

NJTC Annual Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2019

**Board Members Attending:** PJ Travin, Vilura Haas, Diane Hedberg, Wanda Shepherd, Greg Shepherd, Jen Stiebeling, Mitzi Bare, Kevin Thistle, Helen Hock, Lee Duhl, Jess Mitchell, Laura Pivovar, Colleen McClary.

**NJTC Members attending:** 23 total, including those listed above.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm by PJ.

Approval of 2018 meeting minutes: Kevin made a motion to approve minutes from 2018 annual meeting. Bill seconded. 2018 annual minutes approved.

**President's Report:**

- PJ thanked everyone for coming. PJ kicked off the meeting with a raffle for five free NJTC memberships for 2019. Winners were: Nancy Santmyer, Rick Bonczynski, Diane Hedberg, Pat Godsil, and Mitzi Bare.
- PJ highlighted some of the Board's accomplishments for 2018:
  - NJTC was awarded Organization of the Year.
  - Grand Slam fundraiser was a huge success, raising \$10,000.00 for the evening.
  - Mountain Getaway: Sold out in a week, there was rain but everyone had a blast.
  - NJTC 4x4 was a huge success that resulted in a new partnership with wheelchair tennis. USTA president attended and was reported to be having a pretty good time.
  - Membership increased by 10%. Total members - 386. Largest public tennis club in the state.
  - League Coordination agreement with Apex was a success. Apex wants NJTC to continue to run leagues.
  - Socials: Kevin worked really hard to make it fun throughout the year, utilizing courts where he could get them and then trying to fill them.
  - Marketing Campaign:
    - ✓ NJTC has paid for a 1/3 page ad in the Big Book of Tennis, Colorado.
    - ✓ In addition new business cards were designed and printed.
    - ✓ NJTC will be purchasing a large magnetic board to hang up at the ATC that will be used to inform players about NJTC.

- ✓ Tech: Updated webpage that includes an FAQ page.
- ✓ Continuing to produce a monthly newsletter to keep members up to date on what's happening with tennis in Arvada/NJTC.

### **President's Report 2019 New Business:**

- Caryen Moller introduced herself and why she wanted to join the board. She is recently retired and is running for treasurer. Bo Thistle introduced herself, she will be running for club rep.
- Budget: Dues will not increase for 2019. 2020 Apex will increase court fees.

### **Vice President's Report:**

- Vilura reported that she doesn't have much to say. Last year at the annual meeting Vilura explained that the year was going to be a transition year and to be patient. Vilura was happy to report that we were patient and everyone is very pleased with the results of the past year. Vilura stated that this current board has been one of the best Boards she's ever worked with, and she thanks all Board members.
- Apex Center update: Vilura talked about the ATC and how well the drills and lessons have been running. She spoke about all of the fantastic pro's and what a great facility it is. Jamal, Woody, Kim, Luke, and Luka have done a fantastic job of making the drills fun and informative. Apex is going to be adding new drills and because of that, it may be a little more difficult to get a court. Residents can reserve courts 7 days in advance. The question was asked "Is Apex Tennis Center making a profit"? Apex Racquet Sports (which includes the Racquetball/Fitness Center as well as the ATC, in 2017 had a deficit of \$213,000, 2018 a deficit of \$89,000 and is projecting \$80,000 deficit for 2019. They are certainly headed in the right direction.

### **League Coordinator's Report:**

- Mitzi reported that in 2018 there were 102 teams. 59 women's teams, 20 men's teams and there were 23 mixed teams. She also stated that there were 48 daytime leagues and 54 evening leagues. 10% of teams went on to districts. 10.0 mixed went to Nationals.  
How many payed to play on one team vs two? 61 women played on one team and 169 women played on 2 or more teams. 58 men played on 1 team and 78 men played on 2 or more teams.

Incentive payment from CTA offers incentives \$270.

### **Leagues:**

- Jen reported that for 2019 and beyond, there will be two new league coordinators. Jess Mitchell will be handling evening leagues and Laura Pivovar handling daytime leagues. The two new coordinators are trained and ready to go.

Mandatory captain's meetings are set for Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am and Tuesday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Both meetings will be held at the Apex Racquetball and fitness center off of 64<sup>th</sup>.

A club rep will be helping players find teams and organize new players.

Indoor vs outdoor league play: Leagues will primarily play outdoors. Drills and lessons will be indoors.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Diane Hedberg said it had been a great year and she reported \$1385.46 in checking and \$20,065.05 in savings.

### **Up/Down Leagues:**

- Bill Trubey director of the CWTF spoke. Bill thanked NJTC for all of their work. Bill is creating a Wheelchair Up/Down league and NJTC will be the first club offering this league in partnership with CWTF. It will include a competitive Mixed 8.0 USTA Up/Down League and recreational Mixed 7.0 league. The target is the 8.0 level. Wheelchair isn't NTRP based. Instead it correlates as such: A= 4.0 B/C= 3.0. Able bodied maintains their current NTRP ranking. 8-10 wheelchair players can be matched up with any able-bodied players w/in USTA. Tennis link won't run these leagues. The Greg-Link will handle it. Greg will set up a webpage/registration for these leagues. Bill would like to see other areas of the country adapt Up/Down league tennis. This will give the CWTF and NJTC some notoriety, as it will be the first of its kind in the nation. It's launched period will be May 26<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>, and will include 2 courts with 2 lines of doubles to be hosted out of the Apex Tennis Center.

### **Summer Kickoff Celebration:**

- Jen spoke about a fundraiser set for Memorial Day weekend Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>. The event will run from 10am-2pm. All courts will be running drills

both inside and outside. These drills will be for kids, new to tennis players, and all other level players. Apex pro's will be providing high quality drills on each court. This event will also offer a BBQ lunch with soda and beer as well as a fantastic silent auction. Funds raised from the silent auction will be used to purchase amenities that were in the original building plans but were cut out due to lack of money/budget constraints. There was a suggestion to raise money for a "hitting wall". Jen encouraged anyone to send the board an email with any fundraising amenity suggestions.

### **Mountain Getaway:**

- Jen detailed plans for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Mountain Getaway August 16-18. This year Jen said the commemorative shirts will be long sleeve. It has been decided that there will be a themed reception Friday evening. Saturday structured tennis play will be from 9-5. She is adding in a bump up/bump down format. Price is \$195 per member. Nonmembers \$220.00 There is a 64 person limit. June 1<sup>st</sup> registration starts. July 1<sup>st</sup> nonmembers will be allowed to sign up.

### **Socials:**

- Kevin spoke about socials and asked for any input. He gave dates for the upcoming winter/spring socials. NJTC will provide alcohol, beer and wine and ask guests to bring a dish to share for the next three socials.

### **Tennis- Palooza:**

- PJ spoke about a name change for the annual club tournament but said the format will still be fast 4. There will be yard games, food drive, wheelchair, up/down raffles, tennis equipment drive, live music. Currently looking for sponsors. The fee is \$150 full sponsorship get the business name on the cup.

### **Gala:**

- The Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame is hosting a Gala February 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30pm. NJTC will be receiving an award for Organization of the year. There are currently thirty members from NJTC that will be attending. In addition, Apex purchased a table for their Board. The keynote speaker will be the Bryan Brother's, father.

Vilura presented PJ with a case of balls, presented him with a certificate for a one hour lesson with Jamal, thanking him for his dedication and three years of hard work as our board president. PJ will be stepping down as president but will remain on the board for 2019 as past president.

**Ballot/Election Results:**

President - Jen Stiebeling

Vice President – Vilura Haas **Proposed waiver:** Passed

Treasurer – Caryn Moller

Secretary – Sue Tomlinson

Club Rep – Wanda Shepherd

Club Rep – Susan Bolton

Club Rep - Bo Thistle

Club Rep – Dave Tomlinson

PJ will remain on board as past president

**Proposed 2019 budget:** Passed

**Appointed League Coordinators:** Jessica Mitchell and Laura Pivovar

**To Do list:** PJ check to see if Tennis-Palooza is copy righted. Send info to Julie Gall on Tennis-Palooza.

Adjournment: PJ motioned to adjourn. Mitzi seconded. Annual meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Wanda Shepherd