

GREENFIELD TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 11th, 2018

CALL TO ORDER - Jim Lane (President)

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

41 members signed in. Enough for a quorum.

Marilyn Albers and Nancy Dougherty were in the finals of a 1.5 tournament at Mesa Regal. A large contingent of Greenfield Village supporters was present. Greenfield was ahead 3-0 in the first set when Marilyn had to retire because of a leg injury. Marilyn and Nancy took second place and received a silver medal.

Charlotte Chamberlin from Portsmouth, New Hampshire was a new attendee and will be residing in Greenfield for the next two months.

On Saturday, February 10th the Club had a fun day. The Fun Day was organized and managed by the 2.5's and 4.0's. The general consensus from the audience was that everyone had fun and there was more than enough food and drink for all.

The Fun Day was a mixed doubles event. Avril Cross stated that some of the women felt that some of the men were more aggressive toward the women than they should be, and the event is for all players on all levels to have fun.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Jim Lane (President)

The January 7th, 2018 minutes were posted on the website. A request was made for any corrections or additions to those minutes. There were no response. Craig Thompson made a motion to approve the January minutes, which was seconded by Alda Sigvaldason.

A show of hands for approval was done and the motion Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Dave Pettinari (Treasurer)

Dave reported that the balance as of May 1st, 2017 was \$3,600. Membership dues came in at \$5,915. We have 169 members at \$35 apiece as of January 1st. The November fun day 50/50 brought in \$230, the chicken and lunch sales \$186, the fun day food and drinks cost \$666. The net fun day expenses were \$251.

The Venture Out Invitational chicken meal sales brought in \$537. The cost of food was \$386 leaving a \$150 profit.

Movie, Battle of the Sexes, fund raiser ticket sales brought in \$1,232. The 50/50 at the event brought in \$208. An additional \$31 was donated. The cost of supplies was \$87.

Activities copies were \$145; bulletin board supplies \$43; Computer box fan and materials were \$245; court Christmas Lights \$119; court gas powered vacuum blower \$211; court supplies such as blower gas, watering can, signs, ball hoppers and etc. were \$125; courthouse food for league days \$1,068, courthouse supplies \$595, EVSTL dues \$20, First Responder Training \$250, tennis balls for ball machine and practices \$156, tennis balls for league \$926. New voice recorder for recording meeting minutes \$100. All Club expenses amounted to \$4,000 leaving a balance of \$6,794.

COMMUNICATIONS - Don Henry (Secretary)

A thank you note from Anna and Mason Davis was received. It stated that tennis at Greenfield has provided them with years of fun, friendships with a great group of people and many fond memories.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Kim Redbird (Vice President)

Annual Banquet - Gayle Pettinari mentioned tickets are on sale in the Activity Office. The tickets are \$20 per person. A table or a random seat at a table can be reserved. The banquet is Sunday, March 4th at 5:00PM. The theme is black and white.

Fund Raising - Jim and Tammy Bain managed the Movie Night fund raiser. Tami thanked all those that donated pies. The promotion and ticket sales committee consisted of John and Pat Hurst. Jim Head, Ellen Muller and John Robarge managed set up. Ilene and Don Hogaboam managed the kitchen. Bill Sinclair, Bruce Compton and Jackie Hassen managed the 50/50. Dave and Gayle Pettinari, Patty Robarge and Judy and Jerry Jung were greeters. Thanks was given to Bob Osborn for managing the sound room. Mollie Merck, Bruce Compton, John Roberge, Dave Lock and Jan Erickson worked on phone sales. Additional thanks was given to Dawn and Wayne Schnarr, Darryl and Audrae King, Sharon Robbins and Jim McGiver for their contributions.

Court Maintenance - Bill Sinclair said all is good.

Court Coordinator - Sandy Bittner said all is good. There is another fun day March 18th. The 3.5's will manage that event. Some of the 1.5's expressed interest in also helping.

Score Keepers - Margie Sutton said there is a great need for more score keepers at all levels.

League Coordinator - Don Herman mentioned Captains will be wanting to know who will be back in the fall. Calling the score before you serve is in the tennis code. This can be done even if you have a score keeper. The score keepers only keep track of the score and it is up to the players to manage their time during the match. When changing ends during a set, the code allows 90 seconds from the time play ends to the time play resumes. When changing ends at the end of a set it is two minutes. The ten minutes allowed for warm up would best be managed by the score keepers.

Invitationals - Avril Cross stated the next invitational is at Venture Out on February 24th. The last day to sign up is the 19th. More 3.0's, 3.5's and 4.0's are needed to sign up. So many 1.5's, 2.0's and 2.5's signed up that it will be difficult to accommodate them all. She is concerned Venture Out may drop the invitational with Greenfield if it cannot meet their needs. At the last invitational folks were putting garbage in the recycle containers. Better management and labeling of the containers is needed. Bill is continuing to use liners in the court side garbage containers.

Tournaments - Jim Lane said all the tournaments are posted. It is still possible to get into the SSV Tournament even though the deadline has passed. There a few openings left at certain levels. John Roberge said the website needs to be updated. There is still information on it regarding tournaments held last year. Bill Sinclair has turned in \$300 in entrance fees for the SSV Tournament. The cost for the tournament was \$50 per team.

OLD BUSINESS - Jim Lane (President)

There is no old business.

NEW BUSINESS - Jim Lane (President)

Election of New Officers - At the last meeting an announcement was made recommending the new officers: Pat Nugent for President, Kim Redbird for Vice President, Don Henry for Secretary and Dave and Gayle Pettinari for joint Treasurer. There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. The motion passed.

Approval of the Budget - The bylaws do not address budget approval, but the annual meeting is the appropriate time to approve the annual budget. The budget has not changed much from last year. There is about \$6,000 surplus. John Roberge made a motion to approve the budget for 2018/2019, it was seconded by Gloria Leach. There were no discussions on the proposed budget, which had no major cost items proposed. The motion passed

A new cover over the seating area between courts 4 and 5 is needed. The Club will try to get Greenfield to pay for the material and installation.

Don Herman mentioned that use of the teaching pro Tony for new players needs to be in the budget.

Training for Beginner's - There is a relatively new school for tennis called the American Academy near Higley and HWY 202. It is managed by Tony Simenelli, a USTA registered tennis pro. He has offered to teach our beginners for \$40/hour regardless of the number of students. He is available only between 12:00 to 1:30, which is a prime time for booking courts. Jim suggested a two week trial in April when league and tournament play have ended, then revisit the issue in the fall. This training would be only for the beginners and 1.5's. There may be a possibility of our players traveling to the American Academy. Three courts would probably be needed. He would spread his time among the three courts. Pat Nugent said the max number of those participating in lessons should be four. When there

are too many waiting around, they talk and lose attention. It was agreed that the few number of students makes the coaching more effective. Bill Sinclair said there is a lot of good coaching on the internet. Craig Thompson said there are a lot of good players in Greenfield that could help the up and coming players. Jim will continue to discuss the issue with Tony.

Reduction In Meetings - It has been suggested the Club reduce the number of meetings from six to three. One reason is lack of participation. With less meetings maybe more would come. When the bylaws were written there was no email. The meetings were needed to convey information that is now easily conveyed via email.

Don Henry made a motion to waive the by-law requirement of six meetings a year to three meetings per year for the 2018/2019 season, and to change the month of the annual meeting to January 2019. Both changes are to be on a one year trial basis. Jim Bain seconded the motion. A favorable and jovial discussion ensued about the advantages of reducing the number of meeting. The motion was passed by a show of hands.

New Business from the Floor - Bob Plaice stated that while at Silver Ridge, the captain of the 1.5's mentioned that the 1.5 league was a trial for this year and may not survive. At the East Valley meeting last month there was about a dozen motions to change things in the by-laws. About ten are housekeeping items needed to make the by-laws make more sense.

One important change is to create a beginner level, called a 1.0. They will not play league or have a tencap number. They will spend their time in drills and learning fundamentals. Once coaches decide it's time to move up, they will be evaluated to determine if their skill level is where it needs to be to move up to the 1.5 level. The other issue is that so many folks have moved from 1.5 to 2.0 that there is a glut east valley wide of 2.0's that have 1.5 numbers and will never achieve a 2.0 number. The motion that will be voted on in February is to move those 2.0's that have a 1.5 number into the 1.5's until they have a 2.0 number. The only exception is for those parks whose team numbers will collapse if too many members move.

Bob Plaice questioned whether this was fair. Gloria Leach did not like the idea of an exception. This change was to be for only one season. Craig Thompson stated that currently if there are not enough 2.0's we call up the 1.5's. Pat Nugent stated he has to call up 1.5's to play 2.0 because some on the opposing 2.0 team players have 1.5 ten cap numbers, especially the women.

Jim stated there is also a motion to allow play downs. If a 2.0 player with a 1.5 number can play down in the 1.5 league. Gloria Leach stated that if a player has an injury that prevents them from playing at their designated ten cap number level, they should be able to request to play at a lower ten cap number level. Currently this is not allowed. Jim said there is a motion to allow this next year.

Kim Redbird asked for confirmation from Don Herman that there will be a 1.0 level next year. Don said there will be a 1.0 level. Kim stated that any 1.5's that think they should be at the 1.0 level should be allowed to move down. Don agreed.

Don Herman and a committee will evaluate any new players coming into the park.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Larry Robbins made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Denise Robertson and approved by a show of hands.