

## RCTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 12, 2015

Attending: Jackie Cantrell, Ann Fair, Liz Luking, Fred Thompson, Shelby Rhyne  
Absent: Garland Hilliard, Kelly Page  
Location: Eden Public Library

The first meeting of the RCTA Board of Directors was led by Shelby Rhyne, Executive Director with the goal to introduce the Board Members to each other and discuss our mission as a USTA Community Tennis Association to support and provide opportunities to play tennis in Rockingham County.

Shelby Rhyne, Executive Director, provided a Board of Directors notebook to each member. We quickly reviewed these documents:

1. Board of Director's Roster (corrections made)
2. Bylaws
3. 501(c)(3) Letter of Determination
4. 2015 USTA CTA (Community Tennis Association) Registration
5. Eagles Risk Liability Insurance
6. Preliminary Budget for 2015

### **2015 Grant Opportunities** for RCTA funding

1. We received \$750 donation form Xerox Corporation. Thank you Garland Hilliard
2. We applied for a [NC Tennis Program Grant](#) for \$710 to pay for publicity and coaches for the Winter Family Play Day series at the three county YMCAs.
3. We have submitted a [USTA Southern diversity program grant](#) for \$1600 to provide coaches and equipment to three RCS Middle School Students of Success (SOS) afterschool program
4. We have submitted a Letter of Interest (LOI) to the Reidsville Area Foundation to be considered at their February Board Meeting. We requested \$5000 to provide a RCTA Youth Team Tennis (YTT) program to 5 summer day camps. This request includes a \$2500 paid intern, coaches fees as well as equipment for the participants to take home.

Other 2015 Grant opportunities include:

1. [USTA Southern Tennis Patrons Foundation \(STF\) Community Tennis Grant](#). This is a two-year grant that could provide a stipend for and Executive Director position. Deadline TBA
2. McMichael Family Foundation deadline August 1, 2015

### **2014 Program Review**

Shelby Rhyne shared our RCTA Scrapbook to illustrate the media support our community tennis association has received and a spreadsheet of weekly tennis events since May 17 Family Tennis Festival.

### **2015 Proposed Programs**

The Board discussed ways for RCTA to be sustainable by offering fee-based programs in addition to applying for grants. We shared several ideas – a RCTA annual Community Partner membership, a summer youth tennis camp and a youth team tennis (YTT) program for players.

NC Tennis staff strongly suggests we charge (even a nominal amount) for any Play Day.

### **Advocacy for updated RC tennis facilities**

#### **Carlyle Lewis Courts, Madison and Dalton L McMichael HS courts, Mayodan**

On December 18, Shelby Rhyne and Fred Thompson, MMRC Director met with Jonathan Craig, RCS Athletic Director, Sonja Parks, RCS Ass't Superintendent in charge of facilities, Bob Bailey, Dalton L McMichael Athletic Director, and Brian Wright of CourtOne tennis builders at the Carlyle Lewis Courts in Madison and McMichael HS Tennis Courts.

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We discussed resurfacing over fiberglass at Carlyle Lewis if the water could be channeled away from the courts. This would be a "last resort" fix and provide 2-4 more years of use. MMRC has applied for a [USTA Facilities Assistance grant](#). The Dalton L McMichael High school courts are locked. No home matches were played in 2014-15 season.

We hope to find a way to work as partners to provide 6 tennis courts for RCS and community shared use for the western part of our county.

**Rockingham Community College** has \$45,000 reserved for the resurfacing of their 6 campus courts in Wentworth (35,000 from the RCC Foundation as a gift from Ed Mauney and an additional \$10,000 approved by the RCC Board of Directors). RCC has also applied for a USTA Facilities Assistance grant that could provide an additional \$10,000-\$15,000 towards this project. Shelby Rhyne and Liz Luking are staying in touch with Tony Gunn and Gaye Clifton to encourage the completion of the grant application with the hope that this resurfacing can take place in 2015.

**WR YMCA** indoor courts plan to update the lights at their two indoor courts before the January 31 Barry Dodson CPA Junior Indoor Challenge tournament.

### Upcoming Events

- **January 23** Shelby Rhyne and Liz Luking will attend Tournament Directors (TD) workshop at the NC Tennis Weekend in Pinehurst on January 23. This will allow us to be TDs and host one-day Level 6 junior tournaments.
- **January 23-25** Shelby Rhyne will attend the NC Tennis Weekend January 23-25 as a representative of RCTA and as a member of the NC Board of Directors Adaptive Tennis Committee. NC Tennis provides one night stay and mileage for one leader from a CTA
- **February 1** Caroline Downs, NC Tennis Junior and College Club Tennis Coordinator will host a Junior Team Tennis Information meeting at the Eden Family Y at 1:30pm on Sunday, February 1.
- **April 18** We have been invited to set up tennis activities at the April 18 GO FAR 5K and 1k Fun Run at Reidsville High School on Saturday April 18. We will be a part of the GO FAR Community Showcase. Over 950 children and parents participated in the 2014 event.
- **June 6** RCTA has been approved to host an On-Court Coach Youth Tennis workshop on June 6 at WR YMCA indoor courts. The workshop is for all volunteers and tennis professionals that work with children. We should have over 20 participants from across the Triad area. There is a \$15/person fee for this workshop.

### For our next meeting

- **Election of Officers** (Fred Thompson has volunteered to be our Board President and Jackie Cantrell has volunteered to be Secretary)
- **By-Law Review**

**Our next Board of Directors Meeting will be at 5:30pm at the Reidsville Family YMCA on Thursday April 16.**

*Submitted by Shelby Rhyne*