

Tennis Club Executive Board Meeting
May 26, 2020
Zoom meeting managed by Phyllis Seeger

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Tennis Club Executive Board of Directors was called to order by President Betty Olsen at 3:35 p.m.

Attendees: Betty Olsen, Phyllis Seeger, Cheryl Diltz, Michael Diltz, Akiko Giordono, Ken Kline, Tracy Scott, Emil Pissari, Wendy Ferguson, Rajeez Singh, Penny Barcellos, Diane Whitworth, Suzi Hathaway

Betty opened the meeting by sharing a video she made speaking to the banquet for the scholarship winners at Silver Creek High School. Because of the pandemic, the banquet was not held this year, but scholarships, including The Villages' 4 \$3,000 awards, were to be presented virtually to the students on May 28th. The Tennis Club has now donated \$84,000 over the years to Silver Creek High School tennis players.

Secretary: Minutes of the last two meetings, held via Zoom on April 15 and April 28, 2020 were approved as distributed.

Treasurer: Diane presented the Treasurer's report. It was approved.

Communications: Cheryl reported there were a few new members added in May, and suggested that all new members be introduced to the club via Tennis Talk.

Court manager: Michael reported that there are weeds growing between courts 2 and 3; he has asked maintenance to remove them. The locks have still not been installed on the cabinets in the viewing area. It was suggested that Michael ask EVF for the extra money approved last month for installation by a new contractor.

Master Scheduler: Akiko presented recommendations for changes in drop-in times and courts: Men's drop-in Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:30-9:00 on Courts 1-4; Men's drop-in Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9-10:30 on Court 2; and Mixed drop-in on Sundays at 10:30-12. Betty proposed that the popular Mixed play from 8:30-10:30 on Sunday mornings which has been coordinated by Jay Desai and M.A. Sridhar be allowed to be scheduled as a drop-in. Phyllis and Akiko allowed as how that is not a true drop-in in that individual players are allowed to join in by reserving a spot in advance of the courts on a first-come-first-served basis through contacting M.A. during the week before play. The way they are handling it now does not follow the current sign-up rules for 3 reasons: players are to be identified upon sign up for the court, one person (in this case Jay) is not allowed to sign up for more than one court at a time, and the court time allowed is only 1 ½ hours. With the new on-line system of sign-ups, they will have to adapt. Someone suggested that the Women's drop-in on court 4 on Fridays at 10:30 be dropped due to low attendance. The board agreed that particularly after Jump Start this time is beneficial for new tennis players and also during the year for new members to start to get involved. Rajeev suggested that it could be made a Mixed group to attract all

new members. This discussion was postponed until further experience is gained with the online reservation system. Also, until rules are relaxed further under the California state and Santa Clara County's COVID-19 recommendations, there will be no drop-in tennis allowed.

Tournaments: Emil reported that due to the cancellation of tournaments he will be selling off 3 boxes of tennis balls which were purchased by the club.

Membership: Penny reported 3 new members, making it 5 for the year so far. There was discussion around how the Club can do a better job of welcoming them. Perhaps doing interviews, as Claire Hintergardt used to do?

Scholarship Committee: Wendy reports that another \$1000 in donations has been received bringing the total for next years' scholarships to \$8000. To keep the same number and amount of the scholarships another \$4000 will be needed. The wine pairings dinner will be helpful. More advertising for donations will be put together for The Villager.

Book a Court Report: The new online tennis court reservation system was approved by the board over email on May 16. (see separate report, attached) Phyllis reports that initial trials have been successful. Thanks to M.A. Sridhar for developing the program. Anahid Gregg is the pickleball online scheduler and will work on coordinating pickleball with Phyllis, M.A. and Betty.

TC/PB Joint Committee: Phyllis reported on the CBOD's approved motion to spend \$450k for the new pickleball courts. The village residents will vote on the design proposal for the build in June. Tennis Club needs to support this project. Someone will write a supportive report for the Tennis Talk column in The Villager, and perhaps someone from the board could write a Pulse letter or design a flyer?

At the end of the meeting Suzi Hathaway was invited to speak on behalf of a parade/drive-by to support Julie and Phil Hawkinson as he undergoes treatment for cancer. Cheryl will produce a flyer to communicate the idea to the tennis club. Monday June 1 at 11:00 is the suggested time, upon approval by Julie. Meet at Foothills Center as it is very close to their residence. Julie will get him to sit in the front yard. Bring horns and posters!

Betty has accepted Julie and Phil's resignations as Hospitality Chairpersons due to his illness and proposed Melinda Dobbs and Claire Hindergardt be approved to replace them. The board approved this motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Seidel, Secretary