

GREEN VALLEY TENNIS CLUB  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT  
NOVEMBER 6, 2013

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Don Lathrop, Brad Stillahn, John Hadley, Lou Grau, Jerry LeTendre, Rey Otto, Judie Mordock, Marge Garneau. Joe Frasier arrived at 12:10 pm. Bob Anderson arrived at 12:15 pm.

Guest: Diana Smit, Grant Alley

Don Lathrop called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. He noted there were 8 of the 11 board members in attendance so there is a quorum.

Minutes:

The October 2nd minutes were presented. There were no comments. Rey Otto moved to accept the minutes as presented, John Hadley 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote was unanimous.

The October 19 special meeting minutes were presented. Several typos were fixed. No other comments or changes. Brad Stillahn moved they be approved, Judie Mordock seconded. Unanimous.

Treasurer:

Rey Otto reported there is \$4,848.28 in checking and \$10,000 in the money market. She submitted the financial report. After discussion, Judie Mordock moved the financial report be accepted. Brad Stillahn seconded. Unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Maintenance:

John Hadley reported that since the last meeting the ball tray holders have been installed by him and some volunteers, they cost \$ 436 and he has gotten positive feedback. He noted that GVR put glass in door at the Ramada and the wall is painted. GVR wants a large mat put down in front of the ice machine and they will handle it. The Tennis Club will contribute \$50. GVR ordered a new scoop and container that will go on the side of the ice machine and comply with West. A 14 x 24 sunshade would be 5600-5800 dollars. Don Lathrop said they had triangular shade up that were hooked to 3 posts at another center (like a sail) and he asked if this is a possibility. All we would need is another post. John Hadley noted that he spends a lot of his time on these items we ask about and wanted to know how serious are we on the cover? Is this part of the 5 year plan or will the club pay for it. Don said the Tennis Club pays 20% if it goes through P&E – cost would be \$1200. John will look at this alternative. Triangular in size and use two existing posts and would need another post.

John Hadley reported that the viewing stands off court 6 have two loose patio stones and there is nothing being planned by GVR to raise the stands. GVR feels they need an engineering report. John Hadley noted that he has ordered bag hooks for Desert Hills. On the lockable storage at DH, GVR will use the existing shed, storage area – he asked if the Tennis Club would want a lock for Carl or a lock that

the GVR staff opens and closes daily? It was decided we would like a combination lock with Carl and John Hadley having the combination. The target date on this is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The DH Court water cooler is not producing cold water. GVR said the circuit breaker below it trips out and they are looking into replacing this. The exterior curtains for the Ramada at west are on hold until we see how the new door/wall works. The shade bench at LC using an old frame for is on hold, GVR does not have time. A light pole at Madera Vista courts, nearest the building has been turned. GVR is looking into the problem and it will be fixed. Windscreens have been provided to GVR and the plan is to get the new ones installed in the next month or so. Renner was here and there is still water on the surface on Court 4 at West. Renner says we came, did the water test, and we are not coming back. According to GVR, there is nothing more to do. Renner ground down the ridge on the walk area by the cabana to reduce the puddle but no other place. They state the courts were built to specifications. Don Lathrop noted he put a nickel down by the bench and the water just came to the top of the nickel. So that meets the "nickel test". After discussion, it was decided Don will write a letter to Guy at GVR and tell him we are unhappy with the work.

Rollers for the courts were discussed. It was decided that John Hadley would talk with GVR about mounting these on the outside of the courts with a cover of some type over them as they are weather sensitive and do not last long.

Leagues:

Jerry Le Tendre reported that nobody has a full sign up for the drop in leagues. He also noted that he has been noticing that all league players are not signing in. At west today there were 3 courts without everyone signed up. The Tennis Club has to either accept this or throw them off if not signed up. It was decided that this is a problem and Jerry would prefer not to throw people off the courts. Don Lathrop will look into this problem.

Jerry Le Tendre asked for discussion on the 2:30 start time as it gets dark earlier now and makes it harder for the leagues to finish play. After much discussion, it was decided since the Tennis Club has adopted the USTA rule that a third set must be a 10 point tie break, there doesn't seem to be as much of a problem. The problem is the league players being rude and coming on the courts before the matches are finished. Jerry Le Tendre moved we go back to 2 pm start and he will discuss the problem with the league coordinators to remind them to use appropriate tennis etiquette and not disturb the courts who go over once in a while. Lou Grau seconded. Discussion: John Hadley stated that in the 7 years he has been in Green Valley, the Tennis Club makes a policy, and in this case a special meeting and quite a bit of time was spent on this topic last spring with a room full of people and here we are 6 months later still trying to change things back. He feels that the Tennis Club Board needs to be more aware of what actions they are taking. Marge Garneau agreed with John Hadley and stated that we seem to do this a lot so why set a policy if we don't want to follow it. John Hadley presented an amendment to the motion stating that no one may come out on the court while someone is playing and that league captains need to be made aware of this so there aren't problems again. The amended motion was seconded by Joe Frasier. It was noted that if a match runs over Paul Taylor has said they will not play on the adjoining courts until finished. Motion passed with Rey Otto opposed.

Jerry Le Tendre will tell the league captains that etiquette is part of what we are doing and that if matches are still being played their league participants are not to enter the court.

#### Scheduling:

Lou Grau noted that there are some problems with setting up the leagues and that Jerry LeTendre is struggling to get captains for the leagues. Some of the old "groups" have decided not to have leagues/groups again and there are captains missing for some days. After discussion, it was decided that no courts were to be given to any league or drop in unless there is a captain identified.

#### Membership

Rey Otto reported that 32 paid for 2014 memberships.

#### Potlucks:

Judie explained that since she is not available to stay at the potlucks, teams are setting up the food without her there. A guideline has been printed up. There is at least one in every group that knows what to do. Judie returns around 7 to be sure it is all done correctly. She does final inspection. She noted that this month's potluck she is planning for 11 tables or 88 people. The custodian puts a table back in the corner with table cloth.

#### Programs:

Don Lathrop announced that a band called 23 Miles North will be playing in November. It is Sherry Walker with Jim Fitzgerald. Cost is \$50.

#### Ball Machine:

Joe Frasier noted that there was a break in at both cabinets two weeks ago. They took doors off and threw balls around. One cabinet is not going to last much longer. He plans to switch the cabinet on the right for the current ball machine. Joe wants to talk to the woodshop to see what it would cost to have them build a shed for us. Don Lathrop noted that we have approved the budget and Joe Frasier doesn't need approval for each item.

#### Reservations:

Bob Anderson was introduced. He is happy with what he has seen. John Hadley asked how short are we on monitors. Bob Anderson said we are 3 short. Brad has a list of volunteers from the survey and he provided this to Bob. Bob Anderson said he is planning to encourage pairs. So there are two people there, especially in the winter.

#### Tournaments:

Brad Stillahn noted that the University of Arizona ladies tennis team will be here on the 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing all the promoting. Don Lathrop stated that as club President he signed all the forms. They will need courts on Saturday beginning at 10 am. There will be a mixer after so people can play.

Brad Stilahn announced that Noktoberfest will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We need sign ups and we need some volunteers for lunch on both days. It starts at noon on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Ladder software has been purchased and will get the information out soon. At this time we are looking at challenges only.

He noted that the Senior Games there will be a modification of the description with levels of play and age brackets.

Diana Smit left 1 pm.

Communications:

Marge Garneau noted that the website is up to date. She has been working on getting pricing to move the website so if we add the cameras to the courts they can be set up easier than the current way. To have the website completely redone and a different host it could cost up to \$500 and the Club would lose the backup they currently have. This could be a problem if someone is doing the updating that is not a web designer. After discussion it was decided to leave the website where it is and Marge will evaluate other avenues of uploading the cameras.

Marge provided an analysis of the website visitors in October. The homepage had 98 visits; Leagues had 44; Court schedules had 25; court information had 21; Tennis now and committees had 17. The new link Open Courts has only been loaded for a couple days and it had 2 actual visitors (there were 14 hits but 12 were from Marge and Jon Otto). It was decided to keep this going in November and reevaluate it again after November. Jon Otto is taking the report provided by Lou Grau and putting it in a format that shows OPEN courts by center by day for each week. He gets this spreadsheet to Marge and she has uploaded it to a direct link of its own.

Posters at all Centers have been updated. Old posters have been taken down and replaced with current information. League information is not available so Drop-in Leagues have not been posted yet.

New Business:

Don Lathrop noted that we have already dealt with the USTA reserved times issue.

Changes to Protocol:

Lou Grau provided a written report dated 4/4/13 showing the current policy and his proposed change. Each one was discussed as presented. (Original sheet is included in the minutes)

Paragraph 1 to proposed to be changed to read:

The Tennis Club Board of Directors is responsible for establishing and maintaining Afternoon Scheduling Standards and appointing an Afternoon Scheduler. The Afternoon Scheduler will assign courts according to these standards.

It was noted that the "Afternoon Scheduler" according to the bylaw it is the Afternoon Court Scheduler Chairperson.

GENERAL GUIDELINES TO BE FOLLOWED:

Paragraph 1 proposed to read:

The Afternoon Scheduler will schedule tennis courts after 12 pm Monday through Saturday and all day Sunday year round. From May 1 to October 1 only the "Head Monitor" may assign courts in the morning according to the priority in #3 below.

After discussion it was noted that the "Head Monitor" is actually the Reservation/Monitor Chairperson according to the bylaws. It was also clarified that the morning courts in the summer can be reserved for leagues and other events by this person as the weather does not permit afternoon play most days.

This sentence was changed to read: From May 1 to October 1 the Reservation/Monitor Chairperson may reserve courts in the morning in accordance with the priority set in #3 below.

Paragraph 2 was proposed to read: For court times, league play has priority over team practices.

After discussion no changes were made.

Paragraph 3 was proposed to read: Priority for afternoon play is: GVR tennis classes, clinics, drop-in play, GVR leagues, USTA or Interclub matches, and team practices in that order.

After discussion it was decided that Tennis Club events should follow GVR tennis classes and that "clinics" should be Tennis Club clinics, drop-in play should read Tennis Club drop-in leagues, and that GVR leagues should be Tennis Club leagues.

Paragraph 4 was proposed to read: One official reserved practice time per week per USTA or Interclub Team.

No changes were made after discussion.

Paragraph 5 was proposed to read: Team practice times reserved for approved teams (Jerry leTendre's position approves teams). USTA teams may schedule practice time once registered, but no sooner than one month prior to USTA season start date. Other leagues preseason practice times shall be limited to one month prior to league start.

After discussion it was decided to strike the first sentence as there is no court reservations allowed for team practices for Tennis Club leagues. Sentence two should read USTA or Interclub teams ... And the last sentence was deleted again since there are no there are no other league practice times allowed for reserved courts.

Paragraph 6 was proposed to read: Teams will be assigned a court time based on above priorities and on a "first come basis."

No changes were made.

Paragraph 7 was proposed to read: Teams primary match locations are West followed by Desert Hills.

No changes were made.

Paragraph 8 was proposed to read: Teams get two practice courts with optional third court if court is available and/or it is an exceptionally large team.

No changes were made.

Paragraph 9 was proposed to be deleted as it was incorporated into number 3 above.

Paragraph 10 was proposed to read: League captains will be assigned the number of courts needed for matches, but no more than 6 courts.

After discussion it was decided to delete, "but no more than 6 courts" and replace it with "in coordination with the League Chairperson and at the discretion of the Afternoon Court Scheduler".

Paragraph 11 was proposed to read: If all other locations are scheduled then the Afternoon Court Scheduler may schedule Madera, Las Campanas and East Center. This should rarely occur.

After discussion it was decided that the Afternoon Scheduler should use West first, Desert Hills second, East third. The language in Paragraph 11 should read Las Campanas, Canoa Hills, and Madera Vista in that order. It was decided that Canoa Hills is to be "open" courts and all practices, etc. currently scheduled there should be moved to East.

It was also decided to add the definitions of "league" and "team" in accordance with the definitions from the special meeting in October.

After discussion about the changes we made need to be upheld even if we do not vote for them or that we are not present to vote for/against and the fact that these are not "guidelines" but need to be called "standards".

Jerry Le Tendre moved the changes as presented and/or changed be accepted and become policy for the Tennis Club. Brad Stillahn seconded. Unanimous.

League Policies:

Jerry Le Tendre noted that he works with Lou Grau for getting courts. He felt that the League policies were significantly modified in Oct. 19 special meeting. After discussion, Jerry Le Tendrea moved that the policies in the October 19 special meeting become policy with start time being 2:00 pm instead of 2:30 pm. Lou Grau seconded. Unanimous.

Discussion was held that the leagues given reserved courts must comply with what was said at the meeting. Jerry Le Tendre will tell Dick Dempsey and other captains who wish to start a Community league must comply to get courts reserved. John Hadley said this means that any league established has to publish a place where people could sign up. They must be open and must have a minimum of two courts. The criteria set by the Captains must be upheld. This criterion must show the level, the gender and have a sign up. There was discussion on a system to help with rating for levels of play. It was

decided if you are a USTA member this rating is set by that process and the Tennis Club needs to locate a way to help people who do not play USTA determine what level they are.

Don Lathrop noted that the board at west that shows leagues should show all community leagues and should note how to sign up. John Hadley stated we need to set a time for existing community leagues to meet the requirements – It was decided the compliance deadline is November 15. If not in compliance by this time, no courts will be reserved. Discussion on Dempsey's league saying it is a 4.0 league but 3.5 players are being used. Jerry Le Tendre will discuss the fact that criteria set and the process for GVR tennis players to join the league must be complied with in order to have courts reserved.

Marge Garneau moved that the community leagues must be in compliance by November 15 or no courts will be provided after this date. Bob Anderson seconded the motion. Unanimous.

January Fitness Fair:

Brad Stillahn had nothing to report at this time.

Ball Machine storage:

Joe Frasier noted this had already been dealt with.

Other New Business:

Don Lathrop had a request for a Rally for the Cure. There is an extra fee if we do this that is a contribution to cancer of \$20. It was decided not to do this Rally.

Don Lathrop noted that the pickleball and shuffleboard clubs are proposing to GVR that home matches with Quail Creek be allowed. They would like the Tennis Club to join in this proposal and support this idea. After discussion, it was decided that there is a 20 mile rule for GVR that is part of their Bylaws and this would violate that rule. The Tennis Club will not support or join in this proposal.

Nominating committee:

Don Lathrop noted that we need to have a nominating committee. Don assigned Brad Stillahn and Marge Garneau as the Nominating Committee.

There being no other business, Marge Garneau moved we adjourned the meeting at 2:08 pm. John Hadley seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Garneau  
Acting Secretary