

GV Tennis Club Meeting
March 7, 2012

Board Members Present: Hugh Bennett, MaryAnn Woodrow, Judie Mordock, Verne Phillips, Diana Smit, Rene' Mosely Smith, Lou Grau, Marge Garneau

Absent: Katy Banks, Linda Taylor, Glenn Smith, Jerry LeTendre

Guests: Sharon Rogers, Keith Skytta, Guy Sundvik, Kathie Skytta

Hugh called the meeting to order at 12 noon. Hugh stated this is his last board meeting and thanked the board for the time they spent and the help they gave him.

Guy Sundvik, GVR Building Services Manager:

Bid packets were submitted yesterday for reconstruction of West 1-4; they went out to 5 contractors – waiting for responses. The bids are expected to be presented to the GVR Board at their March 20th board meeting for approval. Staff used the same bid package as used for DH and courts 5&6 at West. Start date would be up to the contractor – not in hot summer may be in the fall. Existing light poles stay – these will be grandfathered in. GVR may eventually upgrade the lighting to newer LED lighting. (They would like to do this at Madera also)

Guy noted that there will be fencing changes, they will extend the two ends east/west to encompass the seating areas and have wind screens with a low fence and gate in front of the stands off court 1 and court 4.

LC shade structure. The cabana with benches will have to be constructed due to the make-up of the courts. GVR will be getting bids and will evaluate if they can be built in-house.

Minutes, February 1, 2011. Verne moved to approve the minutes as presented, Lou second minutes were approved.

Treasurers report. Hugh noted that the Tennis Club membership is 359, with ball machine members at 71. He noted that the amenities fund is \$4,748.44 Verne moved the treasurer's report be accepted, Judie seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

TC Liaison: Keith Skytta estimated \$1500 should cover the cost for the LC shade structure. This leaves about \$3,000 for improvements at spectator areas at West. He explained that the fence between the courts at LC will be stripped back and they will put posts on the existing fence posts to support the roof of the shade structure and a bench then attaches to this. They cannot do a free standing shade structure because the courts are post tension with asphalt over it. Keith noted that the most immediate concern is Madera Vista – since it is soft surface we hope to keep a soft surface on it. If LC has to be redone in the future, it is recommended the use post tension with soft surface.

USTA/Scheduling: Lou noted that we are winding down leagues, we have 3 65+ teams currently registered, may have 2 more. They start March 19th through May. Hugh and Verne would like to see the

afternoon schedule open courts kept separate. After discussion, it was decided Lou will incorporate it into the existing form.

Lou asked about squeegees for drying off tennis courts. They are in poor condition. It was decided we need to ask GVR to replace some of them but there is no good solution for storing them or keeping them out of the hot sun.

Hugh noted that two USTA GV teams asked to play in the morning; he gave them his okay and referred them to Mary Ann and Rene. The courts were open and the wind was predicted to be very high. Hugh feels that the Tennis Club needs to be a little more flexible on interpretation of the rules and a process needs to be developed for exceptions to the rule. It was noted that the rules for reservations in the mornings only say that reservations can only be made by GVR members but that there is no rule a member cannot have a guest.

Hugh noted that Paul Taylor's ultras currently has over 40 men playing and he asked the Board to provide Paul with 2 additional reserved courts for March. Discussion was held. Verne moved that Paul Taylor's group would get the two courts at Canoa Hills 2-4 pm on Mondays through April. Marge seconded the motion. There was discussion on court use and the fact that Tennis is the third highest use of facilities in GVR and having empty courts does not help the use numbers. We need to promote tennis and the use of the courts. The motion passed with 6 yes, Rene' opposed, no abstentions.

Diana asked about open court time and aren't the courts for all GVR members. Diana suggested we have two open membership meetings per year so we can discuss court use situations with the members. It was decided that the Tennis Club Board should review the existing policies.

Leagues: Jerry reported that things are well, everyone doesn't sign in – he is working on this.

Reservations: Rene' reported that things going fine.

Membership: discussed above.

Maintenance/Tournaments Past: Mary Ann has been working with GVR and they fix things quickly. We had a good sponsor for food at Fun in the Sun. They not only provided food but gave prizes and balls. They provided \$386 toward the tournament. Mary Ann asked where the money earned on the tournament went, it was noted that it goes in general fund.

Regional Playoff Tournament: Don has organized a no-charge, no food tournament. It will be March 31 and April 1. Winners will be announced at the regular potluck on April 1st. Diana has placed entry forms in hut at west and will have some at the potluck in March. Marge sent out an email and put the information on internet.

Potlucks: Jan Hadley's team is helping in March but Judie needs a team for April. Kathy Skytta volunteered her team.

March Madness: Diana reported that 90 people signed up. We will be having a professional auctioneer. There will Pizza catered, a Chocolate fountain, and an auction of wine bottles that are brought by attendees – these have to be in a wrapping. The board thanked Diana for her work and she noted she will do the April Potluck.

Publicity: Verne said all is going along fine. He noted that Hugh takes over next month for publicity.

Other Business:

Kathy Skytta: Took Tennis players to GVR office, she said 2 pictures blown up and hung in the front area of tennis players in the senior games last year.

Keith Skytta: (1) apparently we have a scheduling nightmare with the growth of tennis in GV – what does the club plan to do about this situation? (2) On March 20th GVR will have reconstructed 10 existing tennis courts out of 17; 3 or 5 more to go Madera, East, LC. (3) What direction does the tennis club plan to do to develop new members? Keith suggested the Tennis board look at creating a committee to look at scheduling, tennis courts, and membership. The only hope of new courts rests with increased play, we need to have people sign in and the club needs to work on this.

Marge move adjourn 1:10

Submitted,

Marge Garneau and Sharon Rogers
Acting Secretaries