

WYOTA Annual Meeting Minutes

10/12/2019

The meeting was called to order by President Emery at 10:08AM. Present for the meeting were Steve Emery, Austin Stege, Becky Fischer, Julie Francis, Mary Perkins, Lindsey Loughran, Bonnie Ward, Trey McDonald, Tim Havasi, Kristy Hammond, Executive Director Peg Connor, and Angela Emery.

Julie motioned to approve the minutes of the last annual meeting as presented, Tim seconded, and the motion carried.

Becky presented financial reports through August 2019. There were a few questions about the Network Support Grant that Peg answered. Peg also mentioned that USTA is rolling out a new information tool called Tableau, which includes up-to-date dashboard information.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers: Bonnie Collins (Sweetwater Co.), Tim Havasi (Natrona Co.), and Trey McDonald (Laramie Co.). There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was approved.

Community reports followed:

- Julie Francis reported on Laramie activity, including UW Cowgirls, James Hignett's resignation, Alpine junior drills, and the local tri-level league.
- Kristy Hammond reported on tennis in Dubois, Riverton, & Lander. They have community play about 4 times per week all summer. Currently there is no high school tennis and little support for it, which is unfortunate.
- Tim Havasi listed several activities in Casper. Their CTA awarded 3 scholarships to Eric Nokes' camp/drills which includes 27 kids. They provided the snacks for the Golden Racket high school tournament. CTA is working with the city on some court maintenance. Good news is the WAC is no longer for sale and it has 10 new lights up. Several leagues, including tri-level, are ongoing. The Christmas party is 12/19. Dues were increased and the newsletter is going out. Tim and Angela met with a builder on a proposed multi-purpose facility to include tennis.
- Peg mentioned that Green River is working to get some indoor courts.
- Lindsay reported that Powell/Cody has its highest ever participation in tournaments last summer, and that middle school tennis in the spring is thriving. Powell had its first boys' high school champions in 12 years.
- Trey mentioned that the Governor's Cup had its highest participation in 10 years. Their CTA hosted a popular JV tournament, and their annual meeting is the end of October.

Executive Director's Report: Peg reported on the state of Wyoming tennis, including several slides. In terms of membership trends, juniors and then age 55-64 have highest growth. As of July 2019, Wyoming has 537 USTA members. WY experienced 2.68% growth, which surpasses the national growth rate of .25% and ITA growth rate of .63%. Peg then reviewed the dashboard numbers. Trends are positive for Net Gen, junior tournaments and adult leagues. Attention is needed in Junior Team Tennis. The section's choice of focus on dashboard is

Diversity & Inclusion and Coaches Education. WYOTA has been able to meet those expectations with Vets at the Nets, adaptive tennis in Cheyenne, and the Hispanic festival. Regarding coaches education, there were several events in the bigger towns. Tri-level league contributed to the league growth in 2019. Our Net Gen conversion rate is high, and Net Gen consumer outreach will soon be a dashboard goal. Peg continued to highlight the district activities in her slide presentation. We ended the meeting by viewing the ITA semi-annual meeting district presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30AM.