

**Balboa Tennis Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Annual Meeting  
January 16, 2007**

**Meeting called to order at 6:55 pm**

**Attendees:** Robin Rodger, Ron Celeste, Dwight Van Slyke, Don Goyette, Bob Gates, Barbara Gregorio, Linda Long, John Rodriguez, Andy Katz, Geoff Griffin and Colleen Clery Ferrell. Richard Barndt and Linda Stadelli were excused.

The minutes of the December 5, 2006 meeting were approved, as well as the absences. Cake was available to celebrate the birthday of Geoff Griffin and to welcome the new board members.

**President's Report:** Robin welcomed the new board members and introduced each one. She passed out the 2007 BTC Board Member's Information Sheet.

Robin recapped the major club accomplishments for the 2006-year. They were:

1. A three- year lease was signed with the City of San Diego.
2. Flashing was installed on the side of the tennis ball shed.
3. A more compact and functional bike rack was installed.
4. The locker's in the men's room were reviewed and updated.
5. The first San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame ceremony and memorabilia came to fruition.
6. Director's and Officer's Insurance was increased to 3,000,000.
7. Monthly membership checks were initiated.
8. Tournament supplies and banners were upgraded.
9. Portable shade was purchased and utilized for BTC Tournaments.
10. Installed new shade by court #19.
11. A contract was established for outside entities renting courts.
12. A new contract with Geoff Griffin, Tennis Director, was approved.

Robin mentioned her excitement with the new board, citing great representation from various age groups, tennis levels and nighttime players. She reminded everyone that BTC is made up of many different socioeconomic groups, age groups and interests groups. People play tennis for a variety of reasons ranging from social, to leagues to tournaments and the board represents all of these members. One of the most important jobs of a board member is to accurately reflect the opinions and decisions of the board to the membership. She explained that the general meeting is an open meeting and is followed by the Executive Session, which deals with employment and legal issues.

**15 Minute Member Presentation** – Reggie Gaines, a BTC Club Member, spoke on his relationship with David Ross, another BTC Club member who has started a program for the homeless called, Street Outreach. Their idea is to hold a fundraiser involving poetry

reading at the BTC Clubhouse to benefit Street Outreach and help David Ross purchase water and blankets for his program. This would be a member- oriented event. Robin stated that the board previously decided not to rent out the use of our clubhouse to others, but to utilize the clubhouse for tennis related functions only. David Ross spoke about himself and his background. He wants to give out water to 57 blocks of people who don't have a water fountain in the area. He said he's not trying to solve all their problems; he just wants to continue to give people hope. Linda suggested an event for members only with a \$5 donation. She said she would oversee the event. The exact date was yet to be determined, yet the event will coincide with Valentine's Day.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron reviewed the year-end financial statements for 2006. He stated that our cash position increased by \$2,571 for the year. The club ended the year with a profit of \$2,635. He explained that our bench fundraiser was a huge success in raising over \$26,000 over the past two years to purchase 41 benches for the club. All contributed funds go through the Greater San Diego City Tennis Council, a 501 (c)(3) organization established to pay for court improvements in the San Diego area. Ron stated that we are still holding \$5,193 of monies raised through the "Friends of BTC" project of a few years ago which will be used for a future capital improvement project. Ron was very pleased with the increase in revenue this past year in areas such as court rentals, interest income and memberships. Due to contract renewals for the pro shop and café' this past year, attorney's fees were over \$4,000. Tournament revenue netted over \$14,000 for the year. This was down \$4,700 from budget due to the additional expense for t-shirts spent this year.

Ron presented the budget for 2007 to the board for review and made a motion to approve which was seconded by Don and passed unanimously.

**Tennis Director's Report:** Geoff thanked everyone involved in the Toy Drive. It has grown over the past five years with the help of BTC Members as it used to be part of the USPTA. He explained the Pro Shop change of hours, as he wants the shop to be open during lunch. His new hours will be: Mon –Fri 10-6, Saturday 8-4, Sunday 10-2.

**Club Director's Report:** The water spigot next to the Pro Shop was broken off for the second time. The City has decided against replacing the spigot. Dwight mentioned that the club might be able to come up with a way to provide filtered water in the clubhouse. The first phase of the bench project is almost completed. Only court #24 and the flat benches between 22-24 haven't been purchased. After attending the Balboa Park Safety and Security meeting, it was learned that an organization called CCC, which stands for California Conservation Corps – has been working on cleaning out the homeless areas and meth labs around Balboa Park. This could be one of the reasons for increased vandalism at the club. In regards to placing a fake camera for surveillance, an officer at the meeting said there was a recent precedent setting case which targeted these cameras

as “giving a false sense of security.” The new and updated Calendar of Events was passed out, including a schedule for outside court rentals. With the help of Kathleen Hasenauer, a rate tier for court rental has been established. BTC is working with La Quinta, Mission Valley for hotel needs. A corporate account has been established for consistent year round rates. The city decided against topping off the eucalyptus trees unless they are completely dead. Some members have received citations for backing their cars into parking spots. This issue will be further investigated to find out the reason for ticketing.

### **Committee Reports**

***Facilities:*** Dwight has scheduled a time for the installation of lattice next to the Pro Shop to prevent theft. He is also testing a ball catching screen between courts 7 and 8. The board agreed to remove the bleachers between courts 6 and 7, and place additional benches there, which would be sold to the members. New benches will also be placed behind the lattice at the Pro Shop, as well as on courts 6,7 and 8.

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

***Contract and Lease:*** None

***Newsletter Deadline:*** January 19, 2006.

***Ethics:*** None

***Youth Program:*** Barbara reported that the free kid’s clinic at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday is growing.

***Special Projects:*** Robin commented that Linda Stadelli and others did a great job of decorating the clubhouse for December. Linda deserves praise for a very successful Holiday Party. The next project is to get plants for the entryway into the club.

***Capital Campaign:*** None

***BTC Legacy:*** None

***Website Update:*** None

### **Unfinished Business:**

***US Markerboard*** – The board suggested putting a cardboard replica as a message test site, to help determine where the best spot for the announcement board.

***Meeting with Ed Barron Concerning hours of Operation*** – Don, Bob and Colleen will set up meeting time with Ed to discuss the Tennis Cafe hours of operation and report back to the board.

***Bench Under the Tree*** – Robin is meeting with Charlie Daniels to show him the revised drawings.

### **New Business:**

***Vote on new board officers:*** Robin appoints Committee heads; the Board elects the vice president, treasurer and secretary. The 2007 newly elected officers are: Richard Barndt, Vice President and Ron Celeste, Treasurer. Both positions were voted in unanimously. The secretary position was tabled for further review. This issue will be revisited next meeting.

***Court Cleaning*** – A petition was submitted to the office, claiming the courts need to be cleaned more frequently. Action is being taken immediately. A statement will be posted at the reservations desk in response to the petition. The board suggested cross training Sean so he could help ease the load on Gil and help him get all the courts cleaned immediately.

***CPR Training*** – Linda Long called around to find people who offer CPR. She found a former fire fighter who has agreed to teach the class at BTC for \$25. Linda suggested putting a blurb in the newsletter.

***Goals for 2007*** –

1. Install US Marker board at the club
2. Upgrade public restroom with CDBG money
3. Complete bench around the tree project.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Colleen Clery Ferrell in absence of Linda Stadelli