

GV Tennis Club Minutes January 5, 2011

In Attendance: Verne Phillips, Hugh Bennett, Marge Garneau, Katy Banks, Don Herron, Carolyn Herron, Nina Clark, Rene' Mosley-Smith, Glenn Smith, Mike Schultz, Kathi Skytta, Linda Turck, Joe Frazier (guest)

Minutes: A motion was made by Carolyn Herron that the Minutes of the December 1, 2010 Meeting be approved as submitted. This was seconded by Hugh Bennett and the Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Katy reported that the Tennis Club Balance stands as of December 31, 2010 at \$10,258.63.

Verne had a question as to the Cash Flow System of reporting and asked Katy how long this system has been in use. Quicken has been used since 2003. Verne and Katy will look into the Quicken software to see if maybe a change might be made.

As to the line item "Ramada Expenses" and the amount of \$753.52, Verne asked for clarification. Katy, as well as Rene', answered that the figure was an accumulation of monies spent to run the Ramada such as supplies, phone, etc. **A motion was made by Kathi and seconded by Rene' to approve the budget as presented. The Motion was approved.**

Ball Machine Policy: As there was discussion at the December Board meeting concerning the use of the Ball machine, Verne handed out information concerning its use. There have been numerous violations of the policy *i.e.* using the machine at incorrect times; dragging it to an adjacent court (a GVR violation regarding safety). Verne read a letter from a tennis club member expressing his displeasure with the current rules and asked the Board to considering changing the times.

After much discussion among the Board members with suggestions such as changing the hours during the summer or moving the machine back to Madera Vista where one NEVER has to play on a court next to a ball machine being used, and where GVR went to some expense to put in electricity. However the point was raised that Madera Vista is a cushioned court and a very popular court for players. Also the pool area at Madera

Vista is quite small but draws many people. It is adjacent to the court itself and would be a distraction to those in the pool area. All of these reasons were considered in the decision to move the Ball Machine to Las Campanas. A positive factor for leaving the Ball Machine in that location is that there are two courts and if not in use, one can practice on the adjacent court either before or after using the Ball Machine.

For the present, the Ball Machine will be left at Las Campanas. However, Verne asked for a sub-committee consisting of Glen (chairman), Kathi, Rene', Mike, Joe and Carolyn to meet prior to the next board meeting. They are then to present their recommendation to the Board in February, as to whether a policy change is or is not needed regarding the Ball Machine.

Questions pertaining to the Ball Machine Policy handed around by Verne were answered by Rene' as follows: Verne's information to the Board was for general information and the "posted rules" contain the **exact** policy that must be followed. Also for general information, Katy informed the Board that only 26 out of 180 paid members are Ball Machine Members. Last year this number was 42. Of the 26 Ball Machine Members, many are snowbirds.

As the discussion regarding the Ball Machine came to an end, Kathi Skytta asked that all of our sincere thanks and appreciation be given to Glenn for his care/repair of both Ball Machines. Without him, we would not have two working Ball Machines.

Ball Machine: Glenn told the Board that he had spent some money on stockpiling inventory for the machines, parts, etc., so hopefully, he can keep them working.

Catered Dinner: Carolyn handed out a report containing the catered dinner expenses, copy of which is filed with the January minutes. There were 79 attendees and the cost to the Tennis Club was \$2.54 per guest. Participants commented that "being served" was a big plus. Carolyn was generally pleased by the Greens who catered the dinner, but thought their Brandied Apple Sauce could have been improved. If she continues to be in charge of catered dinners, she might use someone different for the next, especially if the caterer would include the tip. The Board commended Carolyn for her expert handling of the Christmas catered dinner.

Leagues: Mike reported that there is one new league forming; a 3.5 league (intra-club doubles) captained by Jim Bath. Susan McMillan had tried to

start a second co-ed drop in league at Desert Hills in the Fall which was a “no-go”. She will try again, beginning on January 11.

Mike also told the Board that Paul Taylor needs more courts. Jim Bath will also need more. There was discussion concerning reservations for leagues whether to stay with six courts as is presently done or reserve 10. **A motion was made by Marge and seconded by Mike that no more than 6 courts be reserved for any one league. This motion passed unanimously.** We were also reminded by Rene that reserved court time is 1 ½ hours....never two hours; although if the court is free and no one is waiting, play may be continued.

Joe Frazier noted that a new USTA 7.0 league will be starting and will need practice times. Mike will get with Don on this.

Maintenance: Hugh gave a summation of his last meeting with Guy Sundvik and listed below are the pertinent points. Hugh’s full report is attached to the January Minutes.

1. Tennis court and net inspections will be performed by the GVR staff during the first week of every month and Hugh will be making the inspections the following weeks himself.
2. East Center courts have surface cracks; also some worn benches. GVR Staff will look into this.
3. Regarding Windsock installation for West Center courts 5 & 6, a windsock will be installed on the East Side of Court 6.
4. Regarding the installation of a screen to protect members seated in the Ramada viewing area, this is still being discussed and Keith is looking into this.
5. Las Campanas courts have surface cracks and the staff is also looking into this.
6. GVR will purchase replacement tennis court storage boxes. Hugh suggested that Carolyn and Keith talk with Guy about this, concerning “when and where”. GVR only needs to know how many.

Don reminded Hugh that the center hook on the tie down strap on court No. 1 at Las Campanas is actually a carbiner rather than a proper hook. This should be checked.

Pot Luck Dinner: Regular potluck dinner is scheduled for January 9th ...not *hors d'oeuvres* as talked about at the last Board meeting. Carolyn's team will be in charge and Marge was thanked for the ad concerning the dinner and the email forthcoming.

Website: Marge prepared a written report as to the number of hits in 2010. This report is attached to the January Minutes. Hits ran from 106 in May to 319 in November.

Marge has posted everything that she has received on the website and will be getting information from Mike concerning new leagues. Don has given her his schedule and that will be posted. She has had requests to post USTA home games and has put together a calendar (copy of the calendar was at the Board meeting) The calendar will be posted at the courts and also put on the website. She will be getting out an email reminding members that their dues are due and payable and include with the notice a form for payment. An email will be forthcoming about the potluck so if there is anything else, let her know....she intends an email BLAST, rather than a series of such. Please get any information that you wish posted to the website to Marge in a timely manner.

Membership: For the year 2011, number of members paid to date is 167 and 26 of these are Ball Machine members. Topic discussed here was, "how to generate interest in membership", as there seems to be little input or incentive for tennis membership. Suggestions were to put the Board's Agenda and it's approved Minutes on the website. A log in situation for members in which the password is protected would be very expensive; and might not be possible with our present setup. Marge will look into the possibility of a member only log in. Another suggestion "Bring a Guest... and maybe win a prize". Kathi will pass out Verne's "Benefits of Tennis Membership" at Carl's clinics.

Newsletter: Marge will have the newsletter ready to go out by the February potluck. Articles from each committee would be nice to have, signed by the chairperson. René emails articles to Marge but most other articles are written by Marge herself. Deadline to submit article will be Friday, January 14. Suggestions included perhaps an article from Carolyn regarding the Amenities Fund such as "On what and where have we spent money" and perhaps a word about the next catered dinner. Marge usually puts in some information concerning the Ball Machine. Kathi and Mike did submit

articles for the last newsletter but hopefully could send some updates. Please submit any articles by email in Word and if available, attach pictures.

With Mike's help, Marge is putting together a black and white, tri-fold brochure. Verne and Mike have given her input. Also for inclusion, she has asked Rene' for a condensed version of the rules for reserving a court. She hopes to have a draft at the February meeting. The brochure would then be placed in prominent places in other social centers.

Publicity: Marge is not getting current information on Quick Start tennis so no advertising is being done on this new program, although Kathi says all is going well. Verne will get with Carl and get some feedback. As to the Desert Hills Opening event in March, Marge has written articles in the Maintenance Section of *Keeping Current*. These will appear in both February and March issues. If you have information that you wish to get into *Keeping Current*, remember the deadline is always one month prior to the publication *i.e.* Deadline for March will be January 31. Tennis Club updates have been in *Keeping Current* every month.

Posters for all events went up in December. Marge is placing posters for the potluck and will post info on the February tournament as well as the Grand Opening Event in March.

Reservations: Rene' announced that she has 4 new monitors and asked that as we make reservations, please be nice. Reservations are busy and all is well. Mike questioned Rene' concerning the drop in sign up sheets as to "are people signing in so that GVR has a count". These really can't be monitored but the Captains are reminded that they are responsible for making sure that those in leagues and those in drop-ins do sign in.

USTA: Don reported that there are a total of 12 teams and beginning this week, all are practicing, There were 11 teams in 2010.

Scheduling: Don reported no problems but added a note that Mike Tougeau is running a 4.0 league and is keeping track of the team wins, so there will be a semi final and then a final at league's end.

Tournaments: Fun-in-the-Sun tournament will be played on February 16, 17 and 20 with Women's Doubles on Wednesday the 16th; Men's Doubles on Friday the 17th and Mixed on Sunday, the 20th; all to be played at West

Center. A round robin format will be used. Kathi and Carolyn will help Hugh with women's pairings and Don will help Hugh with the men's. Cut off date for registration will be Tuesday, February 8th and Hugh will contact Rene' that evening regarding court use for the tournament.

Programs: Kathi reported that the Refs (Kathi has a list of those participating) will be providing the program for the January potluck. They will be open to questions from the floor.

Nominating Committee: The Committee is comprised of Kathi, Marge, and Glenn who will be meeting, together with Hugh, interviewing a proposed candidate for the Board vacancy. Verne reminded the committee that a recommendation is needed and the name must be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting in March.

Question was asked as to the terms of each officer. The officers of the Tennis Board are the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Verne will check the by-laws as to terms and will clarify to the Nominating Committee.

Sub Committee Reports:

Desert Hills Grand Opening Celebration – Verne announced that the date of the celebration will be Tuesday, March 8, commencing at 2:00PM. Two courts will be used by a company out of Tucson called Match Point for their demonstrations; two other courts will be used by Ray Wardlaw as he conducts clinics. At 4:00pm, the celebration will move inside and continue with some brief speeches, refreshments and prize drawings. Verne will speak with Marge about music. John Hadley is in charge of decorations. **Don made a motion and this was seconded by Glenn that the Tennis Club buy the decorations. The motion was approved.** A committee consisting of Verne, Hugh and Carolyn will meet to finalize plans for the Desert Hills Opening, as well as get added help from others who are not on the Board.

White Elephant Parade: Participating in the annual parade was discussed and tabled until a future meeting.

Rally for the Cure Tennis Event: This was discussed and since a member of the Tennis Club, Elaine Leigh, did organize and run such an event in 2009,

Rene' will talk with Elaine to see if she might be interested in doing this for the Tennis Club.

Joe Frazier was in attendance at the meeting but unsure as to his status as a committee member. He gives instructions regarding the Ball Machine's use and although this is not a committee position, he is always welcome as a guest.

Joe's further comments to the Board were relative to the use of the Ball Machine and leagues needing the court at Las Campanas. Since an earlier motion was made that no more than 6 courts may be reserved for any league, if the ball machine is in use or people are playing on the court, the league must look for courts elsewhere. Ball machine use is for one hour; doubles play is for one and one half hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Turck
Tennis Club Secretary