

WTTA Board Meeting
December 16, 2019

Members in Attendance:

DIRECTOR:	Susan Cippelle
AUSTIN COUNTRY CLUB:	Not Represented
AUSTIN TENNIS ACADEMY:	Not Represented
AVERY RANCH:	Brenda Warrick
AWTA:	Diane Singleton
BALCONES:	Janice Lehman
BARTON CREEK:	Janice Taylor
BERRY CREEK:	Shelley Moerbe
CIMARRON HILLS:	Jackie Namee
COURTYARD:	Dede Brown
GEORGETOWN CC	Reagan Willman
GEORGETOWN TENNIS CTR:	Traci Stengle
GREAT HILLS:	Not Represented
GREY ROCK:	Not Represented
LAKEWAY:	Vanessa Sumner
LAKECLIFF:	Aland Price
LOST CREEK:	Polly McWilliams
POLO CLUB:	Not Represented
RIVERPLACE:	Paula Vogrin
STEINER RANCH:	Rebekka Handing
SWAT:	Yoko Takumi
UT TENNIS CENTER:	Vicki Gorakhpurwalla
WESTWOOD:	Meg Shaw
WESTOVER HILLS:	Not Represented
WILCO:	Not Represented
USTA:	Anthony Horsley

Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m.

The November 2019 minutes were approved as posted

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Club Location Description – The Director has added additional wording to each club’s “location” information on the website. This wording addresses details of water and cup availability on the courts. Please check your location information and let Susan Cippelle know of any corrections.
- B. Rules Index – The Board discussed the possibility of providing an index to the WTTA Rules to help players navigate through the information. The Director will create the index.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Team awards – Fall season bag tags were distributed. If you did not attend today’s meeting, please contact Susan Cippelle to make arrangements to pick up your club’s awards. Plaques will be available later this week and will be brought to the January meeting.
- B. New Facility/Club Application – Forest Way in the Lakeway area has applied to join the WTTA as a club and/or playing site. Tim Stallard made a presentation about the facility. Forest Way tennis courts are built on private land and are privately owned. The owner’s WTTA and USTA teams would be the primary teams using the site. There was discussion that Forest Way could come in, as requested, as a separate club with a separate sublist and a club rep. Or they could consider coming in under the AWTA umbrella. Tim will discuss these options with the owner. While the tennis court construction is basically complete, the residence on the property has yet to be built. The Board heard from members who have played at the site. Concerns discussed were: 1) Construction activity on the large residence during matches, 2) The one small bathroom in an RV on the site, and 3) The rock covered road leading into the courts, and it’s possible effect on cars that are not SUV’s.
- a. *Dede Brown moved that the site be allowed to join WTTA for the Spring season, with the stipulation that at least two more suitable bathrooms exist and that the road leading into the property be leveled with smaller rocks/gravel to accommodate lower profile cars. Meg Shaw seconded the motion. The motion passed with one nay vote. Forest Way will be asked to respond prior to the January Board meeting whether they will be able to comply with these requirements and host WTTA matches in the Spring*
- C. Placement Process – The Board discussed the process for moving up additional teams when needed during the placement meeting. Currently the order for offering teams the opportunity to move up is: 3rd place team from the flight below, 4th place team from the flight below, second-to-last team from the current flight, last place team from the current flight, 5th place team from the flight below. The Board discussed the process at length, with the goal of keeping the flights competitive.
- a. *Shelley Moerbe moved that we adjust the order of upward movement to: 3rd place team from the flight below, EITHER 4th place team from the flight below or second-to-last team from the current flight pending an evaluation of their strength last season, last place team from the current flight, 5th place team from the flight below. Meg Shaw seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
- D. Super Champs Rosters – Although there has not yet been a formal request, Susan Cippelle asked the Board to think about the possibility of Super Champs teams playing 4 lines rather than 3 and having a sub allowance in step with the rest of the league. It is anticipated that a request to make this change will be submitted by the February deadline.
- E. Access to Player Stats – Upon request, the Board discussed the possibility of opening up access to WTTA player statistics. Currently, only Club Reps are able to research players. The observation was made that Club Reps alone, and the teams on which they play, have the unique (and perhaps unfair) ability to research opponents. USTA stats are open, and apparently, they have not experienced excessive problems by doing so. The Board discussed concerns with opening the stats to players, such as the website being overwhelmed by users.

- a. *Dede Brown moved to allow team captains/posters access to the ability to research players. Janice Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

UPCOMING DATES:

- January 6 – Full Board Meeting
- January 15 – Spring Team Lists and New Team Forms are due
- January 21 – Payment due for all teams
- January 21 – Placement Meeting, noon
- February 3 – Full Board Meeting
- February 17 – Larger Flight matches begin
- February 24 -Smaller Flight matches begin
- March – No Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Next Board meeting will be Monday, January 6, 2020 at 12:30 at The Senior Center
Minutes recorded by Meg Shaw, Secretary