



IronOaksTennis Club (IOTC)
Board Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2015
1 PM – Oakwood Ballroom

In Attendance:

OFFICERS: Judy Gahide, Evan Hansen, Bobbie Reed, Betty Sanders, Dave Withers
CHAIRPERSONS: Dick Harrold, Denise Lott, Mickey Bryant, Carmella Davin, Olena Buxton,
John Radcliffe

Previous minutes: The minutes of June 11 were circulated and approved by email June 19.
The agenda was approved with one corrections and one addition.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT – Judy Gahide

Judy reported that Pam Barker is waiting for the Rules Committee of the HOA to review the Operating Procedures for tennis. Judy emphasized the importance of having this information for the start of the fall season (Oct 1).

VICE PRESIDENT – Evan Hansen

Evan reported on the successful meeting he and Denise had with Jenny Browne to discuss coverage of the club activities. Jenny submits articles and pictures to the Splash to promote our events and activities.

SECRETARY – Bobbie Reed

Bobbie reported on two emails that came in via the webmaster site – one requesting information related to the clay court tournament and one related to renewals.
Bobbie moved, seconded by Betty, and unanimously approved that we renew our Trade Name with the state of Arizona (\$10 fee).

TREASURER – Dave Withers

Dave's report for August, circulated prior to the meeting, reflected some sponsorship money donated for the Jason Morton USTA tournament and September 2016 USTA Clay court tournament.

TENNIS PLAY CHAIR – Betty Sanders

The All Club Social was discussed. It will be held October 17. Carmella and Mike Davin and Sue and Thom Tschetter are the organizers. Carmella reported that invitations have been sent to Sun Lakes CC, Cottonwood, Robson Ranch, Sunbird and Springfield and follow up efforts are underway to promote the event. All Oakwood's hard courts are reserved all day for the social which will have mixed, men's and women's doubles. Players will be assigned to courts with the goal of meeting as many new people as possible – hopefully with each court having players from four different clubs all at comparable levels. This is not a competition with each club trying to outscore the other. It is intended to be a fun event that involves meeting people and enjoying tennis.

The amount of food, which may involve breakfast goodies as well as lunch, is hard to predict since we have never hosted this large a social before. However it was agreed that the club should supply and pay for the major parts of the meals and that donations from members should

be supplemental (like desserts or snacks). The best budget estimate will use last year's hosting of Cottonwood as a start point but increasing the numbers since this will undoubtedly be a larger event.

Olena Buxton is organizing a used tennis clothing sale as part of the event. The proceeds will go to the club. She is ready to accept donations and will be setting up a place in the racquet center for people to drop off their donations. As soon as she has that set she will let Dick know and he will send out an email.

Betty will assure that we have balls for the social.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. USTA Clay Court tournament – September 24-27
John Radcliffe reported that registration is lower than expected with only about 23 people so far. He projected that at least 50 – 55 registrants are needed for our club to break even on this event. The group discussed the next steps if we cancel and the needed steps if we go forward. No money will be spent on any items (balls or water or snacks) until we are assured that this will be a viable tournament. Deadline for registration is this coming Sunday. At that time, John will determine if we have reached an acceptable number of players and report to Judy the status.
2. Garage Sale – November 7
Rick and Mary Kenny are organizing the garage sale. As the date approaches they will be publicizing times to bring things to the club on Friday and will be recruiting workers for Saturday.
3. IOTC membership form
Mickey reviewed the membership procedures and forms. Two forms (HOA and IOTC) are used for new and renewing members. The IOTC form is used to update information for existing members and to add information for new members. Some questions were raised about helping new members find play opportunities. Jenny is the point person for this. Denise offered to contact new members and, if they agree, do a profile and photo to post on the bulletin board. The group thought that was a good idea.
4. Christmas Holiday Event/New Year's Charity Event
With the plans for a Charity event on January 9 to sustain the spirit and tradition of the Calcutta, the group discussed whether to also sponsor a Christmas social event to gather gifts for others as had been proposed last spring. The general consensus was that two events so close together would be too much. The holiday season in Dec is hectic and a time when many are away. It would be better to focus on the January 9 event.
5. Riggs Road Men's League
Judy announced that the Riggs Road league will be returning this tennis season – probably beginning play in January. No plans are underway for a comparable women's league this season.
6. Oakwood Open House – October 31
The IOTC will have a table at the Oakwood Activities Open house on Saturday October 31. Denise will make arrangements for us to have a table and organize the display. Some thoughts were to have application forms to join, sign-up sheet to promote upcoming tournaments, and to have some kind of brochure (trifold) as in the past. Denise was encouraged to ask Jenny if the HOA had developed such a document or calendar of events that could be handed out.

Action Items:

- John will monitor clay court registration and keep Judy informed on the registration numbers.
- Dave will issue a check and Bobbie will renew the Trade Name Agreement
- Olena will set up a system for members to drop off tennis clothing and let Dick know so he can publicize it
- Betty will assure balls are available for the social Oct 17
- Denise will secure a table and develop plans for the Oakwood Activities Open House
- Denise will explore the idea of new member profiles

Next meeting: October 12, 2015 (Judy noted that she would be out of town for the October meeting and Evan will chair the meeting)

Time: 1 pm

TBD

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.