

Tennis Officials Association of Austin (TOAA)

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

In attendance: Vickie Wright, Tom Wright, Mike Flynn, Charlie Gordon, Mike Henry, Mike Lugar Sr., Nick Camillone, Randy Trevathan, Mike Foote, Jim Alford, Ira Jamshidi, Roger Mills, Herb Taylor and Judy Haugen

Old Business

- Minutes from last meeting on 06/16/2010 presented and approved
- Balance sheet from treasurer Rebecca Mason presented. The report showed a current bank balance of \$3122.86 with uncleared expenses of \$1330.13 giving an ending net balance of \$1792.73 (less amount spent for Pokey Joe's BBQ for meeting attendees)
- Printout of 2011 TOAA Officials List handed out. These printouts had the SSN of some members so they were collected. A revised officials list will be sent out by Vickie Wright in a separate email.

New Business

- Website report given by Mike Flynn. Working on adding more functionality to the website (i.e. allowing referees to have officials signup to work for their tournaments through the TOAA website – creating a spreadsheet automatically). Also giving Vickie and Rebecca access to update their specific pages. Vickie also proposed using a blog instead of a website so that more people can help maintain the information. Vickie has created an example blog site. Decision was made to continue with website for now and further investigate blog idea (possibly having both in the future).
- New logo for TOAA was discussed. The new logo is still a work in progress. It is currently taking the form of a chair umpires chair. Charlie Gordon suggested a tennis racquet should appear somewhere.
- Certification class for USTA and ITA officials as well as referees will be held at the Texas Section office in Austin on June 25, 2011. For more

information and to sign-up, please go to

http://www.austintennisofficials.org/2011_class.php

- New salmon-colored code violation report slips to be used by officials to report code violations to Texas Section office. It was decided that these new slips will be sent to the printer for padding and given to referees by Vickie Wright to be distributed to all tournament desk supply boxes. Please get these forms from the tournament site director at the tournament desk. Once filled out, please return these to the tournament desk so all of them can be returned back to the tournament referee (and thus sent in to Texas Section with other tournament paperwork). Referees please also collect and return un-used forms back to Vickie Wright.

Open Discussion

- Change in Bylaws concerning how yearly dues of \$25.00 are collected proposed by Vickie Wright. Currently, the Bylaws state that each official must send a \$25.00 check to the current treasurer, Rebecca Mason. Revision would allow Rebecca to deduct the \$25.00 for dues from each officials first paycheck. Motion to bring proposal for a vote by Mike Lugar Sr. with a second from Roger Mills. Proposal passed by unanimous vote of those present.
- All paperwork and Bylaws given to State and approved for TOAA
- Herb Taylor proposed giving a gift of appreciation to Rebecca Mason for all her hard work. It was unanimously decided by those present to give a one-time gift of a \$100 visa card. Vickie will take care of purchasing and giving this gift.
- Herb Taylor also mentioned a \$200 Dell laptop offer. Please contact Herb for more details.
- Vickie mentioned her new involvement on the junior disciplinary grievance committee. Offending juniors currently only get 1 suspension point for code violations (point/game/default) for a maximum of 3 points per match. If a junior withdraws from the tournament (or doesn't play consolation), they automatically receive 3 suspension points. There seems to be some

concern that code violators aren't getting penalized as much as they should (especially for multiple code violations that result in a default).

- Discussion on tennis ambassadors as well. These tennis ambassadors are comprised of more officials/referees now. Their main purpose is to observe bad behavior of the players and report these findings back to Texas Section office. The main reason is that players don't tend to act up (or at least as much) during the presence of a uniformed official. But when the uniformed official walks away or is not present, the bad behavior can be observed.
- Ira Jamshidi, Mark Burns, Jim Alford and Denise Offerdahl will be our representatives at the Chair Academy this May in Plano. A motion was made by Tom Wright with a second by Herb Taylor to give \$50 in travel reimbursement to these individuals. This motion was approved. Pre-training suggestions were to come to the UT matches to be a scoreboard operator. The next UT match for men will be at 6 PM on Thursday, March 17 and for women at 1:30 PM on Friday, March 18. Best of luck!!!

Next Meeting and Motion to Dismiss

- Vickie Wright will send out an invite as directed in the Bylaws before the next meeting. A meeting date has not been set yet.
- Motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM was unanimously approved by all those in attendance.