

**Balboa Tennis Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 21, 2006**

**Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm**

**Attendees:** Robin Rodger, Ron Celeste, Richard Barndt, Linda Stadelli, Randy Gerson, Don Goyette, Bob Gates, Barbara Gregorio, Geoff Griffin, Colleen Clery Ferrell. Dwight Van Slyke and Terry Overbey were excused. Mark Gregory was absent and unexcused. The minutes of the January 17 meeting were approved.

**President's Report:** Robin appointed Barbara Gregorio to chair the Activities and Youth Committee. Bob Gates agreed to chair the Ethics Committee. Robin thanked both of them for their commitment.

**15 Minute Member Presentation:** None

**Tennis Café:** Ed Barron talked about the inconsistent attendance by members to the club socials. He said he would like to continue providing food and beverages for the socials but when the attendance is below 20, he loses money. He asked the board to consider paying the Tennis Café a minimum guarantee of \$200.00 for each social. This amount would cover up to 20 members. More than 20 members attending a social would add additional revenue for Ed. The board asked Ed to submit a detailed written proposal of his fees for the club to review. Ed also mentioned the loss of revenue to the Tennis Café when groups are allowed to bring in their own food and beverages. He said the Federation, The Wheelchair Tournament and The District Tournament have all brought in their own food. Ed requested the board consider requiring groups to pay him a subsidy fee when bringing in their own food and beverages. Robin said first we need to talk with the tournament directors and find out who is bringing in their own food and explain to them our policy may be changing.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron noted that the membership income for January 2006 compared to January 2005 is approximately the same but the daily permits have increased by approximately 25%. The capital improvement provision amount has been reduced by 25% to help balance the budget. A motion was made by Richard and was seconded by Randy to move \$1200 to the Junior Fund. The motion passed unanimously. This is an annual donation made by BTC.

**Tennis Director's Report:** Geoff reported on the success of the St Claire's Toy Drive. He has posted the thank you cards above the drinking fountain. Robin asked Geoff about his progress in putting together a tournament director's supply box, which would include all supplies needed for tournaments. Geoff said the tournament box would be the same setup as the one we have now, just a more sturdy material. The tournament desk set and singles stick cart are also in progress. All three items will be ready in time for the National Tournament.

**Club Director's Report:** Colleen gave a bench update stating we have now sold 17 benches. Protection One Alarm Company estimated it would cost \$1800 to update the

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antiquated system in the reservations office, Tennis Café and Pro Shop. The future Hall of Fame case was estimated at \$455 from Protection One. Bob Gates has a son-in-law who works for an alarm company. He will contact him for an additional estimate. The club social was postponed a week due to rain and resulted in poor attendance, drawing 11 members and \$80 for the Tennis Café. A letter sent to Mark Gregory concerning his membership hearing on 2/1/06 was returned. A call to the Director was received from First Serve Entertainment asking for Mark Gregory. Mark had contacted the company, representing himself as a board member and inquiring about tennis entertainment. On 2/17/06, the club received a fax from Sabina Wong stating that Mark Gregory was appealing the restraining order he received. The Davis Cup Cares Clinic on 2/9/06 was successful. Robin stated that when Virginia Glass made her initial proposal for the Davis Cup Clinic, she said the District was behind it. She also said local pros would not be involved, however, local pros were needed to run the clinic. Robin apologized to the board, stating that the facts were misrepresented. In future dealings with BTC and Virginia Glass, everything needs to be in writing prior to the event. The newsletter was successfully completed with a new format. Colleen pointed out how much advertising money is being spent on Inside Tennis Magazine and proposed cutting back by eliminating the annual yearbook ad that costs \$1185, while keeping the quarterly ads of \$440. Randy made a motion to eliminate the half page ad in the annual yearbook and Ron seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Windscreen washing will be added to maintenance regimen to preserve the screens. Union Bank declined the proposed \$4000 sponsorship citing limited budget for sports. At the SDDTA Meeting, a suggestion was made to pull up windscreens during tournaments for better viewing and possible moving of bleachers off courts 5 and 6 to outside court 11. Robin pointed out this would take city approval.

### **Committee Reports**

***Facilities:*** Robin and Linda are looking at a few different styles for the proposed table outside the reservation office.

***Constitution and by-laws:*** None

***Contract and Lease:*** The club received the new lease from the city. Robin and Richard are reviewing the lease and will bring a report to the board.

***Newsletter Deadline:*** April 21, 2006.

***Ethics:*** The Mark Gregory membership suspension hearing date is set for March 7, 2006 at 6:00 pm. A letter will be sent to Mark tomorrow, February 22 informing him of the hearing date and time.

***Special Projects:*** Linda suggested the large plants in the planter boxes be replaced with a more compact shrub. She estimated the cost of replacement plants at approximately \$200. Randy made a motion to approve the purchase of new plants not to exceed \$200. Richard seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

***Capital Campaign:*** None

***Tournament Committee:*** Terry has made the purchase of the additional walkie-talkies.

***BTC Legacy:*** None

***Website Update:*** Don has the website current and up to date.

**Unfinished Business:**

***Bench around tree proposal:*** Stan is making a new mock-up of a smaller scale bench that will fit inside the tree well instead of the larger bench, which had the supports attaching to the concrete patio.

***Hall of Fame Update:*** Robin and Linda are looking at cabinet options. The district needs to be completely responsible for insurance and responsibility for items placed in the cases.

***Goals for 2006:*** Bringing contracts and insurance up to date is a priority right now. Robin wants to make sure the club is fully protected as the city is investigating all their property.

**New Business:**

***Senior membership clarification:*** The age to qualify for senior membership changed in 2004 from 60 to 65. The change grandfathered in those members turning 60 in 2004 and renewing their membership before October 1, 2004. The reservation clerks need to check birth dates when renewing all members.

***Board member unexcused absences:*** Board member Mark Gregory has been absent and unexcused from the last 3 board meetings. Article IV, Section 6 of the Balboa Tennis Club Bylaws states: "A board member will be deemed to have resigned upon death or if the member is absent from three (3) general board meetings within any twelve (12) month period". Linda made a motion that Mark be deemed to have resigned. Don seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm. Executive session immediately followed the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Stadelli