

GREENFIELD TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the General Meeting

January 7th, 2018

QUORUM: 43 members signed in. Enough for a quorum.

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Lane

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

The by laws say 20% of the members is needed for a quorum. There is a bit over 150 members and 20% of 150 is 30.

First Time Members: Bob Plaice became a new member. Last year he was a 1.5 and still is a 1.5. This year he decided to play league and has had his first league match. Bob is married to Elspet and built the cabinet by the tennis courts that is used to house the computer equipment that is used for the match log system.

Thanks was given to Bob Osborn for managing the sound booth while Tom Robertson is absent at home on a Christmas break. Denise Robertson had surgery on her eye while at home and will have two more procedures, one for cataracts, that will keep the Robertson's home through January. A card from the Club was sent.

APPROVAL OF THE November 5th, 2017 MINUTES:

Minutes from the last meeting were posted on the web site and included in the Agenda. Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes? If not, a motion to approve is needed. Barb Fletcher made the motion and it was seconded by Craig Thompson.

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

Thanks was given to Kim Redbird for assisting on Saturday at the Tennis Club table during the Activities Fair in the ballroom. Every club had a table set up and there were many clubs. If you did not get to attend this year, you should plan on attending next year. It is a fun event.

TREASURES REPORT:

Dave reported that the balance as of May 1st, 2017 was \$3,600. Membership dues came in at \$5,285. We have 151 members at \$35 apiece. Movie fund raiser sales of only \$32. The November fun day 50/50 brought in \$219, the chicken and lunch sales \$186, the fun day food and drinks cost \$666. The net fun day expenses were \$261.

The Venture Out Invitational chicken meal sales brought in \$537. The cost of food was \$375 leaving a \$162 profit.

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 \$546, courthouse supplies \$462, EVSTL dues \$20, First Responder Training \$250, tennis balls for ball machine and practices \$156, tennis balls for league \$716. All Club expenses amounted to \$3,042 leaving a balance of \$5,778.

Craig Thompson asked if resurfacing courts 4 & 5 are in the budget. Resurfacing is in the long range plan. Courts 1,2 & 3 were done about two years ago. Resurfacing of courts 4 & 5 are coming up. The Office will be contacted to confirm when this is scheduled. This is a Greenfield Resort expenditure.

SECRETARY/COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no communications.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Annual Tennis Banquet: Gayle Pettinari had no comments.

Court Maintenance: Bill Sinclair said all the equipment is operating properly. Kim Redbird bought trash can liners to try because discarded gum and coffee was sticking to the bottom of the trash cans. The liners will be kept in the rubbermaid containers by where the discontinued court sign up sheets were.

Bulletin Boards: Dale Snell has not mentioned any problems with the bulletin boards..

Court Coordination: Sandy Bittner said the on-line booking system is going really well.

Fun Day: Tim Filuk and Larry Robbins from the 4.0 and 2.5 teams will be taking care of the February Fun Day. The 3.5 team will take care of the March Fun Day. More information on those events will be provided later.

Fundraising: Jim and Tammy Bain have taken on the job of selling tickets for the movie night fund raiser. Tammy requested tennis club members to help promote the fund raiser. She suggested members that do not want to or cannot attend could buy tickets and give them to their neighbors and friends to help promote the tennis club. Tammy thanked everyone that volunteered to donate pies.

Last year tennis club fund raiser volunteers sat outside the Activity Center to promote ticket sales. Folks felt they were being pressured to buy tickets. So, the club will not be doing that this year. On the night of the fundraiser, two volunteers are needed to take tickets. The doors open at 6:30 and some line up early. The two volunteers are needed to take tickets from 5:45 to 6:45. Bill Sinclair and Bruce Compton will be in charge of the 50/50. A sign promoting the event will be set up outside the Post Office.

Invitationals: Gail Ruppelius was not in attendance so Avril Cross filled in. There is an invitational with Venture Out on Saturday January 20th. The last day to sign up is

Monday January 15th. There are lots of lower levels signed up but hardly any from the higher levels. In the past, when a fun day and an invitational are close together, it is hard to get participation. Folks say there is too much going on too close together. Again, the February and March events are two weeks apart. Consideration should be given to canceling one of the events.

Score Keepers: Margie Sutton was not in attendance. No complaints have been received. More scorekeepers are needed. Besides Margie, there are other experienced scorekeepers that can train any new volunteers.

Bill Sinclair suggested they not have alcohol at the next fund raiser because it is too hard on the volunteers that dispose of any remaining alcohol. Although there was sympathy expressed for such volunteers, the general opinion was that participants look forward to the beer and wine.

League Coordinator: Don Herman congratulated Greenfield's 3.5 team on becoming the number one team in the valley. Greenfield's 4.0 men's team and 2.0 team are both number 3 in the valley. The 3.0 team is number 9 out of 23 teams. The 2.5 team is 7 out of 18. The 1.5 team is 4 out of 12.

At the captains meeting it was discussed whether having women in the 3.5 team with 4.0 tencap scores could play 4.0 opportunity matches. The Tencap Committee said yes. Even if there are some that are not playing 3.5 league they may play 4.0 opportunity matches.

For players that do not know very many or anyone to call to play, there is a tab on the Book-My-Court page called "Partner Search". There is a form there for your name, phone number, email address, level of play and availability. This is available only for Greenfield tennis club members.

Men's Round Robin: Gene Larson said attendance has been low and he thinks it may be because of the time change from 2:00 to 1:30.

Women's Round Robin: Judith Thomas said all is good and they have enough courts reserved.

Tournament Coordination: Lorne Davies was not present, but he forwarded information about the upcoming mixed doubles tournament.

Member Phone List: The list will be updated frequently.

Shirt Sales: Pictures of the shirts are available. A minimum order of 13 shirts is needed to facilitate screen printing on the shirts.

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 voted upon and approved.

On December 25, 26 & 27 courts were not to be reserved because of the half hour time transition for the on-line booking. Folks responded well and the change was made without any issues.

Last spring having two first responder courses this year was discussed. The first one with Alan Haney from Banner Health was held in November. The course was well attended and the presentation was excellent.

At a meeting with representatives from the Pickleball Club, Tennis Club, Shuffleboard Club and Golf Club and a few of the Greenfield Resort board members, Heidi and the Resort manager future fundraising events were discussed. Everyone felt each club should do their own fundraiser and there should not be one fundraiser for all.

At that meeting, having one first responder training for everyone was discussed. Mary Ash agreed to get Alan Haine back to do a first responder training for the Resort. That training is scheduled for February 7th in the ballroom at 2:00. A notice was put in the latest issue of the Villager and another one will be put in the next issue. Greenfield will pay for this training so it will not come out of the Tennis Club budget. Alan Haine does an excellent job of presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

Maintenance issues such as trash can liners and not bringing coffee onto the court have already been discussed. Other issues, such as putting down an umbrella after use and no metal chairs on the courts, need to be restated. An email will be sent out reaffirming expectations.

Because of the change in court reservations times, Kim Redbird is managing the replacement of the existing 4 or 5 signs. The signs will be replaced with two signs showing the new start times for Round Robin, some additional information about on-line booking and the need to mute your cell phone during play.

Court rollers for drying out the courts after a rain will be replaced.

A new metal bench to go on the east end of court one is being sought. It will be the Memorial Bench to honor all those that have been Club members and have passed away.

In October, Jim Lane sent about 200 to 300 tennis balls to the company Rebound in Arkansas for recycling. The company sent Jim a shipping label and all went well. The next time when about 600 balls were ready for recycling, Jim had difficulty getting a response from Rebound. They finally responded that the ball recycling program was suspended because of shipping costs. They are working with shippers trying to lower the shipping costs. Others recycling options are being sought out. One thought is to contact the local high school teams to find out if they want the balls for their practices.

According to the by-laws, at the January meeting a slate of Officers for the next season is to be presented. The offerings are; Pat Nugent for President, Kim Redbird for Vice-President, Don Henry for Secretary and Dave and Gayle Pettinari for Treasurer. At the February meeting, which is our annual meeting, the new officers have to be voted on. Alternative candidates can be nominated at that meeting. If there are other nominations, then a paper ballot will be taken.

Craig Thompson had some comments on the before mentioned maintenance issues. Could tennis balls be used to protect courts from metal chair legs by slicing the balls and inserting them over the ends of the legs. This would help recycle some balls. Coffee stains; could a sign be posted requesting lids be placed on the coffee cups. The lids are available in the courthouse for our guests.

Kim Redbird responded that the new signs will essentially say that only water and vitamin drinks are to be taken onto the courts, and maybe the words "In Closed Containers" should be added.

Avril Cross commented that folks are putting garbage in the recycle containers, and that the containers should be labeled more clearly. New signs or containers will be added to the list of maintenance items.

Morning Round Robin has not been well attended. Currently five courts are reserved from 7:30 to 9:00 for this event. This will be reduced to three courts. Courts four and five will now be open for sign-up until more courts are needed. Dave Pettinari stated that last year about 25 folks were showing up.

Jim Martin stated he has been coming to Greenfield for about 25 years, mostly with his children to visit his mother-in-law. It was the one time of year he played tennis. This opportunity was provided through the morning Round Robin and is what got him interested in tennis. Now, in the last few weeks, had his daughter not been visiting, there would have been anyone to play round robin with. Round Robin is the life blood of our tennis community. Folks that don't know anyone can get started playing. He suggested initiating a late afternoon mixed round robin event for one or two nights.

Thus, the proposal was made for two afternoon mixed round robin sessions. The times under consideration were 3:00 or 4:30. Because of the lighting situation on all the courts except court five, the round robin would need to be held either before or after the dusk transition time, which is currently occurring during the 4:30 time. During the dusk transition time, the lights on all the courts except five will not come on. And during this time it is too dark to safely play tennis without lights.

Elspeet Plaice suggested playing at 6:00 when it will be cooler and all the lights will be available. Craig Thompson asked why all the lights can not be made available the same as court five. Jim Lane said this has been discussed before. Craig volunteered to see if the tennis court lights could be separated off that sensor. Don Herman stated that the tennis courts are tied into the same light sensor that controls all the lighting in the pool area, and that the only solution identified so far is to place a manual override on the sensor, and Greenfield does not want to do that.

John Tovell introduced himself and wanted to thank Bruce Compton and John Sarbacker for what they did last March for Roger Konkol and his family after he had his heart attack. He also wanted to thank Jim Lane for the emails that keep everyone so well informed.

Heidi asked for a count of who would be signing up for the February First Responder training. Jim Lane asked for a show of hands of those that planed to attend; fifteen were counted.

Jim Lane opened up a discussion as to when to do the evening mixed round robin. Because of other Resort activities and league practices, it was decided 6:00pm on Monday and Wednesday would be the best times. Jim Martin volunteered to manage the Evening Mixed Round Robin. Jim Lane said he would send out an email.

Ilene Hogaboam spoke on the need for volunteers to provide and cut pies for Movie Night. She confirmed with those present on what they had already signed up for.

Jim requested a motion to adjourn. John Hurst made the motion and it was seconded by Jim Bain. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.