

DHAHRAN JOUNIOR TENNIS ASSOSIATION

Board Meeting

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

ATTENDEES:

Hongbin Xiao	President
Tahir Bukhari	Vice president
Amani Haikal	Secretary
Lorna Bradford	Social Director
Eric Beachy	Travel Team Coordinator
Nancy Hansen	New Board Member
Radmilla Ghajar	New Board Member
Anwar Fazal	New Board Member
Juan Escobar	New Board Member

MAIN POINTS OF THE MEETING:

Annual Banquet: There were several issues that were noted during the annual banquet which was catered by Tamimi. The issues that need to be addressed and resolved in future functions include:

- Quantity and variety of the delivered food were not according to the agreement with the caterer
- Desert menu was very poor and limited in quantity
- There were no glasses or any kind of decorations on the tables
- Catering manager present at the event was not cooperative
- There was no tea or coffee available for attendees

It was agreed that in the future we need to personally inspect the quality and type of service offered by the caterers before we commit ourselves. It was noted that we got a discount from 55 SAR/ person to 50SAR/ person as a result of mentioned deficiencies. In addition, Tahir stated that he will send an email to the manager of Tamimi informing him of our dissatisfaction with their service. On the up side, the timing of the banquet was good and according to the plan. Also the relocation of the food buffet to the other side of the hall was successful and more efficient than last year.

Tournaments' issues:

Trophies: a proposal was made to think of alternative prizes for tournaments' winners. It was proposed to give medals to players in advanced flights and keep the trophies for younger players. (Nancy & Radmila will look at medal options during this upcoming holiday)

Players' behaviour: it was noted that players tend to become rowdy and disruptive after they finish their matches. It was agreed that parents need to be notified and held responsible for their kids' behaviour during and after their games.

Coaches' involvement: it was noted that coaches (especially DJTA sponsored coaches Rick & Mario) need to be more involved in the running of the tournaments in order to provide required control and resolve disputes professionally. The idea is to limit the involvement of parents and younger players (who may not have the knowledge of tennis rules) in issues such as umpiring and disputes among players. It was agreed to send the tournaments' calendar to all DJTA coaches and seek their help in the scheduled 2009 tournaments.

Travel team: Eric stated that is becoming very hard for him to plan for travel team activities (especially in the GCC region) without the assistance of a recreation advisor. The board proposed to ask coach Aziz to select a meeting time that is convenient for him in order to have him attend our meetings and provide his advice and help on various issues concerning DJTA. Eric mentioned that Coach Aziz is not able to do the '**Travel Team**' for a variety of reasons and that Eric needs the help of another coach if Aziz is not available. Currently, Eric is working with Coach Fareh on a trip to Kuwait – Feb 19-21, 2009.

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

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