

# **Tennis Booster Meeting Minutes**

**6:30pm, March 25, 2019:**

## **Attendees:**

Kelley Parlier (Clark's Mom)

Monica Cole (Cason's Mom)

Supriya Srinivasa (Siddarth's Mom)

Rhonda Nelson (Jacob's Mom)

Coach Rich Foster (and Bus Driver ☺)

Keiko Nishino (Suzuka's Mom)

Mark & Analyn Abbey (Matthew's Parents)

Kirthi Kannan (Ice's Mom)

Lorraine Mojica (Benjamin's Mom)

Jan Ciskowski (Julianna's Mom)

Anita Patel (Devan's Mom)

Tushna Srinivasan (Rohan's Mom)

Tammie Stewart (Cole's Mom)

Martha Rivas (Elias's Mom)

Teri Pratt (Webmaster)

No old business to report.

## Coach's Report:

- We have 15 or 16 seniors graduating. (Coach please confirm?)
- **Photos and posters of Seniors are being made for the banquet**
- **Varsity Tournament went well last week.** The results were posted to [MYUTR.com](http://MYUTR.com), and the results are posted there individually. This tournament did not post team points.
- **The Kemah Boardwalk Tournament is March 28-30, 2019.** There are 32 teams with the top 16 competing in championship division. It is a very difficult tournament. The players who will eventually qualify for state will most likely compete in this tournament.
- CHS will host the **District Championships April 4-3, 2019** - volunteers to get kids meals to them would be appreciated. We should do a signup on the website. 2-3 volunteers per day would be helpful. They can talk to Coach about details for picking up Subway or something for our players; maybe we could also have a signup for a Cheer Squad of parents and other teams to come watch and cheer on the players.
- Coach reported the team is getting **ping pong tables** for players to use inside during rainy days.
- Coach reported that some of the **outdoor furniture needs to be replaced.** He is working on getting bond money for that replacement.

- **Player Photo and Team Photos Update:** Concept 7 is the studio that took the team photos used for the Community Tennis team posters that are hung in businesses and the photos we use on the website. Kelley Parlier contacted Frank, the owner, and obtained the link for families to schedule review sessions to view and purchase player photos. He also has agreed to come to the banquet and set up in the reception area before our event. He is sending the link of the layout for approval of the posters this week so we can get them approved and printed. Monica Cole will handle the posters and timeline for next year. We will not post the schedule on the posters since the season is almost over.

- Pictures used to be taken by a company called Texas Tradition for many years. You had to pay for pic before you saw them which was a downside to their service.

- Kelley introduced **Teri Pratt our new team webmaster** at 6:45pm. We have retained Teri to update and maintain the team website. She has experience working with a lot of the other CHS booster team websites, she is a past parent of a CHS student, she is a resident of Coppell, and she is very familiar with the CHS athletic department website. She provided a demo of the website redesign. She also demonstrated the PayPal feature that has been added and the shopping cart feature that can be used for all transactions. Pay Pal charges a 2.9% fee. The fee is waived if a debit card is used.

- **The website is [coppelltennis.net](http://coppelltennis.net)**

- We also discussed getting **sponsors for next year**, as the other booster clubs at CHS have them.

- Increasing parent participation was discussed

- Tammie Stewart expressed concerns with using this new website shopping cart until we have a better solution for picking from the many colors of flowers offered. Currently, we have 20 offerings of flowers, and the off-the-shelf website program that we use does not work with that many custom selections. We decided to **leave the paper system in place for the April flowers fundraiser** and try to get this ready to launch with the fall flowers fundraiser.

- Tammie gave an **update regarding the silent auction for the banquet** –it is not going well. Funds raised last year were around \$500. The work involved with the silent auction outweighs the benefit. We opted to not have a silent auction table this year.

- Anita Patel suggested a small **beta testing group** of booster members to try out the online flower ordering system. Unfortunately, it won't be possible to get it done without extra cost/coding, and it may **not be possible** using this current web template.

- Keiko Nishino, our treasurer will be finished in May as Suzuka graduates. We discussed **hiring a bookkeeper** who is familiar with the CHS tennis program.

### **Banquet Update - by Jan Ciskowski**

- We have **125 players** this year that may attend meeting.

- A **decorations budget** was approved for \$500 – decorations have not been updated for many years.

- Lorraine Mojica is in charge of decorations. She will check on having balloons delivered to the site.

- Decorating will begin @ 2pm
- **We opted to not do a treat** for each player since we have dessert and no volunteers came forward when asked.
- Having a **Photo Booth** was discussed and considered a great idea: Company names include: This Moment in Time and/or Chalk My Van. Tammie Stewart will call to check on these.
- Supriya Srinivasa completed the **Invitations**, which will be printed and sent home to all players with an RVSP by **April 18? (Jan please confirm)**
- Jan is working on setting up **2020 banquet** at the same hotel and setting the date.

**Scholarships:** Mark Abbey asked about the status of **Senior Scholarships.**

Coach had left so Kelley agreed to follow up with Coach. Coach Foster will have these applications available after he returns from Kemah (April 1 - post app to website).

Tentative Timeline is as follows: **(COACH - PLEASE CONFIRM TIMELINE on Monday when you are back from Kemah )**

Post Scholarship Application for Seniors: April 2

Deadline to Submit Scholarship Applications: April 23

Committee review: April 24-25

Committee Deadline: April 26

Announce Scholarship Winners: April 29 @ Booster Meeting

Banquet: May 3

Booster Budget for scholarships is @ \$5000- \$6000. Boosters can divide the agreed amount up into as many scholarships as we want. Suggestion: Do we want to do 5 - \$1000 scholarships? Or \$500 scholarships ?

**Next Booster Meeting will be April 29 at 6:30pm @ CHS Tennis Center.**

Booster Meeting adjourned at 9pm.