

GVTA Board Meeting Minutes – 3/5/08 6pm at Chevys in Vallejo.

The following directors were present at the meeting: Chris Picone, Doug Ramo, PJ Grewal, and David Godsey. Ledy Delfin-Icatar attended as the Promotions Chairperson.

Update on membership – the GVTA now has 18 members – Millie Banaag, Anne Love, Christianna Turner, Vic Asprer, Emilio Soto, Rodger Schuester, Trojan Ruiz, and Shelia McClarin joined in the past month.

Update on tax exempt status – Chris was told by his IRS contact on 2/26/08 that we would receive our Determination Letter within 10 days. It has not arrived yet. Once it does, Chris will forward copies to the State tax board, Sec. of State Public Charity group, Washington Mutual, and to USTA Grant people.

Update on grant applications – Jeanne & Chris got USTA Norcal to use their IRS Determination Letter in order to claim the USTA National grant (faxed in 2/25 from USTA Norcal). Money is expected to arrive at USTA Norcal by mid-March. It is still unknown how it will be distributed to us. The application for a grant from USTA Norcal has been put on hold by Norcal until mid-April due to a Board dispute. Doug will follow up with the City of American Canyon on the \$500 grant from them. Jeanne submitted the 2008 Tennis In The Parks 1st Year Community Pre-Assessment Form, which is the first step to getting grant money to resurface courts in Vallejo. Another group is handling the court resurface issue in American Canyon.

Update on promotions –Ledy got 100 free pamphlets printed. She meant to bring them so we could help distribute. She will check into advertising on Channel 28, where the GVRD announcements are placed.

Financial Update – We spent \$168 to obtain Liability Insurance. We have approximately \$400 in the main checking account. Chris has purchased scorecards for matches and will be getting tables and chairs. These purchases will be refunded once the grant money arrives.

Get-Together Lessons Learned – The get-together went very well on 2/16. Jeanne, Ledy and the Board members did a fantastic job putting it together. Jerry supplied tables and chairs. We have the following comments/suggestions:

1. Be more prepared for the schedule of events before the day happens. Jeanne had the only copy of event schedule, so we weren't sure where to be or what was next.
2. Plan and practice the drills ahead of time. Needed to involve more people and change up the drills to keep them interested. Maybe use foam balls and teach drills from the RCW.
3. More membership talk. Have a prepared statement and vision of the GVTA future.
4. Follow-up – thanks attendees for coming and push the success/future of GVTA.
5. Possibly print member certificates, similar to what USTA does, and send those to new members.

6. Possible monthly newsletter to members, detailing accomplishments and upcoming activities / programs.

7. More activities for prizes. Playing for prizes didn't work as well because it limited participants and took awhile to finish games.

8. Involve the parents who brought their kids. Get them retrieving balls, acting as targets, whatever. Have the kids pull them out on the court.

6-tennis and QuickStart – Jeanne will be starting a QuickStart program in May at the American Canyon courts. We discussed issues involving support in American Canyon for our programs. Shelia will be a coach in Benicia's Junior League. David and Chris will assist her. That program starts on 3/16 and runs through 5/22.

Racquet program – Doug reported that there were no new racquets this month. The racquets were a great success during the get-together.

Leagues & Schedules – Ledy currently has 11 players on Women's 3.0, Chris has 13 on Men's 3.0 and 8 on Men's 3.5. Several more players are expected to join. Schedules will be finalized in the next couple days.

Round Robins – Looks like a monthly Round Robin will work best – ideally at 9am on the 3rd Saturday of the month, so to complement Benicia's Round Robin on the 1st Saturday. We need to see how that works with Jeanne and her classes. Also want to arrange special sessions for the Men's 3.0/3.5 squad with Jeanne or Willie.

Website – Ledy mentioned that someone reported that an email link wasn't working. Chris will look into it.

Liability and Incorporation Insurance – Liability insurance has been paid for and received. The incorporation insurance is primarily for larger groups and costs \$500 minimum. We will wait on that.

Sponsorship – Angeli will provide examples of sponsorship letters to Ledy. Plan is to request sponsorship from organizations in the future.

Adjournment – meeting ended at 7:27pm. Next meeting will be on Wednesday 4/9/08 at 6pm. Not sure of location for the next meeting yet.