

Tennis Club Board Meeting Minutes,

Feb. 2, 2011

In Attendance were: Verne Phillips, Hugh Bennett, Katy Banks, Carolyn Herron, Don Herron, Rene Mosley-Smith, Glen Smith, Kathi Skytta, and Nina Clark. Guy Sundvik, GVR Asst. Manager, was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Verne at 12:00 noon. Hugh read a letter from Linda updating us on the success of her recent hip replacement surgery.

Minutes: The minutes were corrected to say Carolyn Herron's Team would assist with the January Potluck, rather than be in charge. (Carolyn was thanked for all her team's help). A motion was then made to approve the minutes by Katie and seconded by Glen.

Treasurer's Report: Katy went over the Treasurer's Report as of January 29, which had been sent to the Board previously. Carolyn asked if it would be possible in the future to call out "the net" separately and Katy said it would. The Treasurer's Report was then approved by a motion by Kathi and a second by Rene.

In Marge's absence, her report was read by Verne. Marge asked that we re-visit the meeting time, as the noon time is difficult for her and possibly others. The discussion was postponed, as in order to change from our present time, it would have to be presented at the GVR Clubs Meeting, which has already taken place and was attended by both Verne and Hugh.

Marge has talked with the person that designed our website and found that putting the tennis roster under a sign in/ password system would cost \$150. The general consensus was not to spend the money.

Everything on the website has been updated. We had 384 visitors to the website in January, 2011.

The January Newsletter was mailed out yesterday. Marge has hard copies which she will have at the February Potluck.

Publicity: Marge has put an article in the Keeping Current and will have another separate one regarding the Desert Hills Grand Opening Celebration.

Posters will be going up this week for the Potluck and the upcoming Tournament.

Guy Sundvik then gave his Maintenance Report. He and Hugh have a regular schedule of tennis court/net inspection the first week of each month which seems to be working well. He also reported that the walks at Desert Hills have been repaired, and they are working on putting additional footings around the tables at D.H. to make more room. Wind socks for West's Courts #5 and #6 are being looked into. The stronger zip ties on the wind screens seem to be working better, and custodial staff is checking on them 3 X a week. The request for gates at the back of the courts at Canoa Hills is being worked on. Since the wind screens are being replaced at

Canoa, the gates and wind screens should be put in at the same time. The cracks in the courts at East and Las Campanas are in need of repair, and Guy is getting a price for the repair from Midpack. He stated that they should have enough money for those repairs. They will be repaired the way Cts. #1 - 4 at West were done. The benches at the East Center will be replaced, as well as the score cards at West. A discussion was held over which cards lasted the best and which ones should be purchased. Carolyn suggested that the "flipper" type cards seem to work best.

Guy asked for a timeline for these repairs, and the Board suggested that they proceed with East now, and wait until after the tournaments to do the rest. Don Herron will set the schedule for Las Campanas and Canoa, in conjunction with Hugh.

Ball Machine: Glen reported that one ball machine is working and one is not at the present time. The "Ball Machine Committee" reported on their work. The winter rules will remain the same, but May 1 - September 30 the ball machines can be used all day, on a reservation basis. Reservations must be called in to the Tennis Desk in the morning, and in the afternoon by signing in. The ball machine will remain at Las Campanas on Court #2. Court#1 should not be used by ball machine users. A new policy when signing in for ball machine use was proposed: to state "Ball Machine" as well as "reserved" on the sign up sheets. Carolyn moved we accept this new policy, and Hugh seconded the motion. The new rules will be sent out to the membership.

Catered Dinner: Carolyn reported that she has secured SweetPea for our March Catered Dinner. They offer 2 entrees, and she will check to see if guests choose one or get both. One selling point for SweetPea is that they pay tip, tax and the GVR fee.

Maintenance: Hugh's report was part of Guy's previous report.

Potluck: Nina reported that Jerry LeTendre's Team would assist with the February Potluck. John Hadley will be in charge of the 50/50 raffle again, but would like to add some valentine candy, wine, etc. as part of the raffle. Don moved we add the Valentine items to the raffle, and Hugh seconded the motion. Verne volunteered to purchase the items on behalf of the Board. Nina suggested that there be Welcoming person/persons at Potlucks to make sure newcomers find a table and get connected with other Club members. Kathi Skytta agreed to be our "welcoming committee" at the upcoming potlucks. John Hadley would like to step down as "50/50 Barker" at the end of this season, and the Board was asked to think about whether to continue the Raffle or try something new next year.

Membership: Katy will be sending out the first draft of the Tennis Club Roster for people to correct or approve before the final Roster is sent. As of this morning, there are 336 members. 56 of those are Ball Machine users. (an increase from last year's 44). Katy asked the Board's opinion about sending out the Rosters. All agreed that sending them out by e-mail would reach most, and that people could request a printed copy if they were unable to access e-mail service or a printer. Katy has used a landscape format to make it possible to fit in the zip codes this year.

Reservations: Rene reported all is going well. Several long-time monitors have "retired" which means she is training some new volunteers. Please be patient during the transition.

USTA: Don reported that scheduling seems to be going fine. There was a USTA Captains Meeting last week. It has been reported, however, that some teams are taking too much time for their pre-match warm-up, which delays the start of subsequent matches scheduled later in the day. A letter will go out to captains emphasizing the USTA rule that warm-ups are only 10 minutes long.

A question was raised about non-GVR members playing USTA. Although there was a ruling in Dec., 2009 prohibiting this, Don stated that the Court Pro was the exception to this rule. Previous Pros at Green Valley, as well as at other clubs in the area have had this privilege.

Tournaments: Hugh reported that information and applications for the upcoming Fun in the Sun Tournament have been posted. As of today, 28 have signed up. Since the deadline for signing up is Feb. 8, it was suggested that another reminder be sent out.

Don requested that some sort of wind stop be placed at the West Exit Door, as the wind makes it quite an energy drain. Hugh will address this issue with GVR, or check into whether to use our Amenities Fund.

Verne will send an e-mail to Rene alerting her to the dates of the April Fools Tournament as soon as he has them.

Programs: Kathi reported that she has the Border Patrol and hopefully a working dog coming to the February 13 Potluck.

Nominating Committee: Mary Ann Woodrow has agreed to have her name put on the ballot for the next election. Verne reminded Kathi that the Nominating Committee also should present the slate of current officers who have agreed to serve another term on The Board at the Annual Meeting in March. (Pres., Secretary, and Treasurer).

Bylaws: There was discussion about 2 different versions of our Bylaws stating different timelines regarding when new Board members are nominated and start serving. Verne appointed Hugh, Katy, and Don Herron and will ask Marge to serve on a Committee to resolve the issue of which Bylaws to adopt.

Desert Hills Grand Opening Celebration: Verne reported on plans for the Grand Opening Celebration. Ray Wardlaw and another Pro, Terry Gibson, will be involved, as well as Matchpoint. Verne asked for volunteers to host the event and Katy and Kathi volunteered. Light refreshments will be served outside at the court side table during the demos, and beer, wine and more substantial hors d'oeuvres at 4:00 p.m. In the Desert Hills Auditorium, where Verne will give a short talk. GVR Board Members and spouses have been invited, as well as the tennis community.

White Elephant Parade: Verne asked if anyone would like to be in charge of some sort of simple entry in the White Elephant Parade next year. Since no one responded, we will not have an entry.

It was moved by Rene to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Kathi. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Clark,
Acting Secretary