

Anderson High School Tennis Booster Club Meeting Minutes
Anderson Cafeteria August 7, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm.

Those in attendance: Coach Lyn Loeffler, Coach Albert Ochoa, Melanie Wilkes, Lisa Edwards, Dale Propp, Sally Harlow, Denise Fletcher, Diane Thomas, Cynthia Scoggins, Ann Gleason, Barbara Wolfe, Lisa Lowrey, Nancy Reed, Peri Kowal, Ann Moon, Julie Cowan, Kathy Hadlock, Mike Garrison, Jacob Liu, Jay Snow, Dawn Lewis, Suzy Meriwether, Larry Pounds, Cindy Pounds, and Jennifer Sowinski.

I. Introduction of Coaches and Parents

Coach Ochoa and Coach Loeffler introduced themselves and told a little about their history at Anderson and their history in coaching tennis. The parents went around the room introducing themselves and identifying their children playing tennis.

II. Explanation of Role of Booster Club

Nancy Reed asked Coach Loeffler to explain what he would like from the tennis booster club. Coach Loeffler explained that the Booster Club was the parents' club. In the past few years, the booster club has voted not to have fund raisers, but instead to solicit donations from players' parents. The Booster Club fund is used to purchase team equipment, team uniforms, food costs at non-playoff overnight tournaments. The Tennis Booster Club is also represented in groups where all the Anderson Booster Clubs get together. Coach Loeffler asked for parent volunteers to arrange snacks and beverages on match days. These items would be purchased with Booster Club funds. It is a big convenience for the coaches to not have to purchase these and make sure they get to the matches. A sign-up sheet was started around the room for parents to volunteer to bring snacks to matches.

III. Discussion of Booster Club Accounts

Peri Kowal, the last year's treasurer, was asked to explain the different tennis accounts. There are three different accounts- Athletic Clearing Account, Activity Fund, and the Booster Club fund. A handout was provided to explain the difference between these accounts. Coach Loeffler explained that about 1/2 of the \$2800 in the Athletic Clearing Account goes to purchase balls and 1/2 goes to uniforms. Last year new tennis bags were purchased, this year warm-ups will probably be needed.

IV. Discussion about Fund Raising

Coach Loeffler explained that last year the Booster Club decided to solicit donations from parents for the Booster Account and Activity needs instead of opting for a traditional fund raiser. Last year the suggested donations were Varsity- \$45.00 Booster, \$25.00 Activity; JV \$20.00 Booster, \$15.00 Activity. This year the amounts will be slightly higher at Varsity \$50.00/\$25.00; JV - \$20.00/ \$15.00. Ann Moon moved that this year we solicit donations from parents instead of a fundraiser. Ann Gleason seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Clarifications were made to where the funds go and how they are divided. It was noted that last year parents were allowed to donate extra to cover the costs for players financially unable to donate. Last year this worked out well and all players' costs were covered by the donations. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. A letter will be sent out shortly to parents asking for these donations.

V. Booster Club Officer Elections

Coach Loeffler briefly explained the roles of each officer. He has asked, if the Booster Club authorizes it, for Peri Kowal to remain as treasurer and Nancy Reed to remain as secretary. The reason being to provide continuity. The president's main jobs are to represent the Tennis Booster Club at school wide meetings and to plan the end of the year banquet. Other duties could arise. There is no real need at this time for a vice-president unless the booster club desires one. A motion was made and seconded for Peri to repeat as treasurer and Nancy to repeat as secretary. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. Nancy called for nominations for president. Melanie Wilkes nominated herself for president. No other nominations were heard. A vote was taken and Melanie was elected unanimously. After some discussion, it was decided that a vice-president would not be elected.

VI. Uniforms and Signs

Parents may purchase t-shirts for players this evening. Varsity players need all 3 colors of the t-shirt. JV players need at least 2 t-shirts, but are welcome to purchase all 3, many JV players do. Yard signs for players will be made soon. They must be purchased because Booster Clubs are not permitted to buy anything the player keeps. The cost of the signs is \$6.00. A check may be written for both the t-shirts and yard signs, payable to Anderson Tennis Booster Club.

VII. Introduction of Web Page and Consent Form

Nancy Reed explained that her husband, Jeff Reed, has designed a new Anderson Tennis Web page. The link for this page can be found on the PTSA page and everyone should have received an e-mail with the site address in it. The tennis roster will have each player and their picture. In order for the picture to be identified by name, parents must sign a consent form agreeing that their child be identified on the internet. If a parent does not want the picture with the name, a picture will not be used. Parents may elect for only the child's first name to appear. Nancy explained that there is a photo gallery on the site, and pictures may be ordered directly from the site. She explained that the web site is very much a work in progress and that patience will be greatly appreciated as the kinks are worked out. Consents were passed out for anyone wishing to sign one. She will send out the consent form in an e-mail for anyone not present at the meeting.

VIII. Court Situation

A discussion about the Anderson Tennis facilities arose. Anderson has only 4 courts, they are in the process of being resurfaced. This was approved by AISD at the beginning of the summer. Last year an ad hoc committee was formed to look into obtaining more courts at Anderson. The priority last year became getting the existing 4 courts resurfaced properly. Coach Ochoa has measured to available land around the existing courts and there is room enough for 4 more courts. The City of Austin does have some money in their budget to assist in the funding, but someone needs to convince them of the need. The Anderson courts are used by the general public and are often full on weekday nights and weekends. A new committee was formed and will pursue the addition of more courts. Those volunteering for this committee were - Nancy Reed, Melanie Wilkes, Julie Cowan, Lisa Lowrey, Jennifer Sowinski, Ron Kowal, Jay Snow, Dawn Lewis, Lisa Edwards, and Tamara Vannoy. The president will call the first meeting of this committee soon.

Nancy Reed asked if anyone had any questions. She thanked everyone for attending. She encouraged the parents of new players to call her with any questions about the tennis team. Meeting concluded approximately at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Reed
Anderson Tennis Booster Club Secretary