

Tennis Club Board Minutes  
February 25, 2020

Board members present: Betty Olsen, Ken Kline, Peggy Seidel, Akiko Giordono, Penny Barcellos, Cheryl Diltz, Michael Diltz, Phil/Julie Hawkinson, Diane Whitworth, Rajeev Singh, Emil Pisarri

Others present: Mike Actman, Howie Blumstein, Phyllis Seeger, Sheryl Ruth

President Betty Olsen called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. The minutes from the January 28, 2020 board meeting were approved as distributed.

The treasurer's report was approved. Discussion regarding a new ball machine ensued: Jim Murphy, Gordon Knapp and Ken Kline have been researching a portable option, which appears cheaper than expected. A good quality one may be less than \$1,000. Ken Kline suggested we could donate the old ball mower to help Silver Creek HS tennis. However, they have a shed to store a ball machine, but no electricity near the courts. It was pointed out that the Championship tournament will be in both Fall and Spring this year. Adjustments to the budget will be made to separate funds.

Directors' Reports:

1. Communications: Cheryl Diltz had no report.
2. Court Manager Michael Diltz gave his report. The new ball mower has been received and placed on Court 4. Facilities Maintenance crews are developing a metal block for the NW corner of court 4 where balls have been collecting, causing damage to the mower arms. Hangers for the roller squeegees will remain at prior height settings to keep them high enough to avoid injuries to players' heads. Parking overhead lights nearest the viewing area have been reset, courts 2 and 5 will soon be scheduled for cleaning of the runoff drains, bench squeegees are now replaced on all courts. Remaining pending items are locks on the viewing area cabinets, new clock installations, and a decision regarding the construction of a new storage shed behind court 4. Michael is also asking for Facilities to replace the small tables at the viewing area.
3. Member at Large, Rajeev Singh reminded the board about Open House on March 30. Plans are coming along well. Brad Baldinger and assistant are expected to be here from Tennis Anywhere, as in past years, with Wilson demo racquets; Adrian Fournier is expecting to be Master of Ceremonies; Rajeev is working on updating last year's flyer and will supply them to the March 4 new-resident orientation meeting. Sharon Benz is working on advertising; she will provide Tennis Talk in March in The Villager. Mitzi Macon will update the banner and signage. The Hawkinsons, as social directors, will provide the strawberry shortcake and water. Court manager must provide tables for the event and tell Maintenance to not schedule blowers during the event. Betty suggested that there should be advertising on Fast Lane at least twice as well as the tv channel.
4. Membership Director Penny Barcellos announced one new member, Sheng Chen.
5. Master Scheduler Akiko Giordono introduced Sheryl Ruth to make a request from the Pickleball Club. The PB Club would like to request the use of courts 1-4 on

the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month from March to October for a social evening of round robin and food called Dink and Drink, all Villagers welcome. There would be no food or drink allowed on the courts, the timing could be from 5-7 or 6-8 but would require initial set-up of the courts with the blue painters' tape for line markings. Rajeev suggested a problem might be that some tennis players like to play at 4-5:30. Michael D. brought up the possibility of tape adhesive causing long-term sticky damage to the courts, especially in the heat. He suggested there are plastic PB lines which could be purchased and used. Concern was that plastic lines might have a lifting issue more serious than the adhesive. Other issues discussed were the light availability, in March at least, with sunset before 8 pm. Phyllis Seeger reported that the TC/PB Joint Committee had discussed this request and made no recommendation. There was general agreement to allow a trial run of 2-3 months starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in April (the 10<sup>th</sup>).

6. Social: Phil and Julie Hawkinson discussed their responsibilities and budgets with Emil Pizarri, Tournaments Director. Each event shares the budget for social and other tournament expenses. They must look to past years' event records to determine this year's portion for each committee.

7. Tournaments:

Prescott/VMA: Mike Actman and Akiko Giordono reported that there are 21 men and 14 women signed up to play on March 14. Last year they had 24/20. Betty agreed to help find more women to participate.

Rossmoor Away: Ken Kline is still finding players for April 18. He currently has 11 men and 10 women. He would like 12 each.

Scholarship Tournament: Phyllis Seeger reports that the Scholarship Committee will be giving away 4 scholarships this year for \$3,500 each. The committee is discussing ways to increase donations and not having to rely on as large a silent auction as in the past. Perhaps if there are excess funds in the TC budget at the end of the year, a donation could be made directly from operating funds to scholarship.

8. TC/PB Joint Committee: Reminder of progress being made on new PB courts.

#### New Business:

Phyllis Seeger made a request for a one-time exception to the number of non-residents allowed to play at the Villages in order to have enough players to field a USTA Women's 18 and over 4.0 team from April to June, approximately 12 weeks. There will be only 5 home matches, all scheduled (not necessarily the same weekday morning) starting after 10:30, requiring 3 courts. Pros include allowing access to a team for the 4 or 5 eligible Villagers, as well as a few outsiders with close connections such as parents living in the Villages. Another is to please the audience of Villagers who would enjoy watching this level of competition. This exception is to allow 6 instead of only 3 outside players.

Cons were that for 5 mornings, regular playing groups would have to be canceled.

A vote was taken on the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Seidel, secretary