

Tennis Club Board Minutes
January 28, 2020

Members present (12 votes): Betty Olsen, Peggy Seidel, Diane Whitworth, Cheryl Diltz, Michael Diltz, Rajeev Singh, Tracy Scott, Penny Barcellos, Ken Kline, Emil Pisarri, Phil/Julie Hawkinson, Akiko Giordono

Others present: Judi Falarski, Wendy Ferguson, Phyllis Seeger, Howie Blumstein, Mohan Aiyagari

President Betty Olsen called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. The minutes of the November 19, 2019 board meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and discussion ensued with regards to the need to continue segregating funds for ball machine replacement. Policy as it stands requires setting aside \$1,290 from 2020 dues, which will bring the total reserved to \$7,610. The cost of replacement of a ball machine runs approximately \$4,000. Other uses for the set aside funds were suggested such as leaf blowers. Consensus was reached to postpone further discussion until February board meeting. Cash on hand for regular expenses January 28 is \$3,014.69, and the cash balance in the Scholarship Account is \$15,164.24.

The budget was presented and approved. Expected revenues from dues are \$5,840, and expenses are \$6454.75.

President Betty Olsen expressed her interest in finding ways to motivate the club towards fuller active participation in all tennis events.

Communications Director Cheryl Diltz reported on the move to using Mail Chimp. Rajeev Singh explained some of her questions regarding subscribed and unsubscribed persons on the list. If unsubscribed, a member may not receive mailings. Rajeev referred Cheryl to learn more about this from M.A.Sridhar or David Cook, communications person for the Pickleball Club.

Court Manager Michael Diltz reported 1) that one ball sweeper is not working correctly; he will assess dysfunctional arm, 2) each court now has at least one dedicated soft roller, and 3) new squeegies for the benches are "in the mail." There was continued discussion regarding the efficacy of court rollers vs. squeegies, and the need for lower hangers for the rollers for easier lifting, and some new arrangement for the covers to keep the rollers from too much sun. Shed replacement is still under consideration. Howie offered to help with coordinating this with administration. Michael noted that the new soft rollers, as well as other equipment items, have often been paid for by The Villages facilities department.

Rajeev had no report from Members at Large.

Membership Director Penny Barcellos reported one new member, A.J. Crisalli as of today. Cheryl will communicate his contact information to the club.

Schedule Director Akiko Giordono provided a report on 2019 court usage for both tennis and pickleball. She reports many people are continuing to sign up using a first name instead of last, making it difficult to track them down. Also, there are still reports of improper sign-ups, i.e. failure to sign up within the proper time period allowed. Akiko made a request by Pat Duplan for courts 1-4 to be used for a tournament sponsored by Uplift Charity Tennis on March 20 from 10:30-noon. The group sponsors matches once per month at the various participating clubs in the South Bay and it is each club's responsibility to host one month. The board voted to allow the use of the courts for said tournament. Phil H. requested that "Trash Talk Sundays" on courts 3 and 4 be allowed to have drop-in status as far as court sign-up is concerned. Currently people call M.A. Sridhar to request a spot and he does the court sign-up. Request was denied.

Social Directors Phil and Julie Hawkinson had no report.

Tournament Director Emil Pisari presented the 2020 Tennis Tournaments and Events Schedule. Rossmoor at The Villages will be added for October 24, Saturday. The Bocce tournament will be added as well. Our away match at Rossmoor is April 18. Akiko reported that the first event of the year will be held on Saturday March 14, the Prescott/VMA tournament with a 5 game format, no-ad scoring. She hopes to have 12 women and 12 men and a 11:00 start time; if more people sign-up, the start time may need to move to 9 a.m. It will be called The Road to Top Dog.

Old Business: Judi Falarski reported on the Holiday Dinner Dance. 120 people attended. The committee sold all but two of the table centerpieces after the event which alleviates the need for storage. She suggests we look into a different music act for next year, perhaps Jerry Saucedo? Mohan Aiyagari suggested a better vegetarian offering be made for the meal. Early coordination with the chefs including a tasting was proposed. Betty reported that Ken DeHart has billed \$2,200 so far since he started clinics on Tuesdays and Fridays in late October, despite rain and holidays. He is well received. Phyllis Seeger filed a report for the TC/PC joint committee. Bids for design of the new PB courts are hoped for by the end of February and a community vote should happen by the end of March.

New Business: Wendy Ferguson distributed the new directories to board volunteers for delivery by village.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Seidel, Secretary