

# **Tennis Club Board Meeting Minutes**

## **October 25, 2016**

**Board Members Present:** Phyllis Seeger, Penny Barcellos, Akiko Giordono, Mike Falarski, Art Lind, Diane Whitworth, Michael Diltz, Claire Hintergardt, Adele Ratcliff, Betty Olsen, Melinda Dobbs, Mike Tuft

**Others Present:** Sherry Benz, George Beck, Cheryl Diltz, Wendy Ferguson

**Welcome and Presidents Report:** Phyllis Seeger and Akiko Giordono received an email from Beth DeVincenzi, our Webmaster asking for reimbursement for the software she uses to edit our TC Website. Because she does two other club websites, our cost in \$120 – 1/3 of the cost. This is the same amount we pay yearly and it was agreed to reimburse. Also, Beth would like to move our website to a server based software. The advantage being we would not have to continue paying for Adobe's yearly rental fee; the software is accessible from anywhere access to internet is available and finally, once this is done, she would like to train someone in the TC to take this over and she would remain a back-up. She will let us know when this is completed. George Beck is willing to help train.

Phyllis also sent an email to Bill DeVincenzi, Debbie Champion and Wayne Weiler asking their thoughts on next steps for Pickleball. She also invited them to attend our Board meeting to hear our discussion on the subject. None were able to attend at this board meeting.

Phyllis Seeger spoke to Garry Gray, of the PB Club, regarding the recent Town Hall meeting. We believe there could be residents making a strong pitch for the PB Club to take over one of our tennis courts. Garry suggested we be prepared to defend this. He did say it would be very hard for the PBC to say this wouldn't work for them, but they definitely want their own courts. . The PBC has enjoyed working with the TC and we all want this to be resolved as quickly as possible.

Phyllis also reported for Virginia Myatt that the Holiday Dinner Dance on December 4<sup>th</sup> is under control. She has all her committee and will be asking for sign-ups shortly.

**Treasurers Report:** Diane Whitworth reported our balance is checking account is \$9,447.76 which includes \$4920.00 in Ball Machine funds. Diane is still awaiting reimbursement from the VGCC of approximately \$1,500 for the Bocce Tournament. Scholarship account is \$8,418.47. She also received a memorial donation of \$100.00 for the Scholarship Fund.

## **Director Reports:**

**Calendar update:** Mike Tuft gave a list of all the Master Calendar events and Clubhouse events and dates which are listed and made a part of these minutes. The list does not include TC Tournaments.

**Tournaments:** Betty Olsen was able to keep the **Club Tournament** under budget but said it is difficult to pre-determine costs because of not knowing how many sign-ups will be received. Everyone liked having the 80+ men's group and she thought that to be a nice addition. Betty also made a motion changing the name of the 'Championship Tournament' to 'Club Tournament' to make it less intimidating to some players. Art Lind seconded and all approved.

A lot of discussion was added as to how to get more people to come to the various dinners after tournaments. One suggestion trying to have a luncheon immediately following tournaments while everyone is still around. This is going to be talked about further and possibly tried when tournaments begin again in the Spring.

Claire Hintergardt also wanted to explore why it is so hard to get people to sign up for the different tournaments. Discussion followed and Betty suggested asking individuals directly to sign up that seemed to work when she was chairing the Club Tournament.

Mike Tuft reported that the **Rossmoor Tournament** was lots of fun even though we lost 9-15. He realized this should be an invitational tournament because of the quality of the Rossmoor players. The chili luncheon, chaired by Gail Tuft and her many volunteers was enjoyed by all. Phyllis reminded all that next year will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rivalry between the two clubs.

Wendy Ferguson is trying to get a date for the **Silver Creek High School Girls** play with the Villages ladies. Tentative date is November 7<sup>th</sup>. She will be contacting TC players.

**Social:** Adele Ratcliff was under budget for the Rossmoor Tournament and snacks and were enjoyed by all. Mike T. will give all the extra cans of balls to Wendy for use at the Silvercreek HS Girls play.

**Communications:** Akiko Giordona had nothing new to report.

**Membership:** Penny Barcellos thanked George Beck for his recruiting of two new members. We are now at 285 members. George also reminded us that now is the time for any changes to the directory and membership. This would include changes to telephone numbers, address, email address and changes in membership status. These changes should be given to Penny and then to Wendy for the Directory.

**Court Operations:** Michael Diltz will be taking down the umbrellas and storing the BBQ during the winter. The squeegees are being checked and repaired with one being thrown away because of unfixable. He is very appreciative of two TC members for their help in various repairs including one of the stadium seats in the viewing area stands.

**Old Business:**

Mike Falarski reported he is still trying to get an architect to do the final drawings for the **Viewing Area Upgrade Project**. He hopes to have this resolved by our November meeting.

**Fundraising:** Sherry Benz reported we are at \$18,600 from our goal of \$23,000 with 3,000 being a timed donation. She is hoping we will be able to meet this challenge. She will be meeting with her committee next week.

**New Business:**

**Holiday Dinner Dance:** Phyllis reported for Virginia Myatt in her President's report but it was mentioned and suggested the TC provide two bottles of wine for each table along with a few bottles of Sparkling Cider. Everyone agreed if it's within budget.

**Pickleball:** Phyllis mentioned again her email from Garry Gray about the use of the TC courts. Akiko's husband Matt checked with the City zoning and questions the zoning regulation for the area next to the gates. This will be looked into further.

With no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

P.S. As we were leaving, Claire reminded us of announcing the slate of officers for 2017

**Nominations:** Claire and Sherry named the officers slate for TC 2017. President: Mike Tuft; Vice President: Melinda Dobbs; Secretary: Dennis Vaillancourt; Treasurer: Diane Whitworth; Courts Manager: Michael Diltz; Communications Director: George Beck; Social Director: Gail Leslie; Tournament Director: Gail Tuft

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Dobbs, Secretary