

Tennis Club Board Minutes

10/23/2018

Board Members Present: Michael Diltz, Diane Whitworth, Nancy Cassidy, Gail Leslie, Cheryl Diltz, Betty Olsen, Brian Dombrowski, Penny Barcellos, Tracy Scott, Melinda Dobbs, Dolores Escobar

Others Present: Sherry Benz, Phyllis Seeger, Jim Murphy, Carol Swinyard, George Beck

- I. President Dobbs convened the meeting at 3:30 and welcomed the group.
- II. MSP: The minutes of September 25, 2018 (distributed via email) were approved without comment.
- III. Treasurer's Report: Diane Whitworth distributed the report calling attention to several important items. The total balance in the TC Checking Account is \$10,314.78. This includes \$5,300 for the ball machine, leaving \$5,014.78 available for expenses as of October 23, 2018. However budgeted Expenses were increased to \$6,805.00 due to an increase of \$1,000.00 for the viewing stand celebration and \$100.00 more (now \$500.00) for Rossmoor expenses. There also is an increase of \$500.00 in the Scholarship Account from the sale of tennis caps by Mohan Aiyagari to \$13,588.63.
- IV. President's comments: President Dobbs relayed several comments and inquiries made by TC members regarding the incredible work being done by individuals in the club. She said we should not be giving special awards to individual members, but wanted hard-working persons to know that they are recognized and appreciated for their effort. She particularly wanted the people "behind the scenes" who volunteer and do necessary jobs to know they are noticed and appreciated.
- V. Reports:
 - A. **Communications:** Cheryl Diltz reported that communication activities progressed smoothly during her absence, thanks to George Beck's

assuming the responsibility. She asked anyone with questions concerning communications to contact her.

- B. **Court Manager:** Michael Diltz reminded persons using the courts and viewing area (members and guests) to “clean up” after themselves, i.e. pick up left-over food and drink, water bottles, etc. Also, please take down umbrellas so as to protect them from sun and wind. Other issues included: 1) Cracks on court one. Some surface cracks are expected on the new surface; however they will bear watching; 2) Drainage on courts 5 and 6 is a problem that needs to be addressed; 3) When ball sweeps need repair please notify Michael; 4) Locks on viewing stand cupboard are being addressed. Michael will meet with the contractor who built the cabinets, but he also wishes to know what assets we have to work with as we tackle this problem.
- C. **Members at Large:** Betty Olsen inquired whether anyone is writing an article about the Rossmoor Tournament for the *Villager*. She offered to do so if it is not already assigned to someone.
- D. **Membership:** Penny Barcellos reported that we have two new members, Mary Jo O’Neil and Kathy Dombrowski. VP Scott asked if anyone is attending the New Residents’ Orientation meeting. He asked to be contacted if no one is attending.
- E. **Scheduler:** (President Dobbs for Akiko Giordono) There will be a charity tournament organized by Gail Tuft on Saturday, November 10th. All 6 courts will be used from 9:00 a.m. till 1:30 p.m.
- F. **Social:** Nancy Cassidy inquired whether the Social Directors are expected to provide breakfast on November 10th. NO, Gail Tuft will have that responsibility. Gail Leslie reported that the breakfast for Rossmoor went smoothly. There was discussion about whether persons not playing in tournaments (Rossmoor included) are invited to enjoy courtside refreshments. The board was definite in stating that ALL members and guests are invited to enjoy refreshments provided at courtside.
- G. **Tournaments:** VP Scott expressed appreciation to all who made the Rossmoor Tournament a success. He particularly appreciated Betty

Olsen's assuming major responsibilities in his absence. The Villages won overwhelmingly. In the debriefing several issues were discussed: 1) There were communication problems and scheduling problems involving Rossmoor teams (competing event at Rossmoor); 2) Men's matches went very well, fun; 3) Rossmoor participants were very complimentary about their reception; 4) Some TC members felt excluded from participating; however VP Scott sent out letters requesting participation. He received 18 responses from women and 22 responses from men; 5) We might have Village teams of different levels; 6) We should keep the competitive nature of the tournament; 7) Mix seating at lunch Villagers/Rossmoor residents; 8) Promote the tournament more—invite TC members to breakfast; 9) Use results from TC tournaments to set teams for Rossmoor; 10) Establish a committee to plan/execute a tournament that will be more inclusive.

VI. Old Business

- A. Pickleball update: Phyllis Seeger reported: 1) Latest indication is that a vote on Pickleball courts by residents will take place the first of the year; 2) The TC/PB Committee continues to meet to discuss solutions to on-going problems, Rossmoor players wouldn't play on courts 5 and 6; black marks continue to appear due to players not wearing court shoes; to play USTA we will need courts 5 and 6 brought back to suitable condition (cost, resurfacing schedule, etc.); 3) PB is sure they will get their courts because the money is there
- B. By-Laws: Cheryl Diltz indicated changes are ready for approval. The Board requested that the procedure for approval be implemented.
- C. Viewing Area Celebration: Sherry Benz reported that the event went well. Approximately 90 people attended. Refreshments were well received. The art work by Dorothy Douquet added to the festivities and is duly recognized. Sherry Benz is writing an article to be used by the EVF to publicize the event.
- D. Bocce Picnic: Cheryl Diltz expressed appreciation for the outstanding work done by Joy Rem, her co-chair and Akiko Giordono for stepping in as chairman. The food was delicious. However attendance was

disappointing. Only 37 people attended. This is an event designed to attract TC member who no longer play, as well as current players. There were competing events (a good thing that Villagers have choices). The event will be scheduled again but earlier in the year.

VII. New Business

A. Nominating Committee: Phyllis Seeger presented the slate. All individuals listed have agreed to serve.

1. President—Tracy Scott
2. Vice President—Betty Olsen
3. Secretary—Caryl Swinyard
4. Treasurer—Diane Whitworth
5. Tournament Director—Emil Pissarri
6. Communications Director—Cheryl Diltz
7. Court Manager—Michael Diltz
8. Social Director—Brian & Kathy Dowmbrowski

B. 2019 Events Schedule

VP Scott presented a third draft of the schedule for review. The board suggested the Bocce & Barbeque be scheduled earlier e.g. September –avoiding competing events identified in previous drafts. A final schedule will be circulated via email.

C. President Dobbs expressed some concern that we have scheduled only one general meeting this year (by-laws call for 2). She felt that general meeting should have purpose. Several ideas for combining a general meeting with another activity or theme were given, e.g. Rossmoor, Open House. This discussion will be continued.

D. Brainstorming ideas to increase TC participation in club events

1. Plan events with new twists
2. Game night with pot-luck
3. Have tournament teams; have Village/guest teams
4. Use personalized invitations (calls, face to face, printed invites)
5. Have an ad-hoc committee for planning events, focus groups
6. Look at successes of other clubs; continue the discussion

E. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m

Respectfully submitted, Dolores Escobar