

Tennis Club Board Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2015

Board Members Present: Angel Altamirano, Sherry Benz, Diane Whitworth, Art Lind, Phyllis Seeger, Mike Falarski, Melinda Dobbs

Others Present: Dorothy Douquet, Ruth Stiasny, Joan Ender, Dennis Vaillancourt, Howard Blumstein, Robert Stiasny, John Muller, Barry Stein, Bill Crill, Ed Kiss, Cheryl Diltz

Minutes: Motion was made to approve the minutes as written.

Treasurers Report: Diane reported the total balance in checking is \$11,249.04 which includes #6,373.20 for regular expenses, \$4,975.84 for ball machine and \$7,912.66 for scholarship funds.

Tournaments: Sherry complimented Dorothy highly about the **TC Golf dinner** and how well it was done. She also thought the prizes provided by Steve Olson and his 'recruited' friends were exceptional. Sherry expressed concern that there were only twenty four golfers and forty six attendees for the dinner after. Discussion followed as to why involvement in the many tournaments was so low. Ruth Stiasny wondered if it was because of the formats being so limiting. This is a subject that will be discussed at a later time.

Sherry also talked about the upcoming **Bocce tournament** on September 6th at 3:00. Debbie Champion and Howie Blumstein will be co-chairs of this. Sign-up sheet is at Tennis Shack. The **TC Championships** will be played the weekends of September 19/20th and will be men's and women's doubles; Mixed doubles will be the following weekend, the 26/27th.

Jump Start is in its final week. Beginners are averaging 4/5 players and Rusty's 8/10. All play in the final week will begin at 5:00 and will include a party for players and coaches. Bill Leonard, Phyllis Seeger and Stan Evert have been primary coaches and appreciation shown to them.

Membership: Dennis reported there are 18 new members as of 8/25 and that TC now has membership of 347. Reminders will be going out November 1st that dues are payable January 1st. Responses to whether continuing or dropping are due by the 15th.

Court Update: Angel said score cards are in and he will make sure they are what we want; the courts have been washed with recycled water; the damaged nets have been repaired; benches have been washed; and a digital clock will be purchased for the Shed.

Some discussion was held on how best to clean the benches. Mike felt we should hold off on any decision on benches at this time.

TC/PBC: Phyllis reported that monitoring of the courts is continuing and that until September 30, PB may sign up for courts 5 and 6 beginning at 10:30. As of October 1, the time will move to 12:00. PBC are working to get their own courts. Bob Stiasny would like regulations to be made clear somewhere in the Tennis Shack so there is no confusion as to appropriate times for signing up.

Project Planning Progress: Mike feels very good that we are getting recognition for our proposed projects – Viewing Area, Lights, and Restrooms. He has met with Claire to ask she keep her committee together and work with Tom Muniz to better define these projects including the cost. Work is in progress to begin more independent fundraising that could increase funds available for projects rather than relying on limited VGCC funding. This should help the TC with our projects.

Villages TC Rule (formerly 1205): Mike said the Board met at a special meeting to discuss the proposed revisions. This work is still in progress. The revised TC Rules will be completed and presented to membership at an upcoming general meeting after being approved by the Board.

Master Calendar: Mike passed out copies of the TC proposal dates for the Master Calendar for 2016. He covered all the various events for year 2016 but there was discussion about spreading out some regularly scheduled and suggested new dates. Mike will update MC and resend to board for consideration.

Tennis apparel in Pro Shop: Mike was approached as to whether tennis apparel would be appropriate for Pro Shop. The board felt it would not be something TC members would use. Perhaps if it were complete with rackets, stringing, balls, it might be viable but not at this time.

Drop-in and Preferred Court Play: Mike passed out copies of the current court drop-in play schedule to begin the discussion of acceptable days, times for Men and Ladies tennis. Bill Crill would like to return to past rules with no restrictions for Men on courts one/four from 7:30 am to 10:30am on Tuesday/Thursday. Art suggested that since few men use the courts at 9 that only 2 courts be reserved for them on those days and Saturday would only be the 7:30 time. Lots of discussion followed.

Mike then read a letter from three of the ladies, Joan Ender, Dorothy Douquet and Ruth Stiasny also wanting to return to 2005 rules giving ladies Monday/Wednesday/Friday but instead of calling it Ladies Drop-In want it called Ladies Preference allowing them to sign-up as groups which is how they mostly play. Drop-in would still remain on Friday at 9. Again, lots of discussion with these ladies agreeing to stay with current court sign up rules for another month.. Mike asked them to let him or Phyllis know of any situations that are not allowing it to work.

No decisions were to be made at this meeting. The various points will be discussed and decided at the September board meeting which will then be presented at a following General TC Meeting.

Mike reminded all that court parking would be closed next day and possibly following for re-tarring and sealing.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Dobbs, Secretary