. Team Up/ HITS Program

- Very Successful Training
- 17 schools participated with over 30 participants
- Christy will take equipment to Team Up after Denise signs up for Net Generations

VI Net Generations

- **All board members need to join**

VII Capacity Building Assessment

- Board members reviewed item by item and tallied our answers using “majority rules” selection process. Kristine will submit the assessment.

VII New Name and Logo

- Sierra Junior Tennis Foundation
- 3 logo ideas were presented. Board suggested some modifications and voted on the one they liked the best.

VII New Business

a. Equipment purchases

- The coaches feeding baskets have been distributed to the facilities with the red balls. The equipment for H.I.T.S. after school program has arrived and will be delivered to the Team –Up office.

b. Regionals 1st week of October

- Candace proposed having a table with flyers. She volunteered to man the table.
- Sylvain suggests a questionnaire or survey for the kids to have a say in what they would like to see with tennis in the area. Ex. All schools ladder, tournaments
- Candace and Sherri agreed to meet to develop a Survey
- Christy motioned to spend money for Survey give-a-ways such as dampeners, racquet bands, etc. Kristine 2nded.

c. Idea thrown out to be discussed next meeting

- One weekend day per month for Ladder Weekend (Christy)
- Go to pre-schools and elementary schools and engage parents. Teach parents how to coach young kids (like soccer) (sylvain)
- Create a 10 and under program within the H.S camp next spring (Christy)
- Spring Jamboree needs to be fun as well organized. (sylvain)
- BLTA sponsored tennis BBQ @UNR to announce to thank all who participate in and support junior tennis when we roll out our new name and logo (Candace)