

Ladies Interclub Tennis League Spring Meeting

February 24th 2014

President, Betty Austin, called the meeting to order. She introduced herself as the new President and introduced the new board as listed on the web site.

Karen Towers then called roll and those in attendance where; AVCC, Birchtree, Brookhighland RC, Greystone CC, Highland RC, Hoover CC, Inverness CC, LJCC, Lifetime Fitness, Logan Martin, Mtn. Brook Club, PRC, PTC, Pinetree/MBST, Trussville RC, Tuscaloosa/North River Yacht Club, Trussville YMCA, Vestavia CC, Greystone YMCA.

Betty thanked the LJCC for offering to host the meeting and handle the food.

She then asked for a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the Fall 2013 meeting, Sherry Butler made the motion, Annemarie Wilson seconded and they were approved.

Betty then announced/introduced the Ethics committee. She also read a thank you note from Sherry Butler written to the board/league for her gifts received at the luncheon and for being a "great bunch".

Annemarie then gave the Treasurer's report and attached to the agenda. There were no questions for anyone in attendance. She also gave a report on the Susan Briggs account. Also, no questions. Betty Austin motioned to accept both Treasurers' report, Mary Shelton seconded and they were accepted.

It was noted that the reason Sena got \$4k (which was \$3K higher than the other recipient) is because she is a junior in high school. Colleges are already looking at her. She has risen to 5th in Southern (USTA) and needs to play in many tournaments this Spring and Summer to maintain/improve her ranking.

Questions were asked about how someone becomes a recipient of a scholarship. It was stated that there is a form online and also the club reps have paper applications. It was encouraged that more people apply for the scholarships in the future.

Amy Browning then gave a scheduling report. She noted that there is a new form in each packet for the club reps and the captains. The form states deadlines for registration and fees due, among other housekeeping items. This is intended to prevent captains and reps from trying to add teams at the last minutes, which complicates scheduling. Also, it was noted that folks need to make sure their emails and addresses are up to date in the system. She also announced that 80 teams are registered for Spring and the season begins March 10.

Sherry then gave a report of the last Officer's meeting that was held on January 13, 2014 at the Trussville YMCA. The only item of major importance discussed was an

issue with a make-up match from the fall. In the future, if any team is having an issue getting a match in, please let your level coordinator know. These stats can mess up an entire division's end of season numbers drastically. Everything is generated and calculated by the computer system and prizes are ordered based on these numbers.

Vicky Marty then gave the Ethics Committee report. She announced that there were minimal issues with teams last season, but there were many move down requests from fall to spring. Much of this has to do with the fact that we are re-implementing the 3.5 division this season. Many folks played 4.0 due to the lack of a 3.5 division last season. Folks who received 85% letters are posted on the site. Amy Browning discussed how the divisions within each level were separated. It is based on last season's win/loss record. It was discussed that the 5.0 level was separated into 5.0/5.3 based on the previous season's win/loss record. The purpose is to have a 5.3 division in order to attract the higher levels of USTA players. Amy also stated that the 3.5 division has moved to Thursday in an effort to rebuild that division. Participation was low in the past, because many 3.0 soft courts players (who play on Monday) could not also play 3.5 LITL on Monday. There was concern that subs will be difficult to come by for 3.5s and 5.3s since the 3.0s and 5.0s play on the same days, respectively. It was said that this is a trial run and we will see how it goes this season.

Betty opened up discussion for old business. Kay Cloud from Logan Martin has a captain that is petitioning for their facility is considered as a local (non-travelling) team. Questions were raised as to what the rules state. Is there a mileage rule, etc.? Some seem to remember a rule stating 25 miles from city center. This still needs to be researched because the specifics were not found in the rule book. It was generally agreed upon that if they are allowed to be a non-travelling team, then we will open the "flood gates" for everyone else (Tuscaloosa, Jasper, Cullman, etc.). Also, there are many young Moms who have to pick up children by noon or 1 pm. So even if they were granted home matches at their facility, it might be difficult for other teams to get players to go there. A motion was made by Dee Kurtz NOT to change the rules which would allow Logan Martin to be a home team. Motion was seconded by Nan Rhodes. Motion passed. It was suggested that a letter from the board be sent to the captain at Logan Martin explaining these concerns.

New business was then discussed. It was reiterated that we are doing a pilot program for the 3.5 and 5.3 divisions. Spring Break is scheduled for March 24-28. Captains need to check their school schedules and reschedule any matches as necessary. New season starts March 10.

The level coordinators who were in attendance were introduced. It was discussed how important it is for these folks to communicate not only with the club reps but the captains. Please make sure the captains get their packets with their official score sheets. This will help folks get scores entered efficiently and in a timely manner.

Nan suggested to have a sheet in each captain's packet going over major rule differences between LITL, soft court, and USTA. Vicky is supposed to be looking into that. Supposedly there was a sheet like this in the past. The major concern here was the rule about the lineup not being exchanged in a timely manner and what is the penalty? This still needs to be researched.

Door prizes were then awarded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively,

Karen Towers