

Albany Tennis Association Board Minutes
January 10, 2012

Members Present: Julie Sellers, Betty Ehrhardt, Donna Friedlander, Rusty Russell, Izzie Sadler, Ted Soderling, Sheila Boone, Suzy Davis, Jean Gebhardt

Members Absent: Jane Adams, Rhonda Palmer, John Scanling, Diane James, Mark Dukes

Julie Sellers brought the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes from the October 11, 2011 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

CDLM- Donna and Suzy attended. Donna was awarded a scholarship to attend this year. Donna reported that the Flint River association continues to struggle for attention to our needs due to our small number of participants compared to larger areas.

Junior meeting- Betty and Sheila attended. Beginning in January all adults dealing with the Junior Team Tennis program must pass background checks. Donna will email board members the information needed to complete the background check.

Westover Resurfacing Project- Completed.

Junior Team Tennis Update- A flyer is being developed. The suggestion was made to post information on Facebook.

Update on Fall Leagues- 392 participants in the fall leagues; 156 are from Albany.

City Tournament Update- Will be held 4/14/12.

Juniors and mixed doubles will be held at Stonebridge.

Don Scozzari will donate the grilled chicken as he has in the past. Board members were asked to provide side dishes to accompany the chicken. Lunch will be served at Pine Forest from 11:30- 1p.m. There will be a play break during this time period.

It was suggested to charge \$25/person with a 2 event limit per person.

Divisions will include ladies, men, singles, mixed doubles and combo. Combo will likely start Friday night.

Suzy reported that the Albany Chamber has \$1500 stipends available for events that last 2 days or longer and bring out-of-town participants.

Marketing will include flyers to clubs, Facebook, and press releases to Vintage magazine and the Albany Herald.

NEW BUSINESS

USTA Jr. Event in March- A playday has been set for 3/14/12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. USTA will provide promotional items for the event. The event will be group instruction for children ages 5-11. Izzie will be in charge of publicizing the event. Julie will do a flyer. Donna will arrange for insurance coverage. Suzy will provide the Quickstart equipment. Will use Darton and possibly Westover courts.

Nominating Committee- We need to begin considering possible candidates to replace Betty and John.

Tri-level Tennis- Izzie suggested that the board consider developing a Tri-level League to encourage more participation in tennis at the local level. There are no state tournaments associated with Tri-level leagues.

Donna reminded the board that the new age structure for USTA leagues will start next September.

Donna would like to request a grant from the Georgia Tennis Association to purchase 500 copies of The Tennis Player's Bible. It has been noted that many players are unfamiliar with proper tennis etiquette.

Donna distributed a schedule of the USTA State Championships.

The next board meeting will be 4/3/12. Jean will not be present. Betty agreed to act as secretary for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.