

DHAHRAN JOUNIOR TENNIS ASSOSIATION

Board Meeting

MEETING: Regular Board Meeting
DATE: June 7, 2008
TIME: 6:30PM TO 8:00PM
LOCATION: Tennis Club house

ATTENDEES:

Hongbin Xiao	President
Tahir Bukhari	Vice president
Amani Haikal	Secretary
Lubna Rizvi	Treasurer
Rao Arimilli	Publicity Director
Eric Beachy	Travel Team Coordinator
Liliana Polanco	Tournament Coordinator
Andy Mehta	Group Coaching Coordinator
Abid Bhullar	Group Coaching Coordinator
Lorna Bradford	Social Director
Aziz Rasool	Tennis Advisor

MAIN POINTS OF THE MEETING:

- **General (Tahir Bukhari):**
 - Group coaching:** After several meetings and discussions regarding the current registration system for group coaching, it was agreed to keep the existing system due to the lack of a better alternative. However, it was also agreed that during the payment period, we need to assign more people (5-6) to ensure effective and timely process. In addition, we need to provide a separate station for people who didn't register on line in order to avoid unnecessary waiting for people who have already submitted their registration on line.
 - Ladder Day:** several suggestions have been made to organize more ladder matches, but they all involve additional work for the board members. We have the following possible suggestions:
 - Once Coach Mario's papers are completed, he can be assigned the duty of organizing a ladder match every two weeks.
 - During our monthly pizza parties, we can give gift vouchers to kids who play the most ladder matches. (which, by the way, was not done during our last pizza party)
 - Create ladder match registration on DJTA website, and announce ladder players of the month.
 - Reduce number of doubles tournament and add more singles in order to give children more chance to move up on the ladder.

- Tennis Courts:** Coach Aziz Highlighted the fact that we currently have a problem with courts' availability. DTA members are complaining about the lack of courts due to our group coaching sessions (particularly on Saturday & Monday), and due the frequency of DJTA events. Aziz Suggested holding a meeting with CCSD executive director and explaining the situation to him. Tahir stated that he will contact Mazen Snobar and arrange for a meeting regarding the subject.
- **Membership Update (Amani Haikal):** Amani stated that we have 2 new members of DJTA (Escobar family) which brings our total number of members to 291 (up from 289 last month). The new members have been added to our website and put on the ladder based on an evaluation of their skills by the coaches. The two new players have been participating in group coaching as well and their fee will be prorated based on their time of participation.
 - **Travel Team update (Eric Beachy):** Eric stated that there has not been a lot of interest in the upcoming travel team plans. For the Philippines trip (scheduled from Aug. 2nd to Aug. 20) 3 families have signed up so far. And for September trip (Scheduled from Sep.24 to October 3rd) 3 families have expressed their interest with various destination proposals. Suggestions have been made to look for alternative places to take our members to. Examples of places that are close and provide for all skill levels include Qatar, Kuwait and UAE. Aziz pointed that the Tennis Federation in Qatar will accept to arrange games for advanced players only and not for lower ranking players. It was suggested, therefore, to contact local tennis clubs in the proposed destinations and arrange for tennis camps and games that include all levels of players instead of the advanced ones only. The idea is to provide a DJTA outing for all of our members to participate in and enjoy.
 - **Money Matters (Lubna Rizvi):** Lubna stated that we are still doing very well financially with over 190,000 Saudi riyals total cash on hand and in bank(s). Again, Lubna stated that we can afford to provide special gifts for our members during September tournament. Aziz suggested to buy nice quality t-shirts (Dri-fit) and ship them through recreation for distribution during September tournament. It was agreed that Lubna will coordinate with Aziz regarding possible gifts.
 - **Social Events (Lorna Bradford):** It was agreed to bring in donuts boxes to the recreation office on the morning of Wednesday June 11, 2008 as an appreciation for their valuable support and help during all of our events.
 - **Miscellaneous items:**
 - It was agreed to buy a boom box to have a better sound system during DJTA events.

Meeting was concluded at 8:00 pm.

Prepared by: Amani Haikal

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