



Greater Baton Rouge Community Tennis Association

Location: Bocage Racquet Club May 1, 2011 1:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Kyle Ferachi, Yvette Marshall, Stewart Guerin, Steve Magnon, Gary Carville, Rusty Jabour, Lisa Thomas, Dawn Escott, Kay Willson, Beau Brock

Non-Board Member attendees: Rob Klemm

The meeting was called to order at 1:04p.m. A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Lisa to approve February and March meeting minutes and for the minutes to be posted on the Website. Motion passed.

Rob Klemm, LTA staff member responsible for Junior Competition and Junior Team Tennis was introduced. Rob stated that the USTA was offering free junior membership for youth ages 10 and under until the end of the year. He reported statistics on the number of children in EBR parish and surrounding parishes and the number of USTA junior memberships in EBR parish. He stated that the LTA was willing to help raise participation in JTT in the Greater Baton Rouge area. Rusty asked what support (equity) could the LTA give the CTA. Rob stated the CTA can apply for funding for a "youth initiative"; Shreveport and New Orleans each have already received a \$100,000 grant over a three year period from the USTA. Rusty requested that Rob provide the CTA with other successful models in Louisiana and in the Southern section that increased youth participation in JTT. It was suggested a sub-committee be formed to develop "youth initiative" for the CTA.

Executive Report: Kyle reported that June 25th had been selected as the date for the annual Strategic Planning Session/CTA Board meeting. It would begin approximately around noon and end at 4-5pm and reconvene for a dinner meeting. Agenda would include recapping last year, restructuring by-laws, and developing future Board leadership. A motion was made by Beau and seconded by Kay "A financial review be made of the GBRCTA 2010 financials and a report of findings be submitted to the Board by June 25, 2011. The report should include recommendations of consolidating accounts and other recommendations, according to generally accepted accounting standards." Motion passed. It was also suggested that further auditing over a prior three to five year time frame may be needed.

Committee Reports Consent Calendar

Stewart Guerin – Treasurer/Budgeting—Financials and Report submitted
Debbie Gilbert – Board/CTA Administration—Report submitted
John Gilbert – Adult League- Women/Mixed—Report submitted
Sue-Anne Stuntz – Adult League – Men/Combo--Report submitted
Kristen Gibbs – Member Services/Email Management—No report

Beau Brock/Steve Magnon – Grants—No report needed
Rusty Jabour – Marketing/ Plan Champion—Report submitted
Dawn Escott – Junior Programming/JTT—No report needed
Yvette Marshall-Grassroots-Report submitted
Lisa Thomas – Website Management—No report needed
Ben Fontenot –Community Cup Reporting—Report submitted
Kay Willson – USTA/State Tournaments—Report submitted
Gary Carville – USTA Programming—Report submitted

Old Business:

Strategic planning session, Tennis Night and Spring Fiesta Tournament information was included in the committee and executive reports.

New Business:

Yvette requested financial sponsorship of \$250 by the GBRCTA for the Forest Park QuickStart Karnival on Saturday, May 14th. Lisa made a motion for the GBRCTA to financially sponsor the event for \$250 and Rusty seconded. Motion was passed.

Kay requested assistance in coordinating the State Combo Tournament in November. The Board discussed the need to have a meeting with the LTA. Kyle asked Rob Klemm to assist in setting up a meeting with Freddie Bailey, Kay and any other parties involved in the Combo tournament.

Community Coordinator report was discussed including the recent adult outreach programs (Fun, Friends and Fitness and Free Clinics) the GBRCTA sponsored in the Spring.

Gary Carville reported that he and Ray Anders are planning a High School student/Parent Tournament to assist with the expenses of the High School Prep League.

Beau moved to adjourn at 2:20pm, Kyle seconded and the motion passed.