

Tennis Club Board Meeting – April 09, 2012 meeting

President Greg Mather called the meeting to order at 2:30 with Mickey Bryant, Bill Eastman, Don Neu and Bobbie Reed in attendance. Also in attendance: Judy Gahide, Membership Chair, Ted Miles, Facilities Chairman, Rick Kenny, incoming President, Dick Harrold, incoming Vice President, Vivian Guimond, incoming Secretary, Barbara Carr, incoming Treasurer, and Jerry Rex, incoming Tennis Play Director

- **The Agenda**

- The Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

- **Approval of 03/12/2012 Minutes**

- Meeting minutes were approved.

- **Suggestion Box and Web Email**

There were 2 suggestions this month.

- John Whitbeck suggested our web site contain a detailed list of men and women who are looking for players to play. The data should include: * Name * Phone Number *Category - Single or Doubles Player or Both * Level (3.0, 3.5, and 4.0) * Days of the week available.

The board agreed John's request had merit and a suggestion was made that we could begin by adding the level of play and member preference Singles, Doubles or both to the current member database and displaying that information in the member list available on the tennis club website. The incoming board will determine when and how this will be accomplished.

- An anonymous member suggested we have league play available several days a week for all levels of play.

The board agreed leagues play an important part in the club. The new board will determine the best way to implement this request.

Reports

- **Treasurer's Report –**

Checking Account beginning balance: \$ 4812.47

Deposits

- Jason Morton Classic \$ 403.13
- Donation Men's Tues Tennis League \$ 130.00
- 50:50 raffle clay courtproceeds \$ 291.00
- Clay Court income (registration fees -
- cost of balls) \$ 719.00
- Clothing sales (Courtside Apparel) \$ 332.00

Expenses

- Logo contest prize \$ (40.00)
- Food JMTC \$ (1264.11)
- JMTC refunds \$ (145.00)
- Robson Cup fee \$ (250.00)
- JMTC thank you party \$ (341.47)

Checking Account ending balance: \$ 4647.02

Saving Account balance: \$ 25.00

- **Financial Summary Reports**

- The Calcutta final summary – all funds have been received, accounted for and charitable donations distributed.
- The Jason Morton Classic preliminary summary – the head tax bill needs to be paid and there are a few outstanding donations that need to be collected.

- **Racquet Club Committee Liaison Report**

No meeting of the Racquet Club Committee has been held since our last meeting. The next meeting will be on April 11.

- **Finance**

The proposed Tennis Club budget request for 2012 was reviewed. Bobbie shared which items on the budget were accepted and which were rejected. There are still several requests under consideration.

- **Membership**

- We currently have 346 members - 338 annual members, 6 monthly members and 2 honorary members. Since October annual and monthly membership fees have generated 93,400 in membership fees for the HOA.
- Judy Gahide, Membership Chair, hopes to increase membership. She believes the Gala Open House in October will be a good vehicle for enticing new members, especially with all 10 courts being refurbished.

- **Communications**

Dick Harrold, web master, will determine if there is another email carrier that would better service our club. The current email system has periodic problems. Some email are not sent, some email is duplicated.

- **Food/Beverage**

The refreshments served at the Clay Court Tournament were appreciated by the players and spectators. Several complements were made regarding the variety and quality of the refreshment by Cottonwood members. This was made possible by the financial contribution from the HOA and our tennis club treasury. Many of our IronOak members appreciated the tennis club providing the refreshments and hoped the tennis club would continue to do so at all future socials and tournaments.

- **Facilities**

- Courts 1 and 2 will be out of service beginning in May in order to install the post tension concrete. In addition, stairs and rails will be installed during the renovations of these courts.
- The problem with the ice machine not working was the result of the on/off power switch being turned off. Ted suggested, in the future, if the machine stops working, we should check the power switch.
- New fountains have been installed on all courts. Because the fountains were purchased without backs, a technician is currently installing backs on all the fountains.
- The purchase of new ball machines has been put on hold.
- There are still problems with ramp leading to the ball machine shed.
- The court washing schedule is still sporadic. Because of the length of time it takes to wash one court and the time of day courts are available for washing, it is hard to get all the courts done on a regular basis. In order to establish and maintain a firm schedule additional help may be needed.

Dick Harrold inquired about the location of the water fountains on courts 1 and 2. Ted stated the fountains will not be located on the courts.

- **Tennis Play**

- Robson Cup was played at Saddlebrook on Saturday April 7th. Oakwood won the tournament; the trophy is in Heide's office.
- Clay court was a success with 98 players participating. Again this year, there were 2 divisions for men and women.
- Don Neu reported based as the result of the tennis survey, all future tournaments will be scheduled for one week, with play beginning on Monday and the finals on Saturday. Some tournaments may start on Sunday depending on the size of the draw and also to avoid having players playing every day.
- The best way to organize and keep leagues going was discussed.

Old Business

- **Tennis Survey**

Greg shared the following six key findings from the survey:

- Responders preferred a tournament length of 1 week.
- Both men and women preferred a \$10 entry fee.
- Several responders suggested improving the reservation system.
- There were many comments on improving organized and open play.
- A couple of comments addressed improving the ball machines (new balls might help).
- There were several positive comments on the overall site of the tennis club including landscaping and conditions.

Greg and Rick, incoming President, will be working together on the following survey items:

- Improve the reservation system by implementing a queuing system.
- Focus on organized play/open play ideas
- Drive improvements to the facility

- Publish a response to our survey
- **Club Logo**
 - Our club logo was printed on the shirts given as awards at the Clay Court tournament. The new logo looks great.
 - Greg suggested the possibility of selling patches printed with our new logo as a fund raiser. After much discussion, the board decided against participating in this fund raiser.
 - The official colors for our IronOaks Tennis club are: black, blue and yellow.
 - Jerry Rex suggested the teams participating in the USTA nationals might consider purchasing and wearing shirts with our club logo. Greg is going to follow up on the possibility.
- **Jason Morton Classic**

The tournament was a success with almost 100 participants. Rick Kenny plans on taking steps to insure next year's Jason Morton Tennis Classic is as successful or better. He intends to meet with each group that worked during the tournament; tennis play, tournament desk, finance and food and beverage.

New Business

- **Robson Cup**
 - The board decided the entry fee paid for participation in future Robson Cup Tournaments will be the responsibility of the participants. Neither the tennis club nor the HOA will pay the entrance fee.
 - There was a discussion regarding whether or not IronOaks should continue participating in the Robson Cup Tournament. The incoming board will address this issue.
- **Joint Club Board Meeting**

Greg and Rick would like to schedule a meeting with the board members of other Sun Lakes communities in hopes of standardizing tournament participation. One proposal: a member of a tennis club would be eligible to play in all tournaments regardless of the member's residency.

Board Transition

- **Finance**

Bobbie Reed gave a detailed explanation of the following:

 - Background information about the formation of the club which included:
 - The filing of the official club name
 - The obtaining of the EIN (Employer Identification Number) issued by the IRS. This number is required to open a banking account and filing taxes
 - The opening of a savings and checking account at Desert Schools Federal Credit Union – branch located in Fry's Market Place on Riggs Road.

- Tax Status: We are designated as a tax-exempt Social and Recreational Club by the IRS. However, we must file an e-postcard each year to retain our tax-exempt status.
 - A detailed financial overview which included expenses and income for all of the club administration, socials, fund raisers and tournaments.
- **Key Results**

Greg listed the key results accomplished during the current board's tenure:

 - Put a structure in place that defines the organization, roles and responsibilities and processes for key activities.
 - Focused on helping new members assimilate into the club.
 - Identified member volunteers and provided a method to show appreciation for outstanding service.
 - Improved and more organized tennis play opportunities.
 - Become financially responsible given our funding model.

- **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be May 14th at 2:30 PM in the Ocotillo room.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting concluded at 4:40 PM.