

Tennis Club Executive Board Meeting  
October 27, 2020  
Zoom meeting managed by Phyllis Seeger

In attendance: President Betty Olsen, V.P. Ken Kline, Secretary Peggy Seidel, Treasurer Diane Whitworth, Directors Cheryl Diltz, Michael Diltz, Akiko Giordono, Melinda Dobbs, Claire Hintergardt, Penny Barcellos, Rajeev Singh, Past President Tracy Scott  
Non-voting members present: Phyllis Seeger, Wendy Ferguson  
Voting members absent: Mitzi Macon, Emil Pisarri

Betty opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. She asked for a motion to approve the email-distributed and corrected September Board Meeting minutes. Motion made and seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved. Peggy noted that all minutes, including 9 months of 2020 and 3 previously unposted months from 2019, have now been posted to the Villages website.

The Treasurer's report varied from September's by 10 cents, for interest income. There was no other activity. The report was accepted by the board.

Directors' reports:

- 1) Communications: Cheryl had no report.
- 2) Court Manager: A) Michael reported that there had been a question regarding use of personal tennis ball equipment on the courts. He said that there is a risk/liability issue for The Villages in regards to personal injury or damage to the courts in the use of personal equipment. Therefore it is not allowed by the CBOD. B) Michael reports that the tennis court nets may need replacing soon. He has sent an email to Lenny in Facilities Management. It should be a Facilities expense. C) Michael also expects the need for new blowers, which - if cordless - might cost \$400 a piece, as well as replacement of the storage shed off court #4. A new shed could run \$5,000 to \$15,000 depending on type. There has been no update regarding plans for these items from management. D) Ken asked Michael for an update on courts 5 and 6 being returned to proper condition after the pickle ball courts are finished. Phyllis addressed this in her report from the Joint Committee. She has spoken with Mike Falarski, the current CBOD President, who told her that he is confident that our Village's administration will honor their promise to resurface them if found to be necessary after removal of pickle ball tape lines.
- 3) Members at large: Rajeev had no report.
- 4) Membership: Penny reported 3 new members this month for a total of 12 for the year. There also have been a few people who have resigned.
- 5) Scheduler: Akiko had no report. There was mention of a bit of a snafu regarding the change to Daylight Savings Time in the court reservation system this week. M. A. Sridhar has installed a fix which will recognize all time changes going forward, in March and November. Also, the Designated Participant form is now programmed in in conjunction with the Book a Court. No more Google Sheets; once signed in, it will be easy to sign up to d.p. Hopefully everyone who plays will realize the need to assist in this county-required monitoring system.
- 6) Social: Melinda had no report.

7) Tournaments: No report.

Old Business

1) Book a Court and DP signups website report: Responsibility for checking to see that all court reservations are accompanied by a designated participant has been left to Phyllis and Mitzi. Phyllis thanked Liz Kung for her help when we were using Google Sheets. There is now a new format, mentioned above.

Members have been asking if the requirement to book a court no later than one week plus 10 minutes before play could be changed to allow more time for the sign up person, who often wants to use their home computer rather than a cellphone to sign up, to reach the courts for their “regular” time slot. Ten minutes was appropriate when all signups were manual at the Tennis Shack, but people who live further from the courts, or use a bicycle, for instance, rather than a car to transport themselves to the courts, may need more time. It was suggested that 30 minutes, or even an hour, as is used by pickle ballers, might be more convenient. Peggy brought the motion to amend the rule to 30 minutes plus a week before play, starting January 1, 2021, and Tracy seconded it. Since this represents a rule change it must be brought for a vote at the TC General Membership business meeting to be held by Zoom on December 6 at 5:30 p.m. The motion carried.

Phyllis informed the board that having looked into what our website server costs the club per month, she is aware that M.A. has been paying for it himself for the last 3 years. She asked him to bill the club for the \$.97 per month and he said it was okay that he pays it as a means to “give back.” However, the domain name will need to be paid for in 2021 after the last 5 year term is up. He has agreed to bill the Club for this expense.

2) Report from the tennis/pickle ball joint committee: Anahid Gregg reported to the committee that the new courts for pb will be ready the day before Thanksgiving.

New Business

1) Request from Scholarship Committee: Phyllis reported that the Scholarship Committee respectfully requests a one-time donation from the 2020 unused revenues of the Tennis Club. In this pandemic year, all tournaments of the TC, including fund raising events for the Scholarship Fund, have been cancelled. The Committee was able to support its 4 selected students from SCVHS this April due to previous year’s accumulated funds and some new donations. The next year will be tricky, especially as we have no idea when tennis events will be permitted to restart. Melinda proposed a \$3,000 donation from the TC to the Scholarship account. Tracy seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Michael and Cheryl expressed worry that Facilities might not fund all the tennis court capital needs in the next year due to tightening budgets during the pandemic. Peggy checked the previous end of year (January 2002 beginning balance) Treasurer’s report. The Cash Balance for expenditures, meaning not dedicated to ball machine, was just over \$3,000. The balance for expenditures now is \$6,360. Since there are no

- expenditures for the rest of 2020, Wendy said she feels the TC has an obligation to continue to support students from our neighborhood and that the scholarships have been given out for 16 years in a row. A few committee members said they feel that the general membership should be asked to give approval for this change in the budget. Tracy said that there is no obligation for the board to ask for budget approval. There was discussion regarding lowering the amount to \$2,000. The question was called for a vote on Melinda's motion. With 4 yes votes and 7 opposed, the motion failed. Akiko then made a motion that the Board approve a change to the budget of \$3,000 for the Scholarship Fund if approved by a vote of the general membership in its December meeting. Tracy seconded the motion. Seven members voted to approve, 2 opposed and the motion passed. There will be 3 votes at the December Business meeting: 1- approval of the 2021 slate of officers of the Tennis Club, 2- amendment of the court reservation system to require signups for the following week be an additional 30 minutes before court time instead of 10 minutes, and 3- approval of a one-time \$3,000 transfer of funds from the TC budget to the Scholarship Fund. To achieve a quorum of members at the business meeting on Zoom will require plenty of advertising. Fifteen % represents quorum. Active membership is currently 278 people. Betty will write up the motions and send them to Claire to create a flyer for distribution. Melinda Dobbs, Judi Falarski, Sherry Benz, Phyllis Seeger, and Betty Olsen will be in charge of "fun stuff" for members on Zoom after the voting.
- 2) Betty ended the meeting with an acknowledgement of the many contributions to the Tennis Club over the last several years by M.A. Sridhar hosting our website and creating the Book a Court reservation system. A plaque and a certificate of lifetime membership to the Tennis Club will be awarded to M.A. He will be invited to attend the Board's November meeting in order to accept this award.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Seidel, secretary