

GV TENNIS CLUB MINUTES
November 3, 2010

In Attendance: Verne Phillips, Hugh Bennett, Marge Garneau, Katy Banks, Don Herron, Carolyn Herron, Nina Clark, Rene' Mosley-Smith, Glenn Smith, Mike Schultz, Linda Turck

Guests: Grant Alley, Keith Skytta, John Hadley, and GVR asst. mgr, Guy Sundvik.

Verne called the meeting to order at 12:00pm and then introduced Guy Sundvik, new GVR Assistant Manager.

Guy's presence at the Board Meeting was to give an update on the maintenance of the tennis courts. His report was as follows:

West Center Numbers 1 through 4 at the West Center are closed for the next two weeks and are in the process of being repaired and repainted. These repairs are buying time for two to three years until a post tension system can be put in as has been done at Desert Hills.

Desert Hills The white leaching is normal. These are really not cracks but a normal leaching process of the alkali in the concrete. Simple Green is being used to clear these up. Should this not do the trick, a muraic acid mixture will be used but hopefully that will not be needed.

GVR Maintenance will be grinding down the sidewalk behind Desert Hills, and as to the "bird dropping collection point", the trees are being trimmed back. In the next few weeks, a post-in-ground sunscreen will be put in for protection. As for additional court cabanas, this cannot be done as drilling into the concrete would probably cause cracks.

Guy reiterated that he will be sitting down with Andrea this afternoon to review a plan for a court viewing area at the East End of Desert Hills. There is some money left in the GVR budget that might cover this; however, there is not enough property on the East Side of the Courts. It has been suggested that building out over the rocks might be feasible. Consensus of opinion of the Board was to have TL Roof do an assessment and possibly buy some of the needed materials, thereby guaranteeing a hold on the money until next year when additional GVR funds might be freed up.

Canoa Hills As to a back gate at Canoa Hills courts, a work order has been generated and the feasibility of the gate is being researched.

Guy continued his report to the Board regarding Court Maintenance relative to the cleaning of the courts themselves. The Cleaning is behind schedule as they are presently two people short. After discussion regarding court cleaning, it was suggested to Guy that the cleaning schedule should continue as it has in the past,

asking Penny to coordinate with Don Herron so that the dates and times of cleaning can be related to various group captains.

As to the windscreens and the prevailing problems with loose and flapping windscreens, various solutions were put forth including weighted bottles. After discussions on metal ties vs plastic ties, it was decided that Guy would look into the possibility of better plastic zip ties. He will probably check with Renner.

Windsocks – Grant Alley noted the necessity of windsocks at Desert Hills and adjacent to Courts 5 & 6 at West. Stanchions or flagpoles would have to be put up for windsocks. The question arose, “do we need them”. Carolyn told the Board that this was one of the highly voted amenities on her survey. Guy will check concerning the necessary stanchions.

The Board thanked Guy for his report.

Minutes:

Linda thanked Marge for taking the Minutes at the October Meeting. Minor corrections were made in the October 6 Minutes as follows: A correction of the spelling of Tudor’s name (dor instead of tor) and at the October potluck, it was Verne who volunteered for set up instead of John Hadley. Motion was made by Marge to accept the Minutes, seconded by Linda and passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report:

Katy reported that the treasury balance is \$8,971.55, which includes the balance of the Amenities Fund.

Before motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s report, Katy passed around a printout of “Up-Bucket” information. The cost of each is \$99.95, holds 90 balls and includes an extra “pick up bucket”.

These would be used for Carl’s clinics. Discussion was made as to the storage of the buckets and it was agreed that the normal storage closet is sufficient. There was subsequent discussion as to “does Carl really want these”. Katy will ask Carl and come back to the Board if he is totally against. A motion was made by Katy and seconded by Mike to purchase three buckets. The motion carried with two opposed. Katie will ask Ray Wardlaw if he might secure a discount.

Motion was then made by Hugh and seconded by Glenn that the treasurer’s report be accepted as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Ball Machine: Glenn Smith reported both machines are working and there are no problems at this time.

Catered Dinner: Carolyn reported that the Greens are on board to cater the December 12 (Second Sunday) Christmas Dinner at a cost of \$17.50 which includes tax and tip. The Tennis Club will pay the GVR \$50.00 fee.

Leagues: Mike reported that the groups are getting “lots of attention”. He thanked Don for his scheduling help and Marge for the postings.

Maintenance: Hugh gave an oral report and provided a written copy to the secretary. Copy will be attached to the original minutes and will be available at the December Board meeting if anyone wishes to review it.

Pot Luck Dinners: The next Pot Luck dinner is November 14th. Permanent Name tags were discussed. The consensus of the Board was that they are expensive, we have no storage, and people will forget to bring them. We will continue to use “stick ons”.

Website: Marge continues to update. Hits are picking up. She is up to date with the Tutor pictures. So far, her survey has generated three answers.

Membership: Katy reported that we are closing out the year with a total of 375 members for the current year. This is down from 2009 and 2008. Grant suggested that we ask friends to join. If asked, people will usually join for the nominal fee of \$10.00. Vern passed out a handout listing the benefits of tennis membership. The secretary’s copy is attached to the original minutes. Dues are due and payable by December 31 for the coming year. Katy will send out via the internet a preview of the 2011 Membership Roster near the end of January. This will give those who have not paid a reminder that they will not be on the roster if not paid. It was noted that being on the roster is another benefit of Green Valley Tennis Membership. Don suggested that those who have been on the roster for 2010 and not yet paid by the end of January for 2011 be called to make certain that they have just not forgotten. The names would be divided up and calls made by Board members. This was an accepted idea. The final roster will be linked to our website which makes for much easier updating.

Newsletter: Marge thanked those members who had sent in articles for the Fall newsletter. As she had extra space, she included the reservation rules again. The Newsletter is currently at Busy Bee and will be ready this afternoon. It will be sent out via email and copies will be taken to the November potluck.

Reservations: Renee' reported that things are going well.

USTA: Don reported that we have 2 USTA teams and 2 inner club teams. Discussion was once again broached that all USTA team members should be Green Valley Tennis Club Members; although we all agree with this philosophy, enforcing it becomes a problem. A motion was made by Nina that we encourage all USTA team members to join the Club but not make it a requirement. This was seconded by Carolyn and passed unanimously.

Scheduling: All is good

Publicity: Marge has put an article in every "Keeping Current". She has continued putting up posters and updates concerning Ray, clinics, leagues, potlucks, as well as continual updates via emails.

Social Tournament: Fall Festival (AKA Noktoberfest) Hugh provided a written report relative to the Fall Festival Tournament scheduled for Sunday, the 21st of November. It is attached to the original minutes

Additional comments made by Hugh and Marge were that Carl and Mike Lesko will do the brats. Verne will help. Don made a motion that there be no charge to members and was seconded by Carolyn. The motion did not pass and members will be charged \$5.00; members not playing but attending social will be charged \$5.00 and non members will be charged \$10.00.

Katie will let Jan McGinnis know, so that the Sunday couples group will be cancelled.

Saddlebrook Tennis Social Tournament: Grant reported that Saddlebrook would like to invite the Green Valley Tennis Club to their courts for a fun tournament on Sunday, January 16th with our Club to reciprocate in February (although our Fun in the Sun tournament is scheduled here in February). Saddlebrook is offering 8 courts for mixed doubles and we would offer 10 courts. Grant, together with Hugh, will work out the details. Grant is suggesting fun tennis combined with noon potluck and after tennis "libations". Vern suggested that advertising begin in December via e-mails and sign up sheets, and beginning in January articles in Keeping Current and the Tennis Newsletter. Mike will get with Jan McGinnis regarding the conflict with Sunday Couples Tennis.

Programs: Marge read a list of the programs proposed that had been sent to her by Kathy. See Fall Newsletter for the list.

Amenities Fund: Carolyn handed out a sheet comprising” Funds collected through November 3 and the Ranking of Desired Amenities”. A copy is attached to the original minutes. Several people have asked Carolyn about the results of the survey; it was decided that this will be posted on the website.

The Number 1 ranking is an enhanced gathering place at Desert Hills.

Number 2 is partial shade covers for Court 1 and Court 4 bleachers at West. If not too fancy, Keith thinks that GVR would probably cover this cost. Thoughts ran from a large mesquite tree (which would have to be dug up and potted when 1-4 are redone) to something temporary that could be easily removed when 1-4 are redone.

Question was raised as to shade cabana at Las Companas and it was noted that in the April 7 Minutes, motion was made and passed to purchase 4 shade cabanas, one to be installed at Las Campanas. Keith Skytta will make arrangements for this purchase. A motion was made by Hugh and seconded by Carolyn that the remainder of the Amenities Fund be held through the end of the year. This motion passed unanimously.

A further motion was made by Glenn and seconded by Renee’ that the Board appoint Keith and Carolyn to be liaisons for the remainder of this year with GVR ...concerning monies for court improvements on Courts 1 – 4 at West. The motion passed unanimously.

John Hadley reported that to date approximately \$900.00 has been collected through the sale of raffle tickets at the club’s dinners. His question, “do we wish to continue this”. The answer was “yes”, but we need to tell the members how this money is being spent. The Board agreed that an announcement should be made that the raffle ticket funds will be used to finish out the amenities fund.

Verne opened for discussion the Fund raising auction/silent auction: Here again funds raised would be used for court amenities that will not be furnished by GVR. This Auction would be coordinated with the Grand Opening Celebration of the Courts at Desert Hills. John will coordinate but will need a committee and volunteers, hopefully some new members who are not as involved as some of the Board members currently are....”some new blood”, so to speak. Contributions will have to be solicited, both from the public and private individuals. Purpose here is not only to raise money for the Amenities Fund, but to involve new people.

Motion was made by Don to adjourn, seconded by Mike. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Turck
Tennis Club Secretary

