

**GCTA Quarterly Board Meeting - April 16, 2009
Swim & Racquet Club**

2009 Remaining Meeting Dates
(Thursdays – 7:00 p.m.*)
Swim & Racquet Club

July 16
September 17



Board Attending: Andy Alexander Mark Anderson Harvey Beahm
 Denica Bruce John Campbell Fred Duy
 Terry Finneran Chris Gerst Rebecca Hancart
 Art Haus Jim Hendrix Terri Jones
 Paul Kobelt Jane McMeekin Erin Ortman
 Sharon Rusk Bob Schaffer Geri Schlegel Dan Witteman

Guest Attending: Martin Byron DeeDee Craig Heath Elliott Denny English
 Gene Fields Mike Haddow Brian Heil Kevin Hornik
 Marcus Humble Michelle Jarrett Otto Laster Susan Smiley
 Adam Troutman

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. by Erin Ortman

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from 1/15/09 were approved.

Guest Presentation – Susan Smiley

- Susan Smiley proposed that GCTA partner with the Ronald McDonald House here in Columbus to collect the pull tops of tennis cans. These tops provide income for the charity. The Board agreed that this would be a great opportunity to serve the community and will distribute the collection boxes to area clubs. The program will also be introduced at Captains' Orientation Meetings in May.

Treasurer's Report

- Shirley Neibauer provided the current account balances as follows:

Checking	\$10,180.62
Money Market	\$97,136.63
Total	\$107,317.25

Erin reported that Shirley filed our 990 Form for Non Profits on Dec. 12, 2008.

Grant Committee Report – Jane McMeekin

- Approved: Kathy Eisenaugle was awarded a grant for \$160 to pay the fees associated with creating the Canal Winchester Community Tennis Association (CTA). She intends to run a number of tennis programs this summer and by becoming a USTA CTA, she will be able to get additional support funds from the USTA.
- Approved: 7 Subsidy grants of \$50 per person (local physical education teachers) to offset the \$100 Quick Start workshop fee. Total grant awarded: \$350.
- Jane reported that the Grant Committee turned down a grant request from John Campbell on behalf of The Champions tennis program. The Grant Committee felt that the request did not fall within the type of grants to be funded by this committee.
- Jane raised the question of grant to the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. The Board clarified that the funding for the CR&P grant is to come out of the GCTA budget, not from the Grant Committee funds.

Women's League – Erin Ortman

- The Women's League will hold Captains Meetings on May 21st at the Swim & Racquet Club to collect fees and go over new rules and/procedures. The meeting times are 9-11 am, 1-3 pm, and 7-9 pm. Captains may attend any one of the meetings. Fees and rule changes will be covered in the first 20 minutes of each meeting followed by website orientation for any who would like to stay.
- John Campbell mentioned that The Champions Tennis Club would welcome a women's team.

Men's League – Terry Finneran

- Terry mentioned that the men's captains are expected to attend one of the orientation meetings on May 21st at Swim & Racquet. Men's fees will be collected at that time.
- Two new men's level chair were announced: Steve Baumann – 3.5 Chair; Mike Hardesty – Open Chair. Rob Hildreth has agreed to serve as the Membership Chair.

- The Silver League is back in business and will field a full league schedule.

USTA Leagues – Terri Jones

Terri announced that the deadline to enter a team in the summer USTA leagues is May 10th. She will hold a Captains' Meeting at the Racquet Club on Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30 pm.

The summer leagues scoring will be consistent with the winter leagues. This is a change.

USTA Appreciation Day @ The Cincinnati Reds will be Wednesday, June 17th.

Ohio Valley Tennis Association - Harvey Beahm

- Harvey reported on the March 8th meeting which was held in Chillicothe.
- GCTA is asked to submit two nominations for OVTA Awards.
- USTA is holding a Quick Start workshop on Friday, May 8th here in Columbus area at the Vineyard Church on Cooper Road in Westerville.
- The Annual Meeting will be November 1st in Charleston, WV.

Columbus Recreation and Parks – Denica Bruce

- Denica reported that Adult registrations are beginning and many sessions are already filled.
- Youth tennis information is available at <http://recparcs.columbus.gov/Sports/Tennispage.asp>. Fees are minimal and no child is turned away.
- CR&P is holding a Quick Start workshop on June 3rd from 11am-2pm at Whetstone Park.
- Erin asked that Denica keep GCTA awards in mind as she oversees the summer tennis programs. GCTA would like to recognize outstanding individuals at the September Awards Ceremony.

USTA Junior Team Tennis – Rebecca Hancart

- Rebecca Hancart announced the following important dates to remember:

May 20th Organizational Meeting at Brookside Country Club

June 1st Deadline for team sign up

June 12th Matches begin

July 10 End of regulation play

July 20 OVTA Championships

August 5-11 Championships

Awards Committee – Chris Gerst

- Chris Gerst reported that planning is underway for the ceremony that will be Sunday, September 20th, 2009. The Committee will meet Monday, June 1st at the Bethel Road Panera at 11:00 am. More information about the GCTA awards and nomination forms will be posted soon on the GCTA website.

Umpires – Bob Schafer

- Umpire training was held in Columbus on March 7-8 at the Racquet Club. Twelve officials were certified. Bob thanked the GCTA for providing refreshments.
- Certified officials will be working the Ohio High School Boys Tennis Tournament.
- Bob mentioned that he would like to see more women in the program. Erin suggested that Umpire Training be mentioned at the Captain's Meetings in May.
- USTA will be holding an umpire training in the Columbus area. Anyone interested should contact OVTA for dates & times at ovta@woh.rr.com.

Area and District Qualifier – Jim Hendrix

- May 1st is the deadline for registration. More information can be found
- Area clubs interested in participating in next year's Area & District Qualifier should contact Jim Hendrix by Feb. 1, 2010.

Old Business

- Business cards were distributed to Board members. Cards were printed so that members would have to hand out at area events and tennis functions to publicize the GCTA.
- Erin asked Board members to look at the new website, www.gcta.net. Terry Finneran mentioned that a map of the central Ohio area with tennis facilities indicated would be a good addition. Jane will check with the web designers to get an estimate on the cost to produce such a map.

New Business

- The GCTA newspaper ad ran this week in area SNP papers. The cost of the ad was \$310.74.
- Terri Jones reported that as Executive Director she has been working on building an extensive contact database including local physical education teachers, club pros, teaching pros, and high school tennis coaches. Terri been meeting with OVTA officials and Jim Amick (USTA's Ohio Tennis Service Representative) to coordinate area events and communication.
- Erin asked if there was a procedure for the President authorize the use of GCTA funds up to a certain amount. Sharon Rusk moved and Jim Hendrix seconded that the President by authorized to spend up to \$500 without prior Executive Board approval (limit 3 per year). Motion carried.
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ADJOURNMENT – 8:50 pm