

Tennis Club Board Meeting Minutes  
1/24/2017

**Board Members Present:** Mike Tuft, Melinda Dobbs, Dennis Vaillancourt, Gail Leslie, Gail Tuft, George Beck, Diane Whitworth, Michael Diltz, Penny Barcellos, Phyllis Seeger, Gordon Knapp, Tracy Scott

**Others Present:** Wendy Ferguson, Cheryl Diltz, Sherry Benz, Mike Falarski, Howie Blumstein

**President's Welcome:** Michael Tuft wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the members of the board for their upcoming service to the club.

**Minutes:** Motion was made by Phyllis Seeger and 2nd by George Beck to approve minutes of the November 22, 2016 board meeting as written. Motion approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Diane Whitworth reported the balance in the checking account is \$9,720.81 which includes \$4,920.00 for the Ball Machine. Budgeted amount still available to spend is \$4,800.81 which includes the Viewing Stand Project, Administration and President's Fund. Amount billed for member dues for 2017 was \$5,625.00. The club ended 2016 under budget by \$1,168.40 and carried a balance in the Scholarship Fund balance of \$8,518.67.

**Tournaments:** The Prescott/VMA tournament in March will be the first of 2017 chaired by Gail Tuft, participants will be charged an entry fee of \$15.00 and online signups will be used again this year. Gail is also looking for volunteers to chair a tournament.

**Social:** Gail Leslie had nothing to report at this time.

**Communications:** George Beck requested that all committees and tournament chairs remember to keep him informed so he can send timely e-mails to the membership.

**Membership:** Penny Barcellos currently has no updates.

**Court Operations:** Michael Diltz reported that members need to remember to hang the squeegees and rollers back on the fences under the covers and not leave them on the courts. It was reported that there is a hole near the fence on the road side of court 5 which Michael will see about getting repaired. Also reported was a clogged drain between courts 2 & 3 causing water to not drain correctly.

**Old Business:** Viewing stand upgrade was reported on by Mike Falarski and Sherry Benz. Mike reported that planning permits have been applied for and planning continues with plumbing, electrical and UOK on the design of the upgrades and notified the board that \$12,000.00 will be released to UOK to start build of the counter frame work. Sherry reported that currently the funds raised are at \$24,720.00 with the \$8,000.00 from VGCC reserves leaves the TC currently needing \$25,414.00 to meet project costs of \$58,134.00. Multiple ideas were discussed concerning methods of generating funds to cover the \$25,414.00 currently needed. Sherry has submitted a request to EVF for matching funds that are collected from now on. A suggestion to sell the 2nd ball machine met with positive comments from the board and will be looked into. Raising of membership dues was met with mixed feelings and it was pointed out that this would not be of any help for the current

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year. Gordon Knapp suggested that we look into using some of the ball machine and current TC funds to pay for some of the costs, this idea has been tabled until after our budget meeting to determine actual moneys available. Gordon also mentioned the membership should receive a updated information concerning this project to help clear up any questions concerning the actual plan design and financials.

**Directory Update:** Wendy Ferguson passed out the new membership directories with the hopes of all directories being delivered by the end of the weekend.

**New Business:**

**Expanded Ball Machine Hours:** Mike Tuft was asked by a member if the ball machine hours could be changed. This item did not receive any interest and will not be pursued.

**New Score Cards:** Replacement of the score cards was discussed at length and a motion to have Michael Diltz purchase 2 to 3 sample scored cards was made by Gail Tuft and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Whitworth - Motion approved

**Pickle Ball Net Anchors:**Michael Diltz brought a request from the Pickleball club to install net anchors under the nets on court 5 & 6, similar to the center strap anchors, to allow the net to be lowered to the 34" height needed to play pickleball. After much discussion concerning location of the anchors, costs and possible damage to the tennis nets. A motion was made by Gail Tuft that the TC would not pay for the installation of anchors, but would allow the installation of the anchors with the funding TBD with the Pickle Ball Club being one option, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gail Leslie, motion approved with one board member opposed.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:15 was motioned by Phyllis Seeger and 2nd by Gordon Knapp motion approved  
Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Vaillancourt, Secretary