

GREENFIELD TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the General Meeting

December 3rd, 2017

QUORUM: 44 members signed in. Enough for a quorum.

CALL TO ORDER: Kim Redbird

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Kim opened with a reference that football may be competing for the attention of some our members. A welcome to new friends was offered, but there were no new friends in attendance. A thank you was given to Jim Bain and Craig Thompson and to all the others who helped put up the christmas lights. A thank you was given to Trevor Thorne and Bill Sinclair and all the volunteers who worked on the fun day. All the new 1.5 players expressed how friendly everyone was and how much fun the event was. Jim Lane could not attend because he was out of town because of a death in his family. Jim Merck also had a death in his family. Hazen Clarkson had successful back surgery and will be arriving after Christmas.

APPROVAL OF THE November 5th, 2017 MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was requested. Tammy made the motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Alda Sigvaldason.

A vote by show of hands was taken and the minutes were approved.

TREASURES REPORT:

Dave reported that the balance as of May 1st, 2017 was \$3,600. Membership dues came in at \$4,760. We have 136 members at \$35 apiece. Only \$261 was spent for the November fun day, which was the lowest amount in 3 years. The 50/50 brought in \$219, the chicken and lunch sales \$186, the fun day food and drinks cost \$66.

Activities copies and misc. cost \$145 at the office, bulletin board supplies \$43, Christmas Lights \$119, court gas powered vacuum blower \$211, courthouse food for league days \$239, courthouse supplies \$323, computer box materials and cooler fan for on-line booking computer at the courts \$245, ABSDL dues \$20, First Responder Training \$250, tennis balls for ball machine and practices \$156, tennis balls for league \$294.

Other club expenses turned out to be \$2,048. With income from membership dues and everything else there is a current balance of about \$6,000.

Receipts have been received without information as to what the expenses are for. If you do the courthouse write on the receipt the date, the league level and the place of purchase. On all other receipts include in legible writing information as to what the purchase was for. This is needed to determine in which categories to place the expenses.

A motion to approve the Treasure's Report was requested. Pat Nugent made the motion and it was seconded by John Hurst.

SECRETARY/COMMUNICATIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Annual Tennis Banquet: Gayle Pettinari said everything is fine. The March 4th event theme is "Black and White". There will be a simple theme.

Court Maintenance: Bill Sinclair said all the equipment is operating properly.

Ball Provider: Larry Hall was not present.

Bulletin Boards: Dale Snell was not present.

Court Coordination: Sandy Bitner asked that the Team captains check the schedule to verify she blocked out the correct courts. The on-line booking system is going really well.

Fundraising: Jim and Tammy Bain have taken on the job of fund raising. Jim stated the upcoming January 12th fund raiser will be pie and the movie Battle of the Sexes with Billy Jean King and Bobby Rigs. Pies will be needed. Notices will be sent out.

Court House Supplies: Daryl and Audrae King

Heaters: Jim tested them and they are ready to go.

Invitationals: Gail Ruppelius stated she had the sheets to sign up for the December 9th invitational and that not very many had signed up. She requested folks sign up if they have the time, otherwise it probably will be cancelled.

Court Cleaning: Bill Sinclair says the platform blower (one with wheels) is hard to start and he would like to have an electric starter added, if it's possible.

Score Keepers: Margie Suttan stated she has a nice list and appreciates everyone who's volunteered.

League Coordinator: Don Herman stated that at the East Valley Senior Tennis League (EVSTL) committee considered introducing the 4-4 rule but decided to stay with the 6-6 rule for now. It was decided that a person must be 3 points into the next level to request a move up at mid season. The request is to go to Don Herman within the next two weeks, then it will go to Jim Lane and the to the Tencap Advisory Committee for approval disapproval.

Don Herman introduced the concept of putting a plastic sign on the nets warning folks about foot faults. He asked for opinions. The sign read "A FOOT FAULT ON FIRST SERVE IS NOW SECOND SERVE". Dave Pettinari thought it was not a good idea because it is but one of many rules and they can not all be posted. Don said all the other rules but this one are being followed,

and those that break the foot fault rule are cheating if they knowingly break this rule. Trudy Holmes stated that those playing at our tennis courts could find the signs offensive. Glyn Fleury thought the signs would be a good reminder. Kim Redbird stated she would find the signs distracting. Ray Holmes said a line judge would be needed to call foot faults and that a warning would have to be given. Someone stated that maybe the EVSTL should be asked. Don stated he was thinking of contacting the USTA.

Bill Sinclair asked how much advantage there is from foot faulting. Don replied that for every inch the server infringes on the base line they gain two inches at the service line. Trudy stated foot faulting really benefits the serve and volley player. Don stated that if an inch or two at the base line makes no difference, then why does it make such a difference at the serve line. He stated we all should be looking for foot faults. Kim said we should be working with our partners to be careful we are not foot faulting.

Tournament Coordination: Lorne Davies was not present, but Dave Pettinari said he wanted it mentioned that the sign up sheet for the Viewpoint Mixed Doubles Tournament sign-up sheet will be up until December 7th. Two teams have signed up. And if you miss that deadline, email Lorne and he will try to get you in, but the final deadline date is December 10th.

Sunshine Lady: Dawn Schnarr was not present.

Member Phone List: Dave Pettinari said the list is now available. He has paper copies and is going to send it out in an email as a pdf file and Excel file. It was asked if Dave would leave the grid lines on in the excel version for easier reading. The phone list will also be posted by the tennis courts.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the last meeting, moving the 90 minute play start time from 8:00 am to 7:30 am to accommodate a 9:00 league start time was discussed. EVSTL by-laws state that every resort should start league at 9:00. Round robin would be 7:30 to 9:00. A motion was needed to open the issue up for discussion. Dave Pettinari made a motion the Tennis Club move the 90 minute start times 8:00 am 7:30 to comply with EVSTL requirements for league play to start at 9:00 am.

A question was asked; has the board allowed this? They will not weigh in on this. Jim Lane has talked to Mary Ash and she said this is a tennis issue. It was put in the Greenfield Newsletter that this issue would be discussed tonight and anyone not a tennis member were welcome to attend and listen to what was being said. Mary Ash said she is going to let the Tennis Club handle this issue and she will adopt the decision.

A discussion ensued as to whether there was enough attendees to have a quorum to vote on the motion. There are 136 members and Pat Nugent mentioned that 25% are needed for a quorum. There were 44 members attending. Marilyn Albers stated that there are many residents that play tennis that are not a tennis club member. Dave mentioned that non club members were invited to attend tonight's meeting. Don Herman said moving the start time would be a benefit because the 3:30 start time is not used a lot and a 3:00 time would be better for those with planned evening activities.

Kim Redbird asked if five courts were being used for Round Robin. Dave Pettinari responded that three courts are being used now but that after the first of the year all the courts will be used.

It was asked if reducing the round robin play to one hour would work. The response was that one hour was not enough play time. Kim said a lot of time in round robin is spent looking at the book and changing courts. It was also stated by someone that it will be cold at 7:30 in the morning.

Jim Bain asked for the question on the notion. Marilyn Compton seconded the motion. Kim said the question is; do we want to move the start time of play from 8:00 am to 7:30 am every morning. A count was taken; thirty in favor and two opposed.

The new times will start December 26th.

Dave Pettinari made a motion to move the on-line booking time from 7:30 am to 7:00 am to give those playing round robin an opportunity to sign up for a court before the start of round robin play. Bruce Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a show of hands. None opposed the motion. The change will start December 22nd.

Kim asked for any new business and mentioned Bill Sinclair is looking for people to work on the Emergency Coordinator's Team. He has some good leaders but is looking for more people to be on the team. They do not have to be tennis players and will be responsible for calling 911, giving CPR, getting ice packs for people who fall and hurt themselves. If anyone is interested, Bill will have a meeting this Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Courthouse on the patio.

A second request was made for any other new business with no responses.

Kim requested a motion to adjourn. Pat Nugent made the motion and it was seconded by Paul Massicotte. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.