

Green Valley Tennis Club Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date October 7, 2014

Club President Brad Stillahn called the meeting to order at noon.

Board members present: Brad Stillahn, Bob Anderson, Jon Otto, Norm Garneau, Rey Otto, Marge Garneau, Karen Philpott, Susan Frost, Jim Rett, Joe Frazier, Bob Anderson, and Marcia Koshollek.

Minutes were approved for May 7, 2014.

A three-minute time limit for each agenda item was agreed upon.

Treasurer's Report: Rey Otto said the club is solvent. She plans to deposit \$1,000 every quarter in the money market. Rey gave thanks to Joe Frazier for the gain of over \$850 in the Ball Machine Fund. Clinic instructors would like tennis ball carts for the clinics. Marge moved to purchase baskets and set aside \$500 for them. It was moved, seconded and approved. Joe says there is \$5,900 in the Ball Machine Fund and asked where those funds are kept. Rey said the funds are held in both the money market and operating expense funds.

Committee Reports:

Membership (Rey Otto) –

Rey is continuing to distribute membership pins. As of October 1, there are 422 active members. This is a 15 percent gain from last year. Rey suggested we all try to recruit at least one new member for 2015.

Karen Philpott suggested a membership drive. Joe said that, once tennis players are back in town and know that they have to pay \$10 to join the Tennis Club to sign up for the clinics, this will take care of itself.

Communication/Website – (Marge Garneau) –

The website is up to date as of yesterday. Some changes will be made to the membership page. Jon is preparing some weekly blasts that will go out as the “snowbirds” return on how to use the new online reservation system. Posters at all of the tennis centers will be updated once the Leagues and Drop-ins have been set.

Newsletter: Articles are due by October 24 and Marge will send out a notice. Two newsletters are sent a year. Marge would like an article about the reservation system; league rules/set up;

Tennis Club Clinics; Early Start Tennis; maintenance issues (if any), and an update on items the Tennis Club has purchased for the benefit of the members. The newsletter is not limited to four pages anymore. Marge would like to have the newsletter completed before the Nov. 9 potluck.

Norm and Marge Garneau submitted Jon Otto's name for the 2014 USTA-Southern Arizona (SAZ) Award for Community Volunteer of the Year. He was chosen and will be honored at the Awards Dinner for SAZ on November 2.

Publicity – (Don Lathrop) – Please send Don the activities you want to add to “Keeping Current” magazine well in advance, no later than the second Friday of each month. The new sports editor of the Green Valley News and Sun is meeting with Pro Ray Wardlaw and Steve Donahue tomorrow.

Programs, Catered Events, and Social Tennis Mixers – (Susan Frost) – The first potluck is on October 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Desert Hills Rec Center. Blaine Nisson will be speaking about the Outdoor Racquet Sports Task Force (ORSTF) that has been meeting during the summer. Blaine is the former president of GVR. Susan suggested two other possibilities for future speakers: a “Seniors Helping Seniors” representative from a national organization, and the director of our Community Performing Arts Center. Marcia suggested another possibility might be the CEO of the new Green Valley Hospital, David Wanger.

Social tennis mixers are scheduled for the fourth Saturday of each month at noon. Lisa Lang's Interclub Team has volunteered to help at the Oct. 12 potluck.

Ball Machine – (Joe Frazier) – Joe told us to look at the budget to see how much we earn from ball machine dues (\$1,700). Joe says he is able to get by on \$500 per year and he wants to save the extra money for purchasing new ball machines.

Brad has asked GVR for a second conduit to be installed at Las Campanas, so a second ball machine can be utilized to maximize usage of the LC facility to increase our numbers for the ORSTF tallies. Joe says we would need more balls and groups or individuals could use the machines together. Marge made a motion to increase ball machine use at LC from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily. The motion was seconded and passed. This change will be posted on the website. Discussion was held on setting up two machines but no action was taken at this time.

Leagues – (Karen Philpott) - Jerry LeTendre has resigned as League Coordinator, due to health reasons. Karen is looking for help with court scheduling while she serves as Coordinator. Bob Anderson volunteered.

Afternoon/Sunday Court Scheduling – (Norm Garneau) -- Norm thanked Jon for helping him to schedule courts until Lou Grau gets back to town. Ultras are being scheduled now; in the future, captains for new 2.5 and 3.0 leagues may be added. Jon will work on this with Roger Philpott's assistance.

Tournaments – Karen Philpott – Karen announced that the new Tournament Chair is Larry Taylor. “Novemberfest” will be held on 11/29/14 with brats, sauerkraut, etc. at West Center. This event will be posted on the website.

Reservations Report – Jon Otto – Our new online scheduling will help Pro Ray Wardlaw to schedule his lessons. Jon said to keep reminding people to sign in at the courts! Revisions have been made to policy guidelines. These will be addressed at the November meeting.

Jon gave praise to Tennis Bookings.com for their expertise in scheduling courts. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for Jon to pass on our thanks to Tennis Bookings.com.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to cancel the Court Cam Project, which was approved and funded over the summer. The reasoning is that it is no longer necessary with the Display Console.

During Jon’s report, Marge asked us all to promote Jon’s SAZ honor and said this outstanding honor will be publicized. Marge moved that Brad and Lisa be paid \$25 each to attend the SAZ Dinner to honor Jon. The motion was seconded and approved.

Court Maintenance and GVR liaison – (Jim Rett) – All locks have been re-keyed.

Fall plans: Jim will be inspecting all of the courts and addressing pending issues of West Court 6 viewing area shade, West Court 3 or 4 north access door, West Center bush trimming for snake-bike prevention, light bulb replacement as needed for overhead lights at West, and ongoing maintenance of wind screens and wind socks. Jim asked who is in charge of maintaining the court nets. This is the responsibility of GVR. The tennis club maintains the height of the nets. A request was made for Jim to see why the “bird spokes” were removed from the lights at West and never replaced. The spokes helped to prevent the birds from soiling the courts. A proposed new conduit for LC will be added to Jim’s fall plans.

Promotions and Fundraising –(Bob Anderson) – Bob asked that Brad be reimbursed for funding the purchase of GVTC shirts. Brad said this was not necessary. T-shirt sales were a success. Larger sizes are still left and Bob will bring them to the potlucks to sell. Bob said he can go to the shirt supplier and order samples of collared shirts, shirts with just a logo, hats, etc. to show these samples at potlucks. No profits are made from T-shirt sales and some may be offered as raffle items at potlucks.

Bob will give Marge the GVTC logo for the newsletter, the computer registration system, and the website.

Discussion was held on the GVR Foundation that will be active in the near future. Brad noted that contributions to this foundation will not only be tax deductible, but donors will be able to earmark what they want their donation spent on.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update Regarding Outdoor Racquet Sports Task Force – (Brad Stillahn and Marge Garneau) – The Task Force is looking at the near term for courts for pickleball. The Pickleball Club members don't want to use parking lots and they want lighting at East. Some suggested lining tennis courts again. They want permanent courts. They want to put 3-4 courts at LC just east of the racquetball courts. CEO of GVR Kent Blumenthal said the process will be a public forum first at either LC or East Center and then back to the Task Force for evaluation. When the public forum date is selected, all GVTC members will be alerted. Much discussion ensued about possible solutions for pickleball court locations.

Overview of GVR Court Usage Reporting and Review Process – (Jon Otto) – Jon said that both first name and last names need to be written on the Activity Sign-in Sheets, as well as GVR numbers. Jon discussed the usage reporting and review process and clarified who picks up the sheets to tally.

Change in Tennis Clinics – Brad Stillahn – Monday and Wednesday Tennis Clinics will be led by Mike Touzeau with other volunteers helping as instructors. Mike will limit the sign-up to the first 24 players who register online. The clinics will no longer accept “drop ins.” It was agreed that this is a new and different system and we will test it for a couple of weeks to see if it works. The clinics will start on Monday, October 20. Guests can be signed up for clinics under a GVR member's number by any administrator of the online registration system.

Status of UA Women's Tennis Team coming to Green Valley for Practice Exhibition – (Brad) – The team plans to come to Green Valley, but they have not yet set a firm date for either late October or early November.

Distribution of Membership Pins – (Rey) –She suggests we use the same pins this year and says that the distribution of them is difficult. She gives them to members at the potlucks. This topic was deferred until the next meeting.

Incident/Accident Reporting-- Are we prepared for these emergencies? Classes will be held in the near future to learn how to use the portable resuscitator. Incident/Accident report forms are in the West Hut in the plastic rack on the wall, but these report forms are not available at every rec center. Jim Rett will check into the availability of plastic display holders for the report forms. Everyone is asked to be alert to any serious incidents that may occur and dial 911.

Karen moved to adjourn at 2:08 p.m. Marge seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Koshollek, Secretary