



GBRCTA Board of Directors Meeting

November 19, 2023 || Bocage Racquet Club

Members

In attendance: Forrest Brewer, Hunter Cobb, Madison Cefalu, Terri Decote, Shawna Gardiner, Lesley Halphen, Bill Jackson, Rusty Jabour, Stephanie Le Grange, James Mason, Jennifer Mansuer, Donna Percle, Kris Schmoll, Rodney Terral, Jennifer Tolbert, Heather Truesdale

Guests: Toyia Charles-Comminey, Jenna Jaureguy, Korey Patty, Chris Brewer

Absent: Matt Dardenne, Mary Claire Hotard

Call to order at 3:00 pm

Jennifer Tolbert moved to accept meetings
Hunter Cobb seconded

J.D Liford, presentation about sectionals win, will go to Nationals:

- Presented a poster and signed by Billy Jean King
- Presented a photograph of sectional win

Nominations and Elections

Stephanie shared a quick overview of what the board does, and that it's a working board, although there isn't an hours commitment, we organize and execute events

Bylaws:

- First step
 - To vote for officers, only can be voted on by current board members
 - Officers running gave short speeches
 - President: Forrest Richards
 - Vice President: Jennifer Tolbert
 - Secretary: Patricia Talbot
 - Treasurer: Rodney Terral
 - Current board members voted
- Second step
 - To vote for, up to, 11 board members

- Stephanie gave an opportunity to nominate themselves
 - Heather Truesdale self nominated
- Catherine Fairchild has withdrawn her nomination
- Community Members running gave short speeches
 - Toyia Charles-Comminey
 - Korey Patty
 - Terri DuCote
 - Shawna Gardiner
 - James Mason
 - Troy Goings
 - Lesley Halphen
 - Mary Claire Hotard
 - Bill Jackson
 - Heather Truesdale added her name as a nominee
- Nominations closed at 3:22 p.m.
- Margret, Madison, Jenna counted

Committee Reports

- Jennifer Tolbert
 - Discussion of board, City Champion jacket / outerwear
 - Ladies: either vest or pullover
 - Men: pullover
 - Donna will send form to captains
- Stephanie read the results, Stephanie will send an email to people who are not in attendance, board-elect,
 - Toyia Charles-Comminey
 - Korey Patty
 - Shawna Gardiner
 - James Mason
 - Troy Goings
 - Lesley Halphen
 - Mary Claire Hotard
 - Bill Jackson
 - Heather Truesdale added her name as a nominee
 - Forrest: president
 - Jennifer: vice-president
 - Patricia: secretary
 - Rodney: treasurer
 - Rusty: Immediate past president
- Member Engagement
 - Mixer for Dec 16, 140 person cap
 - Mixer will be 12:30-3:30, Patricia and Jennifer met with Ari

- Shared menu and cost projections
 - Ticket for a soda (different color), two for liquor
 - Have developed a speciality drink (champagne cocktail)
 - Free for captains, free for coordinators, free for board members, there is a guest fee of \$10
 - Co-captains are not captains, and will be charged \$10
 - Donna will send email twice, only to captains by November 29
 - Margret will send Donna the form and language
- Possible LSU Mixer - Forrest
 - Alert: Bella Bowman event at LSU is in the same time frame, so do we want to push back in spring, or in the fall
 - Lesley suggested to stay away from fall (LSU games)
 - Forrest suggested a mixer in August
 - Jennifer T suggested using this as the end of the year Mixer - Christmas
 - Stephanie reminded the board of the needs for this mixer, including getting insurance
- Juniors - Madison
 - Next tournament is in December 2, just orange and green ball
 - Last tournament is at LSU, is L7 and circuit, so regular ball will be part of it
 - Have 27 juniors signed up so far
 - Volunteers
 - December 2: Bill Jackson
 - December 30: Hunter Cobb and Forrest Brewer
 - Stephanie suggested that Madison attends Richie Weaver's meeting to talk to high school coaches
- Grants and Scholarships - Stephanie
 - Hallowheel had a great weekend, 150 players, GBRCTA gave \$600 in compliance with GBRCTA guidelines (we are a presenting sponsor)
 - Hallowheel raised \$68,000
 - Rusty discussed the success of Hallowheel 2023
- Treasurer's Report - Rodney
 - Rusty mentioned that Rodney will be a representative for LTA - Region 2 representative
 - There is no requirement for Rodney to leave GBRCTA
 - October financials
 - Spent CGPG money by October, which is a record
 - Been in contact with Kyle Jackson tournament
 - Using our paypal account to collect fee, sponsorships are covered (\$10,000), so every entry fee will go to us
 - CGPG money was submitted by Rusty, we will get about \$12258 in 2024
- Executive Committee - Rusty
 - BREC: November 27, follow-up with GBRCTA community and pickleball community

- Everyone will be invited
 - BREC will share an overview of process
 - USTA will give \$100,000 each phase. If it's done all at once, BREC will only get one lump sum of \$100,000
- LTA CTA meeting on December 1, 2
 - Meeting for CTAs around the state, at Renaissance Hotel
 - Only way to get CGPG money is to attend
- No reports for marketing, grassroots, volunteer recruitment
- Open floor to new business
 - Does GBRCTA want to have a table at Bellas?
 - Lesley asked to use GBRCTA tents
 - Stephanie brought up re-starting up Community Cup, would this be something that the executive board needs to decide
 - Hunter also wanted to have Tennis Apprentice, wants to train someone at another facility
 - LTA gives racquet for free, only need pros for a few weeks, players party not expensive, made about \$2800

Adjourned at 4:41 p.m.