

DJTA Board Meeting
December 9, 2006
Al-Wadha South
6:00 pm

Board Member Attendees: Raza Rizvi, Tahir Bukhari, Dennis Cai, Andy Knowlton, Sunil Kokal, Cesar Pardo, Julie Stuewe, Lubna Younis, Coach Aziz Rasool, and Tim Hansen.

1. **Opening Comments:** Raza thanked the Board for contributing to a very successful year for DJTA and commended the Board for their efforts. He mentioned that the annual banquet was a success and thanked Ami Mehta for your hard work. He solicited feedback from Board members to identify parts of the banquet that went well, and if there were areas to improve. In general, Board members were pleased with the banquet and didn't recommend any major changes. However, some members suggested that it might be worthwhile to make the trophy distribution a bit more efficient, and to also look at making the banquet a bit shorter. Overall, however, it was an enjoyable and successful event.
2. **Group Coaching:** WTGC sign-ups went well with 143 players registered for the WTGC session. If DJTA is able to hire an additional coach, the number of participants could be increased.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance is approximately SR 186,532. Due to various Board approved expenses, the approximate balance that is projected to be carried into 2007 will be approximately SR 50,000. The net cost of the DJTA banquet was approximately SR 7,000. A lobster ball machine will soon be purchased for DJTA.
4. **December Tournament:** Currently there are 75 players registered for the doubles tournament scheduled for December 13, 14, and 15.
5. **Coaching Assistance:** Efforts are underway for DJTA to employ a full-time employee who will be responsible for coaching, and for fulfilling a number of roles in support of DJTA activities. It is hoped that the final approval, plus visa formalities will be completed in a timely manner in order for the new employee to begin working by the middle of January 2007.
6. **Lobster Machine:** The Board approved the purchase of a Lobster machine to support group coaching instruction. Saudi Aramco Recreation has also been contacted to provide support for a commercial size ball machine.

7. **Constitution Update:** The Board approved several additions to the group coaching refund guidelines. In addition to the current guidelines, group coaching refunds will not be distributed when:
 1. The refund is less than SR 50
 2. Group coaching sessions are canceled due to inclement weather

8. **Turnover Meeting:** A turnover meeting for “old” and “new” Board members is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 18. Please let Raza know if this date does not work for you.

10. **Tournament Desk Duty:** To ensure that proper support is available for the effective operation of DJTA sponsored tournaments, it is essential that parents participate in fulfilling desk duty responsibilities as assigned by the tournament coordinators. Due to the important functions required of desk duty personnel in the administration of DJTA tournament regulations, only parents will be permitted to serve at the desk. If parents are unable to fulfill their desk duty obligation, it will be their responsibility to find a replacement. Replacements must be other DJTA parents, and cannot be children, domestic helpers, etc. Failure to fulfill the desk duty responsibility will result in the child(ren) not being eligible to participate in the next DJTA tournament.

11. **DJTA Tournaments:** The Board discussed the number of scheduled tournaments for 2007. While there was some interest in reducing the number of tournaments, it was decided to maintain the current number of tournaments. As a result, there will be at least one tournament per month with the exception of August 2007.

12. **DJTA Website:** A top priority for 2007 will be the introduction of a DJTA website. This effort is being “spearheaded” by Raza, Tahir, and Sunil. They will be contacting Jeff M. to seek assistance with setting up the website. If Jeff M. is not available to assist, they will investigate other website support. It is believed that a well functioning web site will be valuable in areas of membership, tournaments, communication, ladder information, etc. The introduction of a website will be of significant benefit to the DJTA membership and it is hoped to have it in operation by the end of January 2007.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 pm

