



IronOaksTennis Club (IOTC)
Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2016
1 PM – Ocotillo Room

In Attendance:

OFFICERS: Judy Gahide, Evan Hansen, Bobbie Reed, Betty Sanders, Dave Withers

CHAIRPERSONS: Dick Harrold

Agenda was approved with two additional discussion points.
Minutes from December 14, 2015 were approved.

Reports

PRESIDENT – Judy Gahide

Judy reviewed the timetable for the election of officers for next year. First step is the appointment of a nominating committee to recruit candidates. Several names were suggested to serve on this search committee including Rick Kenny, Jeri Schultz and Drena Radcliffe). Judy will contact them to see if they will be willing to serve. They will be asked to bring a list of candidates for the offices to the next Board meeting – February 9. It was noted that an ex officio member will be needed from the current board to assure continuity if no members of the current board continue next year. Several names were suggested for various positions and Judy will transmit those suggestions to the nominating committee.

VICE PRESIDENT – Evan Hansen

No report on communications. He did note a lost and not found issue related to the Serve up the New Year social involving a missing tennis racquet. Since multiple clubs were involved, it is possible the racquet is with someone from another club. Some suggestions were identified to try to contact other clubs.

SECRETARY – Bobbie Reed

Comment cards involved a few new email addresses and phone number changes.

TREASURER – Dave Withers

Dave reviewed the December Treasurer's report (attached).

TENNIS PLAY CHAIR – Betty Sanders

The Valentine's Day Event will be cohosted with Cottonwood on Saturday Feb 13. Our event hosts will be Dick and Vicki Eslick and Wally and Deanna Linder. Betty will find out who the point person is for Cottonwood and will let Dick and Vicki know so they can work with them to divide up the responsibilities (sign-up sheets, balls, food, and organization of play). The IOTC will contribute \$150 toward food. Betty suggested ice cream sundaes with toppings and perhaps bananas for banana splits.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Serve up the New Year was a great success. The number of attendees was much higher than expected. Some people had to wait to play – but most were very accepting of waiting and indicated they had a good time. Staggered start times had a fringe benefit of staggered eating times and minimized lines at the food tables. Plans for future events should include options if attendance is similarly high. Sign-up sheets might be used with either a cut off in numbers based on courts being used or designation of different start times. Six to a court with modified tennis play was also tried and might be a future option.

The raffle was a success with \$200 raised for Neighbors Who Care. That was matched by \$200 from the Club. A photo was taken presenting the check to the Executive Director of NWC. Judy will send a short article to the Splash with the photo.

In the fund raising arena it was noted that Bill Cunningham and Phil Messer might be willing to organize a Calcutta fund raiser next year.

2. Gender Doubles is scheduled for Feb 1-6. The organizers are Bill Eastman, Don Neu, and Jack Sanders. F&B are Sue Davidson and Gail Wilder. Judy will follow up with the organizers to assure that plans are underway.
3. Chelsea database status. Phone numbers for all tennis players with an active membership are now available in Chelsea. This is the first step in allowing IOTC to rethink what we should have in our member database and posted on our website. We have, for many years, maintained the phone list for members. This has become an increasingly complicated task as the HOA has made changes in membership options and required the IOTC to collect its own information separately. Bobbie will compose an email blast informing members of the availability of phone numbers in Chelsea and encouraging them to check their own number for accuracy.
4. Jason Morton Prize Money. The group discussed the prize money distribution for the USTA tournaments. Dave Withers reviewed issues related to payouts for USTA tournaments – clay court and Jason Morton. The prize money typically is dictated by the numbers playing in each draw. He will ask John what kind of formula is used and how many players are needed to provide a prize that covers entry fees. In some USTA tournaments they cancel any draw with fewer than 8 players. However we have tended to go forward with fewer numbers. In addition we have sponsor income for the Jason Morton which allows for more generous prizes than for the clay court which had no sponsors. The group concurred that we sponsor these tournaments with the goals of breaking even. The formulas for prize money should reflect that.
5. 2016 Christmas Dance. The group discussed the possibility of a 2016 Christmas Dance. Vivian Guimond has offered to organize it. The group agreed that next year's Board should make the final decision but it would be prudent to book a date and find out the availability of a band. Judy will contact Vivian to have her check possible dates for the Ballroom with the HOA – avoiding the date that Cottonwood has its holiday dance. She should also determine if Thaddeus Rose is available for that date and report to the Board what kinds of down payments are needed to hold the space and the band.

Meanwhile it was decided to do a quick survey of the membership to get a sense of the interest level in having such an event. Dick was asked to see if he could generate a simple survey asking members to indicate their level of interest in having a Christmas dinner dance in 2016.

6. New players court. The group discussed implementation of the new player “Introduction to Tennis” program that the Club is sponsoring. This is to be held at 3 pm on Tuesdays and is for non-players who are interested in possibly taking up tennis. It is a chance for them to learn about the game and try their hand at hitting some balls. Denise is coordinating it. We need to identify some IOTC members who would be willing to serve as mentors on Tuesdays for the residents who show up. Also we need some racquets for these folks to use. An email blast looking for some donated racquets and some volunteers is needed. Judy will work with Denise to implement this.
7. Fee schedule confusion. Bobbie reviewed her attempt to develop a simple message to our members describing the new fee system. However, her reading of the IronOaks tennis documents led to discovery that there is contradictory information in the documents. She will contact Jenny and Pam to recommend that the information about fees be made clearer and that older documents be updated to be consistent. The Board asked that the HOA consider being more generous in allowing residents to play for free when courts are empty.

Action Items:

- Judy will appoint nominating committee
- Betty will find out the Cottonwood contact for the Valentine event and assure the Eslicks know who to work with
- Judy will send an article to the Splash about the fund raiser
- Judy will assure that the gender doubles tournament is on track
- Bobbie will prepare an e-blast on Chelsea phone numbers
- Dave will ask John to provide an explanation of formulas for prize money
- Judy will contact Viv Guimond about options for the Christmas Dance.
- Dick will work on a survey of interest level in a Christmas Dance
- Judy will work with Denise on a strategy to get mentors and racquets for the Intro to Tennis program
- Bobbie will contact Pam and Jenny to get clarification of the fee schedule.

Next meeting: February 8, 2016 in the Ocotillo room Time: 1 pm

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.



Treasurer's Report
CASH FLOW
December 2015

11/30/2015 Checking Account Balance		\$8,717.54
Revenues:		
Entry Fees from Singles Tournament	\$110.00	
Total Revenues		\$110.00
Expenses:		
Food for Singles Tournament	\$84.38	
Balls for Singles Tournament	84.03	
Awards for Singles Tournament	40.00	
Total Expenses		\$208.41
Net Loss for November		\$98.41
12/31/2015 Checking Account Balance		\$8,619.13
Savings Account Balance		\$25.00