

Green Valley Tennis Club Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2014

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

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

Minutes were approved for October 7, 2014.

Treasurer's Report – (Rey Otto) – Rey deposits \$1,000 into a Money Market Fund quarterly and says the club is in excellent shape, financially, with funds available for future “big” projects.

Committee Reports:

Membership -- (Rey Otto) -- As of Nov. 1, there are 432 active members. Dues are due January 1 for 2015. If you don't pay your dues by Jan. 1, you will not be able to reserve a court.

Communication/Website – (Marge Garneau) – The website is up to date except for some leagues and drop-ins. Marge posted Marcia Koshollek as a new officer on the website. We need to provide a GVR waiver for participants in tournaments.

The “Novemberfest Tournament” will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29, beginning at noon at the West Center. Spectators may watch the matches for (free) or sign up to eat and/or play for \$5.00 each. Sign-up sheets should be deposited in the Tennis Club Mailbox, located in the West Center Tennis Hut. People with GVR Guest Cards are not eligible to play in Tennis Club Tournaments because they are NOT GVR members (unless they are tenants). GUESTS of GVR Tennis Club members are welcome to participate for \$5 each. Marge moved we charge \$5 per person for “Novemberfest.” Susan Frost seconded. The motion passed.

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 format of “Keeping Current” is in the process of being changed. Marge is going to submit a photo of Jon Otto, holding his trophy when he was recognized by the SAZ as “Community Volunteer of the Year.” A PDF file of a “Quick Start” promotion will be submitted to Don Lathrop for the “Keeping Current” publication. Three new Tennis Club “welcome” banners have been installed at West, Desert Hills, and Las Campanas courts to advertise the club. Marge moved we add banners at all of our centers, including East, Madera, and Canoa Hills. The motion passed.

“Open Fit Fun Day” will be held on January 25, 2015 at Las Campanas from noon to 3 p.m. We will have the ball machine operating and let people hit against it. If Joe Frazier can't be there to

supervise the event, he will find some volunteers to help. Pinochle, Aqua Belles, Pickleball clubs, and many others participate in this event to familiarize residents with the many club possibilities in GV. The second court at Las Campanas will provide loaner tennis rackets and “Quick Start” tennis balls for people to become acquainted with tennis.

Programs, Catered Events, Potlucks, and Social Tennis Mixers – (Susan Frost) – “Seniors Helping Seniors” will be the topic of the presentation at the potluck on Nov. 9, 2014. The CPAC director will speak at the potluck in January. December’s potluck will be a social gathering (no speaker) and members will bring Toys for Tots for the Green Valley Council to distribute. Toys can also be taken to the Fire Departments and they will distribute them. Susan will look into providing a band or DJ for the December potluck.

Social tennis mixers are scheduled for the fourth Saturday of each month. The next mixer will be held on Nov. 22 at West at 2 p.m. Bob and Deb Fillion have volunteered to help at all of the tennis mixers.

Ball Machine – (Joe Frazier) – The ball machine is in good repair.

Leagues – (Karen Philpott) – Captains’ meetings went well. Everyone is on board with using the new web site/reservation system. Brad addressed the practice leagues on Thursdays and Fridays (both mixed). We will fill as many courts as are available for those who wish to participate. Leagues cannot be by “Invitation Only.” Don moved that ALL league players use the event category to sign up for a particular league, using the online reservation system. Team coordinators must use the online list of players. Marge suggested that Paul Taylor’s ULTRAS be exempt from this rule. Susan seconded and the motion passed.

Afternoon/Sunday Court Scheduling – (Marge Garneau) – Lou Grau will be doing all of the afternoon scheduling.

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. Volunteers are needed to help cook. Inge Stumbecker will provide German music and decorations. Lisa Lang offered to help Karen buy the food. Karen will make special “Novemberfest” name tags for participants.

Reservations Report – (Jon Otto) – Jon distributed Tennis Court Usage Summary Reports that he compiled for each day in October of 2014, detailing peak usage times at each tennis court. Jon said that people are getting better at signing in on the court sheets. Jon was praised by everyone for his excellent tabulation of the statistics for court use. This is an excellent tool for the Racket Task Force. Tennis Club volunteers pick up the court sheets one week at a time, every month, and then give the sheets to GVR for tabulation. We need to police each other to SIGN UP for our court times. We need to gear up for January through March. Jon needs more volunteers to tally

court usage. Workshops for the “Online Reservation System” are being held until February, but people are not attending. However, they ARE using the online reservation system on their own.

Court Maintenance and GVR Liaison – (Jim Rett) – David and Guy at GVR were supposed to take care of our areas of concern. Guy said they are too short-handed and could not take care of our needs in a timely manner. Jim is not pushing for the additional electrical outlet at Las Campanas because he is prioritizing immediate needs, like big cracks in the courts at East Center. Jim will try to move things forward as best he can.

Promotions and Fundraising – (Marge Garneau) – Men have requested polo shirts with GVTC embroidered logos, instead of the T-shirts. Brad will talk to Bob Anderson about this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update Regarding Outdoor Racquet Sports Task Force – (Brad Stillahn and Marge Garneau) – The next Task Force meeting is at 9 a.m. on November 19 at the East Center. CEO Kent Blumenthal is looking into the GVR history of whether one club is allowed to take over another club’s facilities and has requested that the GVR Board set a policy. Neighborhoods have been working behind the scenes to protest pickleball by signing petitions.

Update on Mon.-Wed. Clinics – (Brad Stillahn and Jon Otto)– The clinics are going well. The roller carts we ordered for the Desert Hills clinics are great. We have not yet had a maximum of 24 participants at the clinics, but that will change during Jan.-March.

Confirm Schedule of Volunteers for Potlucks – Marge’s team is helping with the Nov. 7 potluck.

Shade Structures for West Viewing Stands on West Courts 3 and 6 – (Brad) -- Discussion was held about purchasing Costco awnings or sails (that will withstand the wind) and provide shade for viewers. Sails cost approximately \$200 at Costco. Don will bring his sail from home and he and Jim Rett will see if it will work for Courts 3 and 6. Marge moved that Don and Jim work together to research shade structures, paid for by the Tennis Club, to provide shade for the bleachers at Courts 3 and 6 at West. The motion was seconded by Rey and passed.

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. Kathi Skytta will talk to the coach.

Membership Drive – (Karen Philpott) -- Karen Rans of GVR has offered to send out an e-mail, but Karen Philpott said we should wait until January. The membership drive announcement will be part of the E-blast.

Fundraising Drive – (Brad) -- GVR Foundation is now able to accept money for the Tennis Club. Brad will announce this at the potlucks.

Preparation and Training for Medical Emergencies -- Grant Alley coordinated a workshop in the past. Maureen McCarthy, GVR volunteer coordinator, schedules these classes to train people how to use the AED (automatic external defibrillator). Jon says we can sign up for these workshops using the new online reservation system.

How To Deal With Court Rage – (Brad) – An incident report was filed last year when a couple of players had a heated argument. Don Lathrop met with the two people involved, individually, and the issue was resolved. We will continue this practice.

MISC. -- Brad asked if we could have a ladder system for ranking players and what the cost might be. Marge says “TopDog” costs just \$2.00 per player. This topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

Marge moved to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. Rey seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Marcia Koshollek