

DHAHRAN JOUNIOR TENNIS ASSOSIATION

Board Meeting

MEETING: Regular Board Meeting
DATE: May 3, 2008
TIME: 6:30PM TO 8:00PM
LOCATION: Tennis Club house

ATTENDEES:

Hongbin Xiao	President
Tahir Bukhari	Vice president
Tim Hansen	Ladder Coordinator
Amani Haikal	Secretary
Lubna Rizvi	Treasurer
Eric Beachy	Travel Team Coordinator
Abid Bhullar	Group Coaching Coordinator
Andy Mehta	Group Coaching Coordinator
Sikandar Gilani	Group Coaching Coordinator
Roger Sung	Tournament Coordinator
Lorna Bradford	Social Director

MAIN POINTS OF THE MEETING:

- **Membership Update (Amani Haikal):** Amani stated that we have 15 new members of DJTA which brings our total number of members to 289 (up from 274 last month). The new members have been added to our website and welcome packages and announcements have been sent to them through emails. It was agreed that an email will be sent to all members regarding the free t-shirts, hats and shawrma that will be provided to DJTA during the upcoming May tournament as part of the company's 75th celebration.
- **Group Coaching (Andy Mehta):** Andy said that we have a total of 160 members in group coaching. We have a total of 7 coaches (3 in the hills and 4 in 3rd street). The group coaching sessions are running smoothly, however, there have been several requests for changes in the first two weeks due to various reasons. Recommendations regarding GC included the following:
 - A GC committee was formed to look into ways to streamline the GC process. The committee is headed by Andy and will make recommendations in the June board meeting. Following are the members of the GC committee: Sikandar Gilani, Abid Bhullar, Eric Beachy and Tahir Bukhari.
 - In order to assist the coaches in conducting effective sessions, an email will be sent to all members regarding the parents' responsibility of the disruptive behaviour of some children in group coaching.

- Group coaching sessions will be offered during July intersession and will be conducted by Coach Rick. An email in this regard will be sent to all members in June, 2008.
- **Travel Team update (Eric Beachy):** currently there are no plans by DJTA for the travel team, however, Eric mentioned that “Bahrain Junior Tennis circuit “ is conducted in Bahrain and that kids who are interested in getting tournament experience can sign up to play. The next travel team trip is scheduled during the Eid holiday (Sep. 24 to Oct. 4th, 2008) but the destination is not finalized yet. Tahir mentioned that Vicki Jones offered to arrange for a DJTA travel team to the Philippines during the month of August and to sponsor any kids who are interested in going there.
- **Money Matters (Lubna Rizvi):** Lubna stated that we are still doing very well financially with over 200,000 Saudi riyals total cash on hand and in bank(s).
- **Voted suggestions for using the money:**
 - Tahir proposed to use the money to give the players who are participating in the upcoming tournaments vouchers or gift certificates instead of the trophies. Tim stated that the concept of presenting the kids with money instead of trophies makes it a reward rather than an award. The trophies symbolize the recognition of their achievements, putting a monetary token with it will diminish its value.
 - It was agreed, starting in May tournament, to increase the number of vouchers presented to players who participate in umpiring.
 - It was also agreed to think of other presents to be awarded to the players during the upcoming tournaments.
- **Ladder Update (Tim Hansen):** Tim stated that the ladder will be finalized this week before the draws for the May tournament.
- **Social Events (Lorna Bradford):** As Tahir mentioned recreation will be providing shawrma for the duration of the May tournament. In addition, they will be providing t-shirts, hats, trophies and medals. Lorna’s role is to:
 - Contact Aziz to know the exact number of provided items.
 - Arrange for Joffrey’s coffee stand.
- **Miscellaneous items:**
 - As an appreciation for Coach Rick’s tremendous efforts and valuable support to DJTA, it was agreed that a bonus of 4000, SAR will be awarded to him by the end of July, 2008.
 - It was agreed to change the board’s meeting time to 5:00 pm starting June, 2008.

**Meeting was concluded at 8:00 pm.
Prepared by: Amani Haikal**

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