

Tennis Club Board Meeting – January 10, 2011 (draft)

Meeting commenced at 2:20 with Greg Mather, Bill Eastman, Don Neu and Bobbie Reed in attendance. Mickey Bryant was unable to attend.

Also in attendance: Dick Harrold, Web and Email Chairman.

- **The Agenda was review and accepted**

This issue of start time was discussed. Consultation with Patrol Office indicated that we are scheduled for the room from 2:30 - 4 pm. There is another group meeting until 2:30. In the future we will schedule meetings to begin at 2:30.

- **Approval of 12/27 Minutes**

Meeting minutes were approved as circulated on 1/9/11.

- **Correspondence**

- Greg Mather described a letter he sent to Dave Zapatka requesting that when the Ad Hoc Committee becomes a standing committee, it should be named the Racquet Committee.
- Two suggestions were received. Bobbie Reed will follow up on them. One related to lawn care during prime time which will be forwarded to Randy. The other dealt with a desire to have "no dogs allowed" signs. Bobbie noted that the HOA has rules related to dogs and those rules are for the entire community. (Note: a third suggestion in the box dealt with pickleball fees. Bobbie will contact the submitter to recommend submitting the comment to the HOA since it does not deal with tennis.)
- Issue of a shed key to access the ball machine after hours. The group concurred that the club should make keys available to members for a fee of \$5.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Balance is the same as last meeting with no activity.

Saving Account balance	\$ 25
Checking Account balance	\$ 502.51
- Bobbie outlined anticipated expenses for checks, deposit stamp, web site hosting. She noted that she and Mickey were scheduled to sign a contract for the 2011 Christmas Dinner Dance to book the Ballroom for Dec 11. The HOA wanted a \$250 deposit. The group concurred with the signing of the contract but requested that Bobbie and Mickey request that the HOA waive the fee since this is a homeowner's group.

- **Ad Hoc Liaison Report**

Two suggestions from this committee (suggestion box) were taken to the ad hoc committee.

- Recommendation to name court #1 for Jason Morton was recommended to the Board - on the agenda of the Jan 19 HOA Board meeting

- Recommendation to allow reservation with one name has been implemented. Heide sent email to members with details on calling and then adding names.

New topics under consideration by the Ad Hoc Committee

- Reservation system: Evaluation of Chelsea system (used for golf) is underway. Chelsea has a Tennis reservation system. See www.chelseainfo.com
- Recommendation of a partial year membership for tennis will be on the Board agenda for Jan 19. Fee of \$40/mo for resident and \$75/mo for non-resident. Temporary option - goes til Oct. New fee schedule will be adopted for Oct 2011 to Sept 2012.

Link to the minutes of the ad hoc committee was sent to all members in the tennis e-newsletter.

- **Tennis Play Committee**

- Doubles Tournament - Jan 17- 26

- There are only 23 teams registered for the event.
- The draw will be posted on the web site on Thursday. Don and Bill will work with Dick Harrold to arrange postings for this tournament.
- The group discussed some reasons for the poor turnout and considered some ideas for improving participation (better publicity, different levels) and whether the participation would just grow with time as the club increases all activities.
- Food for the event will be limited to snacks. No lunch will be provided by the club for any day of play including the finals.
- Discussion of a procedure to deal with fees and expenses was considered. It was agreed that the tournament directors (or another club member) would collect fees as players arrive and register and would keep track of the expenses (balls and prizes) and would provide a financial summary to the treasurer. This will be a trial to help us set up processes for future tournaments.

- Robson Cup - Feb 19 from 9 to noon

- Discussion of fees for all participants. The fee of \$50 per club was approved as adequate to cover cost of balls and some snacks. Each club should submit its fee to IronOaks Tennis Club. It was noted that fees had been as high as \$200 per club in the past but the fee included lunch. We opted not to include lunch as part of the event since it ends at noon and there are many restaurants nearby, unlike some other host sites.
- Choosing the IronOaks team. The group agreed that a signup sheet be posted asking members to let us know who was available to play and that volunteers may or may not be selected. Selection would be based on the player living in the community, being an active member of the club and, in the opinion of the tournament directors, being able to compete at the level of play needed. If a player has a USTA rating, that should be identified.

Policies for tournaments. The group agreed to leave the decision to the tournament directors about how to restrict previous winners or finalists from playing together.

- **Web Page Demonstration\Email Discussion**
 - Dick Harrold demoed the updated web page that is now live on www.ironoakstennis.net
 - Everyone agreed that it looked great and was a very functional design - with easy access to club information and convenient secured areas for updating member information and sending emails.
 - Dick is ready to post tournament materials for the Doubles Tournament.
 - When he feels it is ready to go live he and/or Mickey should arrange an email to be sent to members announcing the site.
 - Email accounts. Dick has set up an email for webmaster@ironoakstennis.net. Others could be set up as well. The group favored setting up generic accounts named President or Secretary rather than the names of the people holding those offices. The email address could be retained even if Board members change.

- **Finance Committee**
 - Bobbie Reed distributed a brief description for a finance committee. Two major areas needing attention are financial support for tracking finances for tournaments and a fundraising effort. Probably want to consider two chairs or co-chairs for finance and fundraising.
 - The group concurred that each event should have a separate budget, developed by the tournament director, and that a finance committee representative should work with the tournament group with the primary responsibility of overseeing and recording financial transactions.
 - Some fundraiser ideas were discussed. Greg shared information about logo water bottles. The initial investment (\$250) was high and may be something to consider in the future but not with the limited funds we currently have. He also suggested some kind of special event in May that might include a serving contest and other fun activities that could generate funds for the club.

- **Membership Committee**
 - Bob Leteria will chair the membership committee. He will identify two co-chairs (one male and one female) to focus on membership issues.

- **Communication Committee**
 - Heide indicated that she will take care of the tennis bulletin board.

- **Calcutta Update**
 - Greg identified some of the activities underway for the Calcutta.
 - He identified a need for someone to help handle the finances.

- **Christmas Dance 2011**
 - The group approved the date of Dec 11 for the holiday dinner dance for 2011.
 - Bobbie noted that she and Mickey were scheduled to sign a contract for the 2011 to book the Ballroom for Dec 11. The HOA wanted a \$250 deposit. The group concurred with the signing of the contract but requested that Bobbie and Mickey request that the HOA waive the fee since this is a homeowner's group
 - Mickey recommended Thaddeus Rose for the event. A solo act would be \$350. If a duo, \$550. The group agreed to hire Thaddeus Rose. We will decide at a later date whether to choose solo or duo.

- **Next Meeting**
 - The next meeting will be January 24, 2011 at 2:30 PM in the Ocotillo room.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00.