

Alaska Tennis Association

Minutes - July 21, 2015

Location: Dimond High School Tennis Courts

Present:

Dana Griffin, Stacia Green, Matt Hemry, Jody Wolfe, Mitch Roth, Ed Hendrickson, Peter Lang

Excused:

Christian Dougherty, Stephanie Williams, Allen Clendaniel, David Grashin, Mallery Cox

- Meeting called to Order 6:10pm
- May minutes unanimously approved

COMMITTEE/OFFICER UPDATES

1. Treasurer

- Jody Wolfe presented and discussed aspects of the Balance Sheet and profit and Loss (January-June, 2015)
- Grant discussion on Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant and Facility Grant. The grant from the muni was a Facility grant for the public courts and a small portion of the grant was designated for quickstart/youth tennis. ATA will reach out and request flexibility in terms of use for Facility and Park Grant. Park & Recreation grant needs an extension and Dana has requested an extension and has not received a response at this time.
- Membership dollars discussed. Most were received at annual meeting
- Cathy Tracy Tournament financials were reviewed

2. Junior & Adult Tournament

- Stacia Green and Peter Lang have joined the Tournament committee.
- Stacia worked with Bill Cotton prior to the City Open to purchase Balls and Gift cards for the tournament. Bill negotiated with the Alaska Club for court time during the tournament. Bill will get paid as agreed upon in May meeting for being Tournament Director.
- Tournament participation has gone down over the years. Ideas to increase participation included running tournaments more like leagues and schedule matches over a longer period of time.

3. Fundraising Grants

- Dana Griffin to negotiate extension and flexibility of use for Park Foundation Grant with Beth Nordlund at the Park Foundation. Nobody monitoring courts in town. Park & Rec use to have someone designated and then the Alaska Club was monitoring. Now nobody is monitoring the court conditions at individual parks. ATA would like to use the funds to do minor tennis court repairs and net repairs around town. Important to keep a good relationship with Park & Rec Foundation by completing the grant requirement before snow falls if extension is approved.
- Dana to send out to Board a list of courts in town and request each board member take a court to do a quick evaluation of it's condition and needs.

4. Holly Hemry Fund

- Matt Hemry to meet with Robert Brewster regarding a reduction in Junior dues so it's affordable for the grant to give Holly Hemry recipients a tennis membership to the Alaska Club.

- Holly Hemry By Laws were refined per the feedback from the May Board meeting and Mike Kreiger adjusted the document.
- Matt Hemry will draft an email to send out to the community soliciting applicants for this next Holly Hemry grant year.
- November 1st is the Holly Hemry appicate deadline.

5. Facilities

- The cover over East High School is still under development. The budget change needs to be approved by the assembly. Some assembly members have changed their support. It is still uncertain if the project will happen.
- Pop Carr Park ATA grant check will be delivered during the Pop Carr Park opening event on August 15th. Email will be sent to the community to invite everyone to come join the festivities.
- Peter handed out flyers explaining some options for court repairs in town and contractors were discussed.

6. USTA Update

- estimate of 375 children participating in the summer program. 11-14yrs age group has grown compared to last year. Bear Valley Camp bused kids into the programs every Monday. Focus camp from Eagle River also drove 25 kids with disabilities to the parkstrip for a one day intro to tennis.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/OLD & NEW BUSINESS

1. Board member to replace Mallery Cox who will be leaving us in September. Different options discussed for appointing the replacement board member. Dana agreed to review the by-laws. Since the annual meeting is so close to Mallery's position needing filled the board may wait until the meeting to appoint the new member. Allen Clendaniel will be asked to send an email to the previous 3 applicants that applied for the last vacant position and see if they are still interested. To be consistent in past actions an email will also be sent out to the community to see if there is any other interest.
2. Corporate networking. Reach out to corporate wellness department. Ed Hendrickson provide many ideas to partner with these companies for wellness and also sponsorship. Dana trying to get flyers into the Lunchrooms of the hospitals and corporations in town.
3. Annual Meeting - Typically 3rd Thursday of November but since Alaska has a League team going to Nationals that weekend the board decided to move the Annual meeting up to November 12th.
4. Grand-prix - Stacia Green will discuss with The Alaska Club if the ATA can hold this fun tournament in December 2015.

NEXT MEETING

Monday August 24th 6pm at Chugach Electric