

Tennis Club Board Minutes
January 22, 2019

Board Members Present: Tracy Scott, Betty Olsen, Caryl Swinyard, Diane Whitworth, Brian Dombrowski, Penny Barcellos, Cheryl Diltz, Mike Diltz, Sherry Benz, Akiko Giordono
Melinda Dobbs Ken Kline

Others Present: Phyllis Seeger, Howie Blumstein, Melinda Dobbs

- I President Tracy Scott called the meeting to order at 3:30, welcomed everyone and asked each of us to introduce ourselves. He stated he had three goals as President to accomplish this year.
- II The minutes of the November 2018 meeting were discussed and approved as read.
- III Diane Whitworth gave the treasurer's report. There are still a few items from the Holiday dinner to be deducted. Budget may need some adjustments for events this year to keep us in budget. Right now our checking account has \$8419.68 of which \$5300 is set aside for the ball machine. It was discussed whether the monies paid to use the ball machine should be in general fund or added to the Ball Machine Fund. Tracy will go through previous minutes to verify that past board vote had asked money to be placed in ball machine fund.. Scholarship Fund has \$13,588.58. Membership dues billed (in February) will be \$5230. Treasurers report was accepted as read.
- IV Tracy shared his three main goals for the year to make the tennis club even better.
 - a. Membership, Tracy wants to reach more people to invite them to join our club. He wants to use Fast Lane, articles in the Villager, our website and be sure we have a big presence at the new residents' orientation meetings.
 - b. Participation, we need to encourage members to play in all the tournaments, and non-players should be invited to attend functions. Try to make signing up for things easier. Emails and website used to get the word out. Be sure to follow up on events so people don't forget to come out.
 - c. Enjoyment, Tracy wants everyone to have fun, either playing or watching. Tennis is supposed to be fun. Let's bring our friends and enjoy.
- V Cheryl would like to get emails out announcing upcoming events as early as possible in order to effectively promote each event. She would like to be able to send out "save-the-date" notice for all events, then have good follow up with instructions for sign up and how to participate.
- VI Mike Diltz knows about the cracks in court one. When it gets dry enough they will be addressed. It is impossible to fix them properly without taking up the foundation and starting over in those areas. Probably won't happen soon, but cracks will be sealed as soon as possible. Also he is working on getting a new locking system for the storage compartments in the viewing area. There is some question about the stability of the ball machine storage sheds. Mike is working on that also. Ken will work with the ball machine team to manage the process of storing, using and disposing of donated used balls.
- VII Sherry Benz and Ken Kline will be hosting the Open House and Jump Start program. Bill Leonard will not be teaching beginners this year. We were asked if we knew someone who could take over for him. Several names were proposed, no decision made. Mike and Gayle Tuft will work with the Rusties.

VIII Penny says we had about 23 new members in 2018 and hopes for more this years. She is working with M.A. to get new member registration online at our Tennis website. We do want to be sure if people register online, that someone contacts them personally right away so they feel welcome. It was suggested to put a notice in the Villager regularly to encourage new members.

IX Akiko showed a chart with the percentages of court use for each month and each reservation time. 9-10:30 is busiest time for all courts. She also asked if Pat Duplan could bring an outside charity tournament to use courts 1-4 from 10:30 -12 on Friday March 15. This was approved by the board. Players will then have lunch in the clubhouse.

X Brian says Kathy will be doing an inventory of all supplies for food service on Friday so they will be ready to go for the first tournament in March.

Old Business

Phyllis Seeger brought up sign-ups for Pickleball. Tennis will always have first choice. Pickleball players may sign up one week (7 days) plus 90 minutes ahead for courts. They must sign up in the shack. If they come to play 10:30 -12 this week and want the same time next week, they may sign up before they go home if it is 12 or after. This new plan was unanimously agreed to by the board.

Howie asked if we need to let Activities office know about beer or wine being served at any events. When we have events in a facility, that is automatic. If we have drinks at courtside events, yes we have to get permission. That will be arranged by whomever is in charge of the event.

Our amended By Laws are nearly ready for approval, we will discuss them next month, then start the process for the club and the Village board to approve.

New Business

We discussed whether we want to keep sign ups in the shack or try to convert to online which M.A. has set up. There will probably be a trial period for online. For now, all sign up will be at the shack.

Wendy brought the new member directories. They will be distributed over the next few days. If you haven't received yours, please contact Betty Olsen.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.