

Minutes from RCTA Board Meeting-November 7th

Attendees-Randy Current, Jean Buikema, Bernie Weckwerth, Brenda Dissette, Jackie Glahn, Case Fuller and Cindy Rasche

Approved the minutes from October.

Jacki presents financials.

***We are taking out a loan for 60,000.00, at 6%, for 36 months, for the bathroom/storage room project. Early pay off option available. Randy Current will do paperwork and have the agreement signed by December 1, 2024.**

***Roof discussion. RCTA paid Beckwith Roofing roughly \$500 to fix the roof screws and grommets. Still had leakage on courts 3 and 4, a small little spot of water on court one south.**

***Discussion on sprinkler systems. Clinton Engineering needs to take care of the sprinkler system problem which is with their subcontractors. There should be no extra cost to us.**

***Discussion on water, in the old bathroom in the corner on the floor. Brian Johnson's opinion was that the seepage in the unisex existing bathroom came from crushed limestone placed up against the building. Case Fuller will work to remedy the problem.**

***Now discussing roof leaking again, so we need some bids on fixing the roof. Is it screws? Is it the seal under the screw? Is it the rubber grommet that has a problem? The large metal sheets appear to be fine. Randy said the metal sheets are perfect. We need to get an estimate on fixing the roof.**

***Discussion began on gaming grants, and Cindy said she would call Megan Dove to see if we can apply for another grant.**

***Discussion on cubbies for storage were discussed. Decided to wait because of more pressing things. Tennis bags will not fit into cubbies because of their size and length. Brenda came with a beautiful design if we decide to ever do that project.**

***Discussion on the name of the facility was asked about. Officially we are River Cities Tennis Association. We locally use River Cities Tennis and Pickleball for our facility. That way everyone knows what goes on inside this building. All legal documents will always say River Cities Tennis Association. This is what we use for our 501(c)(3).**

Cindy shared things she had been doing with tennis and pickleball in October .

- 1. Traveled to Waterloo for a Community Tennis Association meeting and brought back a \$500 grant for attending. While at the meeting, John Terpkosh, pointed out that Clinton had received the most grant money from the United States Tennis Association for the entire state of Iowa. We received over \$8,000 in grant money this year. He said we were well on the way to do this again this year. Sighting creative programming and a hard work ethic for this kind of success.**

- 2. Using a gift from one of our patrons, blessing us with a \$5000 donation, we will be doing some exciting things in tennis. This person was**

impressed with the things we are doing for kids. He said the money is to be used with my discretion to increase youth tennis and to help children in need.

3. We have been bringing school groups in to experience tennis. To date, we have had Eagle Heights fourth and fifth grade, Prince of Peace K-8th. Next is Whittier's fifth grade and Camanche's fourth grade. It's wonderful that most of the time I can use our own volunteer members to throw balls, and do games with the kids, and save money at the same time by using volunteers.

4. Pickleball also is seeing youth usage with the Prince of Peace middle school kids coming in, in the near future. Followed by Pickleball with the Pastors being arranged in the future by Brenda and Cindy. Saint Arnez youth group will be coming in, in a week for a pickleball experience.

5. The school district has a new manager for the wellness program. I reached out to her and asked if we could have the school district pay \$5 per employee this year, and we could have Tuesday and Friday night pickleball offered, instead of just Friday night only once a week. She agreed. Not just one day a week, but two days which is a win/win for everyone! Great experience for all involved. We will kick it off November 19th with some fun raffle prizes, free lessons, equipment to use, and some competitive play.

6. On Monday evenings at 7:30, Evan Haans intramural kids come in and play, filling a dead time in our facility, with high school kids and young adults playing pickleball. First evening was well attended.

7. Halley is a CHS synergy person who will head up a youth MAC pickleball tournament through our facility in February, with a little help from me.

8. Deb Olson is organizing a women's team play date for December in pickleball also.

9. Contacted higher level players in Sterling to come do a special event with our four higher level youth players in Clinton.

10. Blake Haskell is looking to get a program started at CCC for pickleball.

11. The Spooktacular pickleball tournament was well attended. The annual pickleball tournament also has a fun component where players wear costumes for prizes. I especially enjoyed the bumble bees and George Washingtons that were among the many fine costumes worn. Great tournament.

12. Youth tennis lessons and Junior Excellence tennis lessons are well attended and thriving.

13. I also contacted Dan Patrick of Bettendorf Life Fitness Center to bring his tennis kids for competitive play with our kids from the RCTA. Our juniors had a very successful experience. Dan couldn't say enough nice things about our kids and the facility. I will look to contact other facilities and bring in some other players for our kids to compete with in the near future. Sterling

comes during the summer months. Dan would like our kids to visit his establishment in January.

14. We have three QC USTA Tennis Men's Leagues running out of our facility. This group fills in predominantly dead times with no one renting on a Saturday afternoon. Another win/win for RCTA. I also received \$300 in grant money, for landing those three men's teams here at our facility. Plus the teams pay to play. Another win/win.

15. Flyers are out for the Perky Turkey Tennis Tournament.

16. Cindy designed a large advertisement for the LaMar signage on 14th street and donated the cost of the signage for River Cities Tennis and Pickleball. It looks great! Check it out!

17. I also talked with Gary Determan and got a 15 minute spot on KROS radio to talk about pickleball and tennis. We also received good press coverage through the Clinton Herald for the RCTA Board receiving the Outstanding CTA award for Iowa. Grace Evers received the Barb Fackle Tennis Scholarship for \$1000, and Tinley Cewe

received Outstanding Sportsmanship award for the state of Iowa.

18. At present I am working on a grant worth \$1,200 dollars.

19. Cindy is beginning work on our RCTA t-shirt fundraiser we do each year. Thank you Deb Olson for running our facebook things for this and so many other things!

20. Looking at UTR rankings and tournament system to use for tennis and pickleball at no cost.

21. We will host Nelson Corp customers for a pickleball evening event in the near future.

22. Asked Jean Buikema to make new bathroom signs for the facility.

Meeting was adjourned.