

**GREENFIELD TENNIS CLUB**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
**February 12, 2017**

**QUORUM: 81 members present. Enough for a quorum.**

**CALL TO ORDER: Jim Lane**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02

Jim Lane opened the meeting expressing thanks to Jim Weatherill for his eloquently delivered rebuttal to comments made by a member from the floor at the Board meeting which were critical of the tennis club in their management of the courts.

**APPROVAL OF January 8, 2017 MINUTES: A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Jim Bain. Second Wayne Schnarr. Motion carried by a show of hands.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Dave Pettinari**

Dave reported at May 1, 2016 Bank Balance was \$9526.95 and at January 31, 2017 our Bank Balance was approximately \$9,712.75. Membership Dues on this report show 174 paid members.

A full Report is on file.

**SECRETARY/COMMUNICATONS: Alda Sigvaldason**

Alda read an email from Rick Thompson from the Sunland Village Tennis Club requesting a meeting between our two clubs hoping for a possible merger with the mutual need to build up the lines from 1.5 to 4.0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: Kim Redbird**

- **Tennis Banquet: 2.0's in charge. Gloria Leach reported that a banquet ticket request mail out has gone out to all tennis members. The payment returns go to Fay. Everything else is going good.**
- **Sound System: Tom Robertson said all OK.**
- **Court Maintenance: Bill Sinclair said all OK. Kim expressed appreciation for all the works Bill is doing at the courts.**
- **League Balls: Larry Hall not present.**
- **Bulletin Boards: Dale Snell said all OK.**

- **Court Sign Up:** John Robarge thanked the captains for their cooperation over the past two years and the smooth transition to Sandee Bittner and that she is doing an outstanding job. Sandee then went over the team practice times requesting that she be notified of any changes to what she now has. A round of applause for all the work John has done over the years.
- **Courthouse Supplies:** Daryl King not present
- **Invitational:** Gail Ruppelius has the signup sheets up for the Feb 25 Invitational with VO being held here. Please sign up. It's the last one of the season and we want to show Venture Out as good a time as they showed us. There has been some rescheduling of Invitational dates for next season. Gail expressed concern over some lack of interest on both sides in continuing the Invitationals. That issue will need to be dealt with.
- **ScoreKeepers:** Margie Sutton not present.
- **Coordinator:** Don Herman said that all captains have received a letter regarding Tencap matchups which have some player matchups with up to a 10 point spread. The guidance presented indicates that captains should make sure that the team members don't exceed a 6 point spread between players. If the team matchup against the opposing park exceeds 6 points, the captains should try to correct the imbalance. If the imbalance remains unfair, the captain can refuse to have their players play the match.
- **Jim mentioned that at the EVSTL meeting in late January there were two items worth mentioning. The first was the valley tennis member census. Last year the census was 2800+ and this year it is down by 300. Every club except Mesa Regal is trending down. The second item is the up/down moves projected which are approximately 111 players up and 275 players down which is right in line with what has happened in the past.**
- **Newsletter:** Gail is waiting until after this meeting to send out our next newsletter. She thanked all those who have submitted Hamorama pictures.
- **Fun Days:** Jim and Ellen Lane and Ed and Judy Bills. Jim said they had 85 players and 145 people who were served lunch. They had \$5 lunches for non players and guests. Over \$200 was collected. There will be a full report submitted to the executive later. He thanked the Bills and attendees for a very successful day.
- **Round Robin:** Fay Rynearson (Ladies) and Gene Larson (Mens) said all is OK.
- **Tournaments:** Lorne Davies The SVE Doubles tournament being held in March has 9 teams entered, 8 Men's teams and 1 Woman's team. We need a bit of help for more women's teams. This is one of the best tournaments of the year and a lot of spectators support their teams. The entry moneys have to be in by Feb 16. The Mixed doubles SSV Tournament is held Mar 20-25 and GV has 3 teams entered so far. Deadline for entry is March 1.
- **Monte Vista Tournament:** Brad Young talked about the Mar. 26 - Apr. 2 Tournament. This is a tournament with teams of 8 people (4 men and 4 women) at levels 2.0 to 4.0. He encourages members to think about signing up for this tournament. He said it is a wonderful tournament and encourages us to take part in it. Contact him for details.

- **Sunshine Lady:** Dawn Schnarr sent cards out to Gary Noon, Jim Blankenship and Virginia Henry.
- **Phone List:** Dave Pettinari This entire list is updated regularly and sent out in Excel to members and copies are also available in the box at the courts. If they are out, there is an extra copy kept in the emergency box. Dave has recently had a request to put it in PDF format as well, which he will do.
- **Fundraiser:** Lea Young thanked everyone for the great turnout and the endless supply of pies in making the fundraiser such a success. We raised over \$5,000. Special thanks to the Committee, Pat and John Hurst, Tammy and Jim Bain, Ellen Muller and Jim Head, and Jeanie and Al Brandeberry. Lea made us aware of another Fundraiser being held to raise money for medical supplies for a foster care transition home. Through the kindness of Sunshine Acres, the home has been completely furnished. The Taco Salad and Movie Night will be held at GV on March 19.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Valances:** Jim Lane reported that thanks to Jim Bain, Lea Young and Bill Sinclair, the valances are up in good order!
- **Sunshades for Seating Area at Courts 4 & 5:** Kim reported that the umbrella has not seen much use, mostly due to a lack of warm weather. It was very kind of Sam to donate it and if it gets a lot of use, Sam has another one that he is also willing to donate.
- **Evening Court Lighting:** Jim Lane reported that he and John Hurst met with Steve, our Maintenance foreman without any effective solution for our court lighting. The good news is that, as some may already be aware of, Court 5 is 'hot' 24/7 so the lighting there will work for the dusk time before the photo cells energize all the lights in the park. Beyond that, the issue is dead for the time being unless we want to come up with \$10,000.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2017-2018 Budget:** Jim Lane included the projected budget for 2017-2018. There should not be any big expenses for our next season and Jim requested a motion to approve the operating budget for 2017-2018. This was made by John Hurst and seconded by Dave Baker. Motion was approved by a show of hands.
- **EVSTL update:** Don Herman requested that if members are unable to log in using their account due to a new email account to please contact him for assistance in recovering your Tencap account.
- **Nominating Committee and New slate of Officers and Election for 2017:** Jim Lane reported that Jim Bain has come up with a full slate of officers as follows: President – Jim Lane; Vice-President – Kim Redbird; Secretary – Virginia Henry; Treasurer - Gayle and Dave Pettinari. There were no other nominations from the floor. Bruce Compton moved that nominations be closed and Tammy Bain seconded.

- **First Responder Refresher Class;** Jim reported that previously, the Club considered joining the first responder CPR training being offered in the Park on Feb 22. In the meantime Jim attended a 2 hour interactive first responder refresher session sponsored by the Pickle Ball Club. The instructor is a full time trainer from the Banner Hospital and charges \$200 and he covered all the likely scenarios we could encounter on and around the tennis courts. Jim asked how many people would be interested in having him come to give a session to our tennis club. Many hands went up and Jim said he will look into it further.
- **Online Court Booking:** Dave prepared and presented an online slideshow on how members could book courts online. He prepared the system with the help of Mesa Regal's President, Gary Rowe. Sandee Bittner will be the administrator and she will be blocking court times for Round Robin, league practice and game times. Parameters which will be decided by the members will be managed by Sandee. Members will register with their phone number, email address and name and they can access the booking system from anywhere anytime on their cell phone or computer. The reservation page will be linked to the Greenfield website. You add the name of the person who will be responsible for the date and time of the court being booked. Help will be available from the Tennis Club 'Geek Squad' which members will volunteer for. For those without a computer, computers are available in the library, Arizona Room and the Computer room or perhaps another member of your tennis foursome. There will be an instruction sheet on the board for visitors and members. If the system is accepted by the members, it can be up and running anytime. Before opening the discussion, Kim Redbird made a motion to implement the booking system which was seconded by Sandee Bittner. Discussion and questions ensued regarding walk ons, number of days booked, the multiple booking date requests, confirmation, cancellations, keeping the present system, loss of socializing aspects, guest accounts, a monitor at the courts, the daily schedule displayed, how to notify the rest of the Park; delaying the decision until Fall. Dave has already spoken to the manager who has given her approval for us to implement the system and it does not need to go to the board. Jim called for an end to the discussion and to proceed to a vote and John Hurst seconded. Ballots were issued for voting. Vote results were: 48 for; 42 against. Motion passed. Jim asked that Dave consult to set up policies and procedures for the system; send an email notifying everyone in the Park, and form a 'Geek Squad'. Jim expects to announce a start date in at least a week from today.
- **Alda made a motion to merge our club with Sunland Village Tennis Club to build the team for the 2017-2018 season.** Jim Lane had prepared an attached form indicating options to make this happen for league play and practice. Again, discussion ensued: would they have access to our courts anytime; with 54 more players, would we be tying up the courts; why should we take responsibility for parks which do not do any of the recruiting for new players as we do; will all the levels be joined or only the ones where we are short of players; players would not have the opportunity to play up if all the levels are full of players; delaying the decision; if league play was taken out of our park to theirs then we would miss watching our players play. Don reminded them that an abundance of players has not been the case and playing up on the Tencap system may not always be the best for our players and they should not have to play up. Jim suggested that a joint task force be formed to set parameters for play and practice should we merge, He also stated that they came to us with a shortage of players at the 3.0 and 3.5 level and we may have a shortage of 4.0 women next season. Also, that this is a one season at a time request. He went over the numbers that EVSTL is requiring for teams. Denny Sisson made a motion to

end the discussion and Bruce Compton seconded. Ballots were issued for voting. Vote results were: 12 for and the rest against. Motion defeated.

**League Team Shirts:** Kim reminded the members that she needs a minimum order of 13 to reorder shirts and is starting a list. Please contact her for new shirts. Laura said that she still has some of the older green shirts, and they are NOT free!

**Courthouse:** Dave reminded members that courthouse receipts need to go to Heidi in the Activity office. The receipts need to be combined as \$35 is the allowable amount and anything over this amount does not get paid. Dale Snell suggested that we raise the courthouse allowance to \$45. Jim said that could be discussed at our next meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Hurst and seconded by Sandy Wirth. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM