

GREENFIELD TENNIS CLUB
Minutes of the General Meeting
March 12, 2017

QUORUM: 64 members signed in. Enough for a quorum.

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Lane

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

APPROVAL OF February 12, 2017 MINUTES: A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Pat Nugent. Second by John Hurst. 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 February 28, 2017 our Bank Balance was approximately \$9,101.29. Membership Dues on this report show 182 paid members.

A full Report is on file.

SECRETARY/COMMUNICATONS: Alda Sigvaldason

Alda read a thank you card from Elaine and Al Hargarten for the acknowledgement and plaque presented to them at the annual tennis banquet as recognition for their years of contribution to the tennis club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Kim Redbird not present

- **Tennis Banquet:** 2.0's in charge. Gloria Leach apologized to those who didn't receive meals at the banquet. Waldos offered gift cards as compensation to those impacted. She has seven \$10 gift cards left for anyone who is interested. Jim commented how well all other aspects of the banquet had gone and thanked the 2.0 committee for the success.
- **Audio System:** Tom Robertson said all OK.
- **Court Maintenance:** Bill Sinclair not present.
- **Ball Machine:** Larry Hall not present.
- **Bulletin Boards:** Dale Snell said all OK.

- **Court Coordinator:** Sandee Bittner. Sandee thanked John Robarge for all his work for the last 5 years. She reported that to date, 129 people signed up on the new signup system. It seems to be an easy system to use and she has received a lot of good comments.
- **Courthouse Supplies:** Daryl King not present
- **Invitational:** Gail Ruppelius not present
- **Score Keepers:** Margie Sutton not present. Jim reported that a thank you year end party was held for the volunteer scorekeepers with a good turnout.
- **Coordinator:** Don Herman reported that a Captain's meeting is scheduled next Thursday at 10 AM. He is presently organizing the Tencap numbers of players into teams for the upcoming season. He will be talking to players on the 'bubble' (+1 or -1) to find out whether they wish to go up, stay or move down.
- **Newsletter:** Gail Ruppelius not present.
- **Fun Days:** The final Fun day will be held on March 18 hosted by 1.5 and 4.0. All sign ups by March 14. Jim said that he will send out a reminder email.
- **Round Robin:** Fay Rynearson (Ladies) and Gene Larson (Mens), not present. Jim advised that there will be no more sign up sheets for the weekly Round Robins. John R's concern was how then would they determine the appropriate number of courts to block off. With the old booking system, the number of courts blocked off was based on the numbers that showed up the previous week. Dave P. said the new booking system has the capability to include a separate category for the weekly Round Robin and courts can be released, if necessary, two days before. This will be worked on. Meanwhile, please make sure to show up 10 minutes before the start time.
- **Tournaments:** Lorne Davies, not present. The entry date has passed. Craig Thompson questioned whether the Park would consider running in-Park play offs as they did some years ago, with the top team and perhaps a second going to the tournament. Jim said that was a good suggestion and should be considered for next year.
- **Monte Vista Tournament:** Brad Young reported that we have 2.0 and 2.5 teams entered. Don Herman and Brad Young are entered in a blended 4.0 team.
- **Sunshine Lady:** Dawn Schnarr sent cards to Avrel Cross, Larry Robins and Bruce Jones. She added a thank you to Dave P. for all the good computer work he does, wanting him to know that we all really appreciate his time and effort. Ellen L. gave an update on Judy Scorza's recovery from her back surgery. She is doing well and recovery is coming along well. Jim spoke regarding Bruce Jones' condition and gave special thanks to Wayne Schnarr, Brett White, Lorne Davies and Marie Bottom for their life saving response. Jim and Bob Hardy went to Fire Station 205 to speak to the two Paramedics who attended Bruce. They appreciated having the update on Bruce. Jim also has kept the Leisure World team players updated on Bruce's condition as they were very concerned with Bruce's outcome.
- **Phone List:** Dave Pettinari

- **Fundraiser: Lea Young** Lea agreed to head the Fundraiser position for one more year if there are no other volunteers for the position. Her suggestion for next year is a really good movie night including an ice cream social and a bike raffle. Lea welcomes any other ideas. She put out an idea she heard about from another club in which players handle the league refreshments once a season donating the food. This would create a saving to our club and perhaps not make a fundraiser necessary as there was some discussion regarding the purpose of a fund raiser for next year. It was decided to discuss it further at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **First Responder Training:** Jim Lane reported the Pima Room is not available for a date in March as tournament dates conflict. Jim suggested that we schedule a session in November and a second session in January when more players arrive. This training is particularly important considering the most recent events.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Purchase of a Backpacker Blower:** There is a need to clean the courts at a more regular basis, for league, summer play and our Park's appearance to visitors . Jim spoke about the benefits of this type of blower. He has owned one for years and it is essentially maintenance free, easy to use and very powerful. This was confirmed by Dale Snell. It sells at Ace Hardware for approximately \$550.00. The existing blower is old and cumbersome as well as not conveniently located in the summer due to flooding on courts 4 and 5.
Dave made a motion that our Tennis Club purchase a backpack blower not to exceed \$600. Second by Lorraine Dale.
Discussion included storage location (wall of shed on court 4 or 5); health concerns (use a surgical mask); perhaps maintenance should blow off the tennis courts as they do for shuffleboard (told by management that the tennis people always look after the courts); whether to lock it up and insurance, which the GV Park covers as it owns all property equipment.
Motion was carried by a show of hands.
- **Online Booking at the Courts:** Jim updated members on the online booking to date. Dave reported that over 120 have signed on and the feedback has been positive and very few have required assistance. It is important to please register which court and with an email. Please call to change the password if necessary. Dave contacted Mike Fish, the Park IT, to consider setting up a wireless system running hardware from the server to the location at the courts. The Ballroom could also use the system. Dave contacted the Park which is willing to pay the \$200 for the expansion ports for the server. Dave initially supplied his computer. Mike will remove the equipment that he set up if the club is not interested in the wireless system.
Alda made a motion that the club move forward with completion of online booking at the courts not to exceed \$1,700. Second John Tovell.

Discussion: is it necessary to spend more as most people have smart phones. It was remarked that not all have that, ie Canadians and some who still have flip phones; Would IT be available if the system goes down? IT backup would be available reliably; the social aspect and convenience of being able to book courts from the courts ie after a match when willing players are present to confirm; the need to update to maintain our premier park status.

Ballots were handed out, collected and counted. Yes – 37 No - 33 Motion passed.

- **Courthouse Expenditure Increase.** Jim spoke regarding concern over running out of food for league days and whether we need to increase the costs from \$35 to \$45. Three scenarios are: keep the \$35 limit; increase the amount to \$45; Lea's suggestion to not charge the club for the food and furnish courthouse once a season. Gail's historical data indicates cost of \$1850 in 2015; \$1450 in 2016; \$1650 in 2017; \$1800 projected at \$45 for 2018.

Dave made a motion to increase the amount of courthouse expenditure to \$45.00 for each day of league. Second by John Tovell. Motion was carried by a show of hands.

- Avrel spoke regarding the Carriage Manor Invitationals. It has been decided that we will have a date at Carriage Manor next season. However, the dates did not work for them to come to Greenfield as they want to increase their club fun days.
- Jim asked for comments on whether to have 2 or 3 fun days. Presently we have three Fun Day events scheduled for November, February and March. He questioned whether we want 2 or 3 Fun days for next season. Many felt that the 3rd one was too late for this year. General consensus was to exclude the March fun day as it is too late. It will be discussed more at the April meeting.
- Judith Thomas spoke on the importance of remembering how important our time here is and that we all need to remember where we started, all of our friends, why we're here, and, we need to have fun.
- Lea reminded members of a Taco dinner and comedian Fundraiser being held Sunday, March 19 for Jacob's Hope.
- Chuck Boos extended accolades to the better players especially, for coming out to play tennis and socialize with those who may not be as skilled yet but love the opportunity of playing with the higher level players. He added that technology change is good.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Robertson and seconded by Wayne Collins. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM