

Tennis Club Board Meeting  
August 27, 2019

Members present: Tracy Scott, Betty Olsen, Caryl Swinyard, Diane Whitworth, Michael Diltz, Kathy Dombrowski, Brian Dombrowski, Melinda Dobbs, Cheryl Diltz, Sherry Benz, Akiko Girodano, Ken Kline, Emil Pisarri

Others present: Howie Blumstein, Phyllis Seeger, Jim Murphy

President Tracy called the meeting to order at 3:25, welcomed us all and praised the work of Ken and his crew for collecting the gently used balls on each court. The people who use the ball machine are grateful for newer balls. Michael having the courts cleaned each week is working well and much appreciated. He told us again that the reaction to the Mixer was so good people would like other social events such as beer and chips. We will look into the possibility of trying such an event. Also Emil and his crew were thanked for excellent food prep for the bocce and golf tourneys.

The minutes from the July meeting were approved and will be sent to MA to post on the club website.

The treasurer's report was accepted. We have cash reserves of \$6,243.43, of which approximately \$2,500 is cushion. Expenses have been well within budget. The ball machine has \$6,320. And Scholarship Reserve is \$15,163.64.

Betty presented the proposed schedule for next year's events. Several questions were asked about various dates. The schedule will be given to Ruth for the master calendar on Aug. 30. We will be told if our activities can happen as planned. We tried to be sure not to conflict with other club's events.

Melinda thanked Tracy for sending out a monthly report on tennis club activities. It is well received.

Cheryl had nothing new to report for communications.

Michael has started the process for getting new storage sheds. He has to complete a form telling CBOD why we need new sheds. It is quite a long process, but the first step is taken. The two new canopies approved last month were purchased. They can be used for any tennis event, just please let Michael know if you use them so we always know where to find them. People are still not always putting the umbrellas on the courts down when they leave. Please be alert to that and remind people to unwind them when they leave so we can preserve the life of each umbrella. We are waiting for approval from EVF for their financial help on funding the locks for the cabinets in the viewing area.

A motion was made and seconded to forward a request to the CBOD to install locks on the viewing stand drawers and cabinets. The motion was approved and a copy of these minutes will be sent to Tim Sutherland as verification that the Tennis Club approves this request.

The new handrail behind courts 3 and 4 has been installed and is awaiting painting. Michael welcomes any suggestions for court repair or maintenance.

Akiko thanked Tracy for the email reminding people of the accepted time for signing up for courts. No more than one week and ten minutes before play time. Pickleball will be using the courts for a tourney on Sept. 21. This was approved last month. A motion was made, seconded and approved

to allow USTA matches to begin at 10:30 in November instead of required noon. This will allow the matches to be completed according to USTA regulation time.

Brian and Kathy will be working with Emil and the committee for the Championship tournament about snacks to be available all four days of play. Betty has scheduled the award dinner for Foothill. The main course will be catered by the Club House. Tennis club will supply appetizers and salad and dessert. Mexican food will be the theme.

Emil says Jim and Robin have done a great job planning the Championship Tourney.

John Riehm and Mike Tuft did a fabulous job on the golf tourney and dinner. There was some uncertainty about where the dinner would be held, but in the end it was at the Gazebo and very successful. Thanks to all who made it happen. Food was delicious, as supplied and prepared by Brian, Kathy and Emil. The Board summarized this event with a spontaneous ovation. Betty is requesting the Gazebo for next year's event.

Phyllis gave a report from Pickleball. The city is still looking at the plans, they are moving along very slowly. Once approved, there will be information meetings and then voting for community approval. The funds look to be adequate. PB is having a fund raiser, open to all, Oct. 31 called Speakeasy Casino Night. Y'all come. The tape on courts 5 & 6 will be kept in better repair.

Betty was finally able to track down the person who could help her get our award plaques in the Bistro updated. They had not been done since 2016. Betty will be writing up a procedure plan that will go to the person who heads up the Championship tourney in the future. It was suggested that Tracy include reference to viewing the plaque through his monthly blog since many members don't know about the plaques and might like to see them.

Jim reported that he and Robin have worked out the format for the Championship tourney. They will be posting sign up sheets Sept. 1. There was talk about signing up online, but it is too late to work that out for this year. It was recommended that we do that in the future. Sign ups for the award dinner will be online.

New Business: Phyllis told us that Ken DeHart, who is a teaching pro, has asked if he can give tennis clinics here in the Villages. Tracy asked that he give a proposal for how he would advertise and conduct the clinics. The board feels it could work, but we need more detail before we approve.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40.

Respectfully submitted  
Caryl Swinyard