

Green Valley Tennis Club Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 5, 2014

Board members present: Don Lathrop, Brad Stillahn, Rey Otto, Sharon Rogers, Jim Rett, Jerry LeTendre, Lou Grau, Judie Mordock, Joe Frazier, Bob Anderson, Marge Garneau. Guests present: Helen Hogan, Karen Philpott, Susan Frost, Jon Otto.

Club President Don Lathrop called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. He introduced the new Board members to take office in April. Karen Philpott is the new Vice President. Helen Hogan is the new Secretary. Susan Frost will coordinate the potlucks.

Don announced he will be meeting with the new GVR CEO, Kent Blumenthal, on February 12.

A draft of the minutes from the January 8, 2014 meeting was presented to the Board. It was moved, seconded and unanimously accepted that minor corrections will be made and the minutes re-published by Marge.

Rey Otto announced that the Treasury has \$6953.89 in the bank. The money market account made \$1.28 in January.

Committee Reports:

Maintenance: Jim Rett reported that several items have been completed. New wind socks are up. The ends may need to be trimmed; that will be done as needed. Wiring for an electric heater at West center near the food prep is completed. A plastic "weatherproof" cover at the Desert Hills water cooler has been installed. Roller covers were installed at West. Itemized storage list is complete for GVR. Rey will send to the report to GVR. Jim is trying to determine if GVR is still working on the Las Campanas cabana.

Don asked for help catching up after his absence. Board Members please send all GVR action items to Brad for transmittal to Karen Rans of GVR.

Leagues: Jerry LeTendre reports that more people are using a master sheet for sign in; there is still some problem with putting a date on the form and checking the box denoting attendees. Marge reported that we are losing ground on court use; she suspects fewer people are signing in. Club members also need to assist remembering to sign in for cabana use after events. Don asked that everyone help police sign in for court use as well as events.

Scheduling: Lou Grau announced there are two new teams for 65 plus USTA leagues. A scheduling problem continues with the 5 courts needed for the women's 40+ adult team. The opponents have been asking to play at dates/times not on the schedule. USTA is not enforcing sticking to scheduled dates. USTA captains have to stand fast and stick to the scheduled dates.

Membership: Rey reported the Club has 340 members as of February 3. Keep encouraging people to join.

Potlucks: Judie Mordock reported that last year's February potluck had 104 attendees. She has decorations for 13 tables this Sunday. Don agreed to leave it at 13 and we can add tables if needed.

There has been considerable turnover of custodians supporting the Desert Hills potluck site. Judie gave one custodian a table layout diagram for their setup book but setups are not being done right and the diagram did not get put in book. Judie and Susan will meet with the custodians together in an attempt to resolve the issue.

Programs: Don reported the February potluck will feature a talent show in 3 acts and a trumpet player. He will hire the pizza guy for March.

Ball Machine: Joe reported that no repair work was needed this past month. The Club now has three machines in service, having received an additional donated machine in January.

Reservations: Bob Anderson reported the new reservation system was started Monday. There was a total of 32 phone and walk in. 22 were done in 7 minutes. Chips are no longer needed. People line up outside to determine order. This is much more efficient for the monitors. Karen Philpott was the monitor on Monday and said that it's much more streamlined and less confusing for the monitors.

There was a discussion regarding having people line up outside the hut; there are complaints about that change. Karen: it's quicker for the phone people. Marge: the hut was designed to keep people comfortable while waiting for their reservation. Lou moved to put out a suggestion box. Marge second. GRV has one we can put up. The box will say "Suggestion box for Green Valley Tennis Club". Unanimous.

Bob also mentioned a security issue at the reservation room and a problem with the hut door left open. Locks and combination are being changed.

Tournaments: Brad reported that sign up is low for Fun in the Sun next week and the deadline is 1:00 this Saturday. Marge will email a reminder for FITS and also for the social mixer this coming Sunday.

Regarding the Ladders, there have been over 100 sign ups and 66 matches played. Players must complete 3 matches by the end of March.

Karen suggested an idea for Tennis Club publicity: Hang a banner off court 2 on the Member Services building side that reads "Come join the fun. Join Green Valley Tennis Club." And would include the website. Karen Rans from GVR has approved. Marge made a motion to spend \$200 to produce the banner; Don seconded; unanimous.

Karen will be personally selling tee shirts with the Tennis Club logo for \$11.

Communications: Marge reported 641 web hits in January, of which 40 hits were for the open courts site. The entire GVTC website has been redesigned. Don will get a projector to have a short orientation of the revised site at the pot luck. Lisa Lang was instrumental in getting the work done for a good price and supervised the work.

We got re-approval for the USTA Community Tennis Application. Cost is approved.

New Business:

Board Meeting Time: Board meetings currently begin at noon, during reservation time. Discussion was held, suggesting various times. There was consensus to start the April meeting at 8 a.m.

Many Board members are not available for the March meeting. There is already an executive meeting held at the end of February. Don moved to cancel the March meeting; Brad seconded; unanimous

Auto Reservation System: Jon Otto reported that his team looked at a dozen systems earlier; none would work within our rules. He now has reviewed 10 more, of which 4 could meet our needs. Costs run from \$50-\$140 per month. The challenge is to add phone interface. His committee is meeting on Feb 6 and plans to have a recommendation available in a month. Marge moved the recommendation consist of a prioritized list of products; Susan seconded; unanimous.

Practice Wall: Joe Frazier asked to look into use of one wall of the seldom used Canoa Ranch basketball court as a practice wall. Joe will get more information on the court dimensions, etc., Brad will then approach the GVR P&E committee.

Lou mentioned that Sunday court scheduling is all day – not just afternoon; the policy has changed. He wanted to make sure that any Sunday leagues are approved by Jerry.

Jim moved to adjourn; Sharon second; unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1:42.

Sharon Rogers  
Secretary