

Tennis Club Board Meeting
April 15, 2020 by Zoom video 3:00 p.m.

This Board Meeting was called by President Betty Olsen in response to several requests to discuss items needing resolution in the midst of the Santa Clara County Health Department restrictions placed on meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. This Zoom format was initiated by Adrien Fournier.

Attendance: Betty Olsen, Ken Kline, Peggy Seidel, Diane Whitworth, Michael and Cheryl Diltz, Penny Barcellos, Rajeev Singh, Wendy Ferguson, Phyllis Seeger, Sharon Benz, Akiko Giordono, Mitzi Macon, Adrien Fournier and Tracy Scott.

Three agenda items were presented by President Olsen:

1. May 16th M & W Doubles Championship
2. Need for new Social/Hospitality chairpersons
3. Scholarship Fund donations

Sharon Benz spoke to the reasons for postponement or cancellation of the May 16th scheduled tournament. While cancellation may become necessary due to the social distancing requirements imposed by California and SC County, it was unanimously agreed for postponement at this time. We do not know what the status of the pandemic and its effect on tennis will be for later in the year.

Cheryl Diltz expressed a need to find a substitute for herself as Co-Chairperson for the still scheduled Mixer Tournament on July 10. Sharon Benz replied that she would take on that role if it is in fact allowed. D.P. Vu is the other co-chair.

Betty then reported that Melinda Dobbs and Claire Hintergardt have offered to replace Julie and Phil Hawkinson as Hospitality Chairs, if and when further hospitality will be needed for the remainder of the tennis club year.

A report from the Scholarship Fund committee was offered by Wendy Ferguson and is attached. Scholarships of \$3,000 will be offered to the 4 winners of the Silver Creek H.S. tennis players' essay contest, not yet announced by the school administrators. The scholarship comes with explicit rules about the money being used for tuition and books only. Discussion ensued about if/how this issue is being enforced, and how the money is distributed. Also, there is concern about how the schools the students expect to attend in the fall will actually provide classes during the pandemic, and how distance learning may affect the students' choices. The committee will meet (virtually of course) to discuss and discover the answers to these questions. Scholarship money is not in doubt for the current school year, now suspended; however, the scholarship committee is concerned with how we will find the funds for the next year's grants. A donation form and requests to the TC and Villages community have gone out. So far there have been 13 donations made for a total of \$2,040. More will be required. Publicity surrounding donations will increase.

A fourth agenda item was introduced by Betty. Mary Tatum from The Villages administration called her to say that the crew cleaning the tennis viewing area found items in the cabinets there that might need to be thrown away because the cabinets have no locks. It was said that the contents were mostly paper goods. Michael Diltz reported that he had scheduled workers to come and add locks to the cabinets but they had been refused entry to The Villages due to the county stay order. Board members generally agreed that the paper products in the cabinets which have been opened will need to be disposed of, but that other items, and new, unopened paper products in wrappings can be surface cleaned and stored for later use elsewhere.

After the meeting ended, board members received a report from Michael via email. It is attached here for purposes of follow-up.

Meeting was adjourned in less than an hour.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Seidel, Secretary