

## Tennis Club Executive Board Meeting

January 26, 2021

Zoom meeting managed by Peggy Seidel

In attendance: President Ken Kline, V.P. Peggy Seidel, Secretary Nancy Fodor, Treasurer Diane Whitworth, Directors Cheryl Diltz, Ken Keck, Michael Diltz, Akiko Giordono, Melinda Dobbs, Penny Barcellos, Rajeev Singh, Past President Betty Olsen.

Non-voting members present: Phyllis Seeger, Wendy Ferguson, Howie Blumstein, Bob Semple, Brian Dombrowski.

Voting members absent: Emil Pisarri, Suzi Hathaway\* and Shelley Schlender\*

(\* ) Melinda Dobbs was present to represent Social Hospitality group.

Ken Kline opened the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of November 24, 2020 and Annual General Membership Meeting of December 6, 2020 were approved as submitted.

### TREASURER'S REPORT (see copy attached, as of January 26, 2021)

Diane reviewed the changes since prior month. Motion made and seconded, the report was approved as submitted.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

1. Communications – Rajeev Singh. Latest email blast explained the latest Covid-19 rules. Committee members expressed thanks to Tracy Scott and Howie Blumstein for sharing helpful vaccination information with members. George Beck sends the birthday announcements.
2. Court Manager – Michael Diltz. Courts 5 and 6 are locked until future repairs. Michael mentioned the declining condition of the nets, in particular Court 4. He believes additional wear and tear occurs when players hit the top edge of the net. The current nets are ~4 to 5 years old. There is a spare net in storage.
3. Members at Large – Cheryl Diltz/Ken Keck. Nothing to report.
4. Membership – Penny Barcellos. Penny stated that there are currently approximately 250 members.
5. Scheduler – Akiko Giordono. Reservations have picked up since rules allow SINGLES between two households.

6. Social Hospitality – Melinda Dobbs/Shelley Schlender/Suzi Hathaway. Melinda in attendance. No activity.
7. Tournaments – Emil Pissari. No report.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Zoom Christmas Party following General Meeting on December 6, 2020 – Betty Olsen. Betty commented that approximately 62 members attended via Zoom which achieved a quorum. The business portion of the meeting approved slate of officers as well as approval of transferring \$3000 from unused 2020 budget funds to the Scholarship Fund. Games followed.
2. Joint Pickleball committee – Phyllis Seeger. Phyllis submitted a final report. The committee elected to move to “inactive” status at this time. It should be removed from future agendas until such time as reactivated.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Input from guests – questions, comments or suggestions. Bob Semple stated that he is opposed to the court restrictions imposed on The Villages from the County. He is pleading his case via Otto Lee, supervisor. Bob also raised the issue of major repairs needed on courts 1 and 2 and asked what the timing will be. Michael Diltz related his understanding that projects are generally ‘on hold’ due to the pandemic—which has caused monetary constraints and shortage of manpower resources. Annual weather patterns impact construction.  
Wendy stated that she believes the Tennis Club should do more to sponsor and support the Scholarship Fund. Following brief discussion and touching on the Club’s limited finances, Ken said he would form a subcommittee to undertake the issue outside the meeting.
2. 2021 Budget discussion – Diane Whitworth. Diane presented the drafted 2021 Budget report. Further study is needed; 2021 Budget report will be put on February agenda.
3. State of the Tennis Club – Ken Kline. Ken expressed his hope that pandemic restrictions will begin to improve and that we can look forward to some tournaments by summer.
4. Input from Board members not related to their Director report – Betty stressed the importance of the Open House in attracting new members. It should be a PRIORITY; hopefully in April or May?
5. Tennis Club Directories – Wendy Ferguson. 325 directories were printed and delivery has been completed. Wendy received feedback on font size and stated that next year’s directory will be printed in larger type, as in prior year. Nancy reported that the email addresses were printed incorrectly for she and Rich in the 2021 directory, which she had already reported to Wendy and Penny. Apparently, the source of the errors is the official Membership Database maintained by Membership. Wendy used this database for the first time this year, believing it to reflect the most up to date data. Discussion revealed that there are 3 databases in use: Communications (email blast), Treasurer

(billing sent to The Villages Accounting office to collect dues), and Membership (used to keep track of membership rolls and source of 2021 directory). Rajeev expressed the need to reconcile the data and, ideally, have one database that would meet all needs and facilitate consistent accuracy.

6. Offer of Umbrella Donation – Ken and Michael. Mohan has offered to give his large free-standing umbrella to the Tennis Club. Michael explained the constraints of storage and that there are portable shade tents for occasional use on the patio area. Consensus was that other clubs might be better suited to store and utilize this type of umbrella.
7. Backboard – Michael. The topic of installing a backboard in one of the courts was raised again. It had been discussed and rejected in June 2020. Problematic issues include noise factor, cost, and opposition from Club Administration. Not approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021 @3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Fodor, secretary