

Green Valley Tennis Club
Board Meeting Minutes
12 noon, Wednesday, April 4, 2012
Madera Vista

Board Members Present: Don Lathrop, Katy Banks, Sharon Rogers, Hugh Bennett, Jerry LeTendre, Marge Garneau, Judie Mordock, Diana Smit, Rene' Mosely-Smith, Lou Grau

Board Members Absent: Mary Ann Woodrow

Guests: Gary Sullivan, Joe Frazier, John Hadley, Grant Alley, Glenn Smith

Don Lathrop called the meeting to order at noon.

Don commented that if any board members intend to resign, please send an e-mail to Mary Ann Woodrow, who was not present at this meeting.

Minutes of March 7, 2012 meeting: Sharon Rogers reported that the minutes had a few typographical errors which had not yet been corrected. Katy Banks moved to approve the minutes pending correction of the typos. Motion was passed and minutes were approved pending typographical corrections.

Treasurer's report: The bank balance as of today is: \$15, 51979; held in the amenities fund is \$4,666.85, leaving a balance of \$10,852.94. In the other reports that were sent to the Board there is one discrepancy which Katy will remedy and send new reports for the Board to approve.

Committee reports:

TC Liaison: Tennis Court GVR Liaison reported by John Hadley: GVR has approved and signed the contract for post tension resurfacing for courts 1 through 4 at the West Center. The contractors are flying in for a meeting to get the project read to go. A decision will be needed from the Board for Tennis Club funding of shade covers for courts 2-3, before construction begins. (There was discussion of pros and cons of whether this was needed.) Con - Rene' felt the existing covers (between courts 1-2 and 3-4) was enough. Pro - Katy noted that with the existing configuration, to get to the shade from half of the courts one had to go onto the next court. Marge thought it was in the plan to have 3 shade structures. Cost would be approximately \$2500. Katy made a motion to approve \$2500-\$3000 from the amenity if it is not in the plan for shade structure between Courts 3 and 4. The motion passed; Rene voted against. Since John is here during most of the summer, he said he is willing to be the Tennis Club liaison for the construction.

Don reappointed Keith Skytta and John Hadley as liaison for renovation of 1-4 and maintenance issues for this coming year.

USTA/Scheduling: Lou Grau reported the 65+ Leagues are going fine, there have been no issues. Don Lathrop – USTA is holding a captains meeting in Tucson next week.

Leagues: Jerry LeTendre: Issue of not signing in for courts. Jerry wants to be able to audit sign ins and be able to make them leave if not signed in and if the entire league is not signed in, they must leave the courts. Otherwise, Jerry will not continue in this position next fall.

Reservations: Rene' Mosley Smith; everything is going fine.

Membership: (new member info) Katy Banks - Tennis Club Membership is 364, with 71 ball machine members.

Maintenance: Don Lathrop – Due to the short time he has been President, Don has no maintenance issues to report.

Tournaments past: Don Lathrop wished to thank all for helping with the April tournament.

Tournaments upcoming: Don Lathrop – no report.

Pot Luck dinners: Judie Mordock – Thanks to all USTA teams that helped with potlucks; the plastic tablecloths are still in good shape; using a smaller top sheet on the tables helps save expense of replacement due to stains and tears. She will need help with volunteers starting in the fall because there are fewer USTA teams started then. Sharon suggested the possibility of using the non-USTA league participants.

Programs (March Madness): Diana Smit – March madness bottom line is \$543 brought in from the bottle auction. Diana announced that her term is over, and she passed the Desert Hills storage cabinet key to Judie Mordock.

Ball machine: Glenn Smith – The door to the cabinet needs fixing – GVR may be able to fix. Marge thinks they fixed it before; Don will contact them as part of his maintenance . Don noted that he had many good used balls left from the April tournament. Those balls will be used for ball machine. The current ball machine balls will be donated to Grant's childrens' charity.

Communications/Website: Marge Garneau – Web site updates are a little behind due to her computer crash. She was able to determine we had 639 web site visitors in March. Of these, 262 visited more than once. There were 188 first time visitors. Marge's responsibility is "Communications" and should be

listed as such on the agenda. She is trying to keep the number of e-mails to all members down so as to not overwhelm members.

Publicity: Hugh Bennett – Keeping Current has not been addressing the Tennis Club. Hugh will follow up. Don suggested he talk to the new sports editor of the Green Valley News.

Other business –

Highway cleanup – Gary Sullivan – The Tennis Club has been doing highway cleanup twice per year since 2003. Intermodal Transportation Division, the authorizing agency for highway cleanup has requested we agree to clean up quarterly. That would be a problem, especially in the summer. Gary has previously asked the Tennis Club be given a location closer to Green Valley but his requests have been ignored. After some discussion, it was agreed Gary will check the box on the permit form that states, “No our group cannot meet this added level of commitment at this time”, then supply an addendum saying we are willing to continue picking up twice yearly and asking for a closer location. Marge suggested we ask GVR to recognize this as an official GVR activity and add as a committee.

Grant Alley office improvements – (1) Reservation board – Plexiglas is scratched and hard to read. Recommends replacing with glass – approx. \$175 materials; Grant is willing to do the work. Rene made a motion to approve up to \$250 from amenities for upgrades to the reservation board. The motion passed unanimously.

(2) Presidents Recognition Plaque – Walnut plaque with engraved brass name/date plates. There are 34 names currently. The plaque would hold 48, then a new plaque would be needed. The cost is \$450 for the plaque and 34 names, then \$10 for each new plate. After some discussion, Don suggested this item be put in the budget for further review.

(3) A Memorial Plaque exists to commemorate the passing of tennis players and is kept up to date by a group led by Dorothy Emerton. The question is whether the Tennis Club would provide a system for timely updating the information and provide funds – each brass plate is \$10 plus s/h of \$5. Discussion – Rene said after a time the whole tennis hut would become a memorial, with many plaques. It was agreed the Tennis Club will support the system to keep the plaque up to date but not financially. Judie – suggested an “In Memoriam” page on the web site. Don asked Marge to make a proposal for using the web page.

(4) Marge made a motion for the Tennis Club to provide up to \$50 to build an oak waste basket concealer for the Ramada office. The motion was approved.

(5) Grant suggested updating the back wall with “Old Wooden” Tennis Racquets with brass plates naming the donor – cost \$125. Jerry suggested the President and Vice President look at the wall and make recommendations on what to do.

The carpet needs to be cleaned – Marge said contact Penny at GVR.

Petition – Don said the March 29 meeting went well (Don). After the meeting, Hugh was given another petition, which reads, “The attached list of Green Valley tennis players oppose any change to the use of tennis courts by any USTA teams (men or women). All USTA teams should be scheduled for practice and play after 12 noon any day Monday through Saturday”. This petition was signed by 42 people. Don suggested that we wait to see what the USTA does in their captains meeting regarding the 3rd set tiebreak and wait until the fall to weigh in on these issues. Marge noted that summer court league usage earlier in the day had been approved, then disapproved at earlier meetings. Rene said there are many groups vying for early times and 4 courts will be out of commission due to repairs. Discussion followed concerning official and unofficial “leagues”. Marge said Jon Otto got the OK to have his summer group designated as a league. Don suggested we table this because courts will be closed for 2-3 months.

Katy made a motion to remove the rule that states there can be no USTA use before Noon. Replace with wording that USTA teams could begin use at 11:00 or 11:30 to warm up or early start of match. Discussion: Jerry noted that teams should stick to 10 minute warm up. Too much time is taken between points and too long breaks. Wait until fall. Lou said it is not fair to generalize. There were only two instances of issues. Wait for fall. Glenn recognized that people reserve courts for warm up. Have no problem with starting a warm up or match a little early if (the reservation system) is not violated. The motion was opposed.

Don adjourned the meeting at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Rogers