

Tennis Club Board Minutes  
March 27, 2019

Board Members Present: Tracy Scott; Betty Olsen; Caryl Swinyard; Diane Whitworth; Emil Pisarri; Sherry Benz; Ken Kline; Penny Barcellos; Melinda Dobbs;

Others Present: Wendy Ferguson; Howie Blumstein; Gordon Knapp

Meeting was called to order and all welcomed by president Tracy at 3:30. He thanked everyone for the success of the open house and for encouraging participation in our club.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Treasurers report was presented and approved.

Balance in checking (3/26/19): \$8,237.50

Funds in checking for ball machine: \$5,320.00

Available for expenses as of March 2019, \$2,917.50

Membership dues billed \$5,615 (of which \$1,220.00 will go for ball machine) leaving \$4,395.00 for expenses.

Amount to be available for 2019 expenses: \$4,395. + \$2,917.15 = \$7,312.50

Amount remaining to be spent \$5,293.20

Scholarship Account (3/26/19)

Total Balance in Scholarship account: \$14,789.06

Prescott Tourney netted \$1,165. For the VMA

Tracy asked that, as is customary, all event chairpersons create or update the event notebook as applicable following the completion of each event. These are an invaluable resource for next year's chairpersons.

By Laws: Melinda presented and the Board discussed several previously proposed changes to the Club By Laws. The significant changes include 1) Changing the positions of Master Scheduler and Membership Director to become voting Directors; 2) Modifying the position descriptions of the several of the Officers and Directors; 3) adding the definition of a quorum required for a Board Meeting to be official; and 4) Expanding the requirements for an individual to be "self nominated" such that they would be on equal footing with those nominated by the Nominating Committee. The plan is for these By Law modifications to be voted on by the membership at the June 1st General Meeting. In order for the Club to follow the current By Law procedures these changes will have to receive Board approval on April 28th, a notice of the proposed amendments submitted to The Villager on or before May 16th, posted on the Club bulletin on or before May 17th and distributed by email to the Club membership on or before May 17th.

We discussed ways to get more publicity for the tennis club and events. Maybe jazz up our part of the website a little. We are limited on that because it is the Village main website.

Gordon suggested the old ball machine is not worth giving to a school because it is not reliable. Michael is working on disposal of the machine. A new clock for court 5 is ordered. The fountain on 5 is being replaced. There is still no definitive answer to the lock system in the food service area. There are issues with the warrantees on the cupboard. Sherry is doing further research on how to get it done.

The possibility of leaving the locks off for a trial time was discussed. Ken has new buckets for used balls that will be placed on the courts soon. Look for them to donate used balls for the ball machine. The equipment shed is still in the works. We now have three new rollers to dry the courts. They seem to do a good job.

Our Open House was attended by about 90 people. Sherry felt the weather kept some people away, but it was a big success for those who came. A lot of participation and fun. Benji from Corde Valle had some trivia to offer, a very good sense of humor and some good tips for doubles strategy. We got several new members who are all anxious to get into the swing of the club activities.

Penny told us two new members used the online sign up system and it works great.

Melinda complimented the Open House committee for a very successful afternoon. And Wendy for the great work done with the scholarship tourneys and awards over the past years.

Emil was pleased with the way Ken and Akiko handled the Prescott Tourney. The fact that Ken got everyone on the court before play to explain the format was helpful. The next tourney here is Scholarship April 27 & 28.

Betty says Rossmoor, which is there April 13, still needs one man and two women. Planning for that is going well.

Gordon reported for Phyllis that the plans for the pickleball courts is moving along. Howie told us they are at the City now and expect an answer in April. The group has raised a lot of the money needed. They hope that they can have a clear estimate of costs out in Sept. They will have two Town Hall meetings to inform Villagers of the proposal and to address questions.

Wendy reported that the scholarship tourney will be played; Sat. Men's and Women's doubles and Sun. Mixed doubles. Format will be handicap. i.e. if you win a game, you start the next game at 0-15 or 15-0, depending who is serving. The most you can start ahead or behind is 40-0 or 0-40. Adds a little interest. Dinner will be at Foothill. Barbeque beef and chicken with veggies, salads and dessert. Always a lot of fun and great food. Cost is only \$20 per member; \$25 per non-member. Thanks to all the volunteers who cook and clean up. They already have 30 prizes lined up. The biggest is a chance to bid for a wine and food pairing party. It will be limited to 48, so sign up early. This event will take place May 19. There will be 11 wines (chosen from the SF Chronicle list of favorite wines) six courses and cost \$50 per person. A Blind Tasting of wines is included in the fun. There will be four \$3000 scholarships awarded this year. Over the past 14 years, we have donated \$72,000 for 29 students. The Silver Creek boys will be playing our guys in late April or early May.

Respectfully submitted  
Caryl Swinyard

