

**Balboa Tennis Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 18, 2007**

**Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm**

**Attendees:** Robin Rodger, Ron Celeste, Don Goyette, Barbara Gregorio, Bob Gates, Dwight Van Slyke, Andy Katz, John Rodriguez, Manuela Griffin and Colleen Clery Ferrell. Linda Stadelli was absent from the meeting. The minutes from the August 21, 2007 meeting were approved, as well as the absences.

**President's Comments:** Robin introduced Ruth Nutt as a new board member who is finishing a term for Linda Long after her resignation. Ruth spoke about her many years of involvement in tennis. She is a retired chemist who worked in the pharmaceutical industry. She enjoys the friendliness of Balboa Tennis Club and "hopes she can contribute to the board to make Balboa better." Each member of the board introduced themselves to Ruth. Robin reported the results of the air conditioner poll. Eight board members said yes and one member didn't respond about whether or not to have an air conditioner installed in the Tennis Café. Robin reminded the board of the dates for meetings the rest of the year – November 13<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>, with the Holiday Party slated for December 12.

**15 Minute Member Presentation** – BTC member Ann Russ spoke to the board about the benefits of having clay courts installed at BTC. She emphasized the senior population who will benefit greatly to reduce injuries, as well as the younger set, which will learn to expand their games. Ann mentioned several tennis notables in the area who are willing to work for funding. Ann was promoting the Classic Clay company which promotes a relatively maintenance free court. She presented paperwork with case studies and cost analysis done by Jim Lackritz. The installation cost is \$35,000 per court. Robin, Dwight, Barbara and Bob formed a committee for future follow up.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron reported August as a record month with a net income of \$13,547, year to date. Memberships, daily permits and tournament income all exceeded expectations. Additional sponsorship money of \$2000 helped boost numbers for the Balboa Open. Facilities were high as the club begins to pay for the Men's Restroom renovation. In regards to the budget, the club is \$5600 ahead of last year. Ron finished up stating this has been a "banner year" for the club.

**Tennis Director's Report:** Geoff is in Europe so Manuela filled in for him. 20 people showed up for the club social. John Rodriguez suggested starting the next social earlier in the day around 1:00 p.m. This way people can keep their evening plans in tact. Don suggested putting a blurb on the website to promote the upcoming social. There are 475 entries for the upcoming Metropolitan Tournament.

**Club Director's Report:** SDG&E came out to the club to do an assessment of the Tennis Café, per the suggestion of the board. They recommended either an air conditioner or a large exhaust fan to neutralize the heat from the refrigerators. There have been three auto break-ins the past few months in the BTC parking lot. SD Police is stepping up surveillance. Upgrade for Reservations Desk security system has been finalized due to loss of signal with Protection One. Updated system installation will take

place soon. Flood occurred in Clubhouse, ladies and men's locker rooms, as well as the Tennis Café on 9/9/07. A copper pipe cap burst allowing clear water to spew into the club. Panic followed due to lack of knowledge about main water valve. Central Flood Management was called in to clean up the water. An emergency plan is now being drawn up for future incidents. Court resurfacing for 19-24 begins October 1 by CH Court Tech. The first few days will include grinding of courts 22-23. The project will be completed Friday, October 12. A \$67,000 CD from Westcom and a \$20,000 money market account from San Diego National were both placed in Wachovia Bank to earn higher interest rates and consolidate the club funds. The junior membership at the club was discussed. Juniors joining along with their parents under the Non-Permit Membership are allowed to play on the courts, yet can't make reservations. Juniors who purchase their own card are allowed to make reservations. This issue will be clarified with the staff and club members in the next newsletter and membership information brochure. Members inquiring about an additional router for the clubhouse will be informed that the internet connection close to the Reservations Desk is the only one available at this time. \$50 allowances will be dispersed to all BTC Members on the Intersectional teams traveling to Naples, Florida, November 14-18. The Women's Challenge Court is busy in the morning, yet drops off significantly in the afternoon. There was a motion made by Don and seconded by Barbara, to keep the hours of the Women's Challenge Court going from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for the remaining weeks of the trial period, dropping the afternoon and evening time slots. The board voted unanimously. An evaluation will take place at the next board meeting in October. Floor mats have been placed in the Women's Locker Room shower for safety purposes. Additional mats are on order.

**Tennis Café** – Al is requesting payment from the club to compensate for 9/11 when he couldn't work due to a water turnoff. Ron will meet with Al to determine amount lost for the day.

### **Committee Reports**

***Facilities:*** Dwight reported all the challenges the Men's Restroom renovation has presented. Plaster was completed 9/18 to fill the holes in the wall. On 9/21, the urinals will be put back in the restroom. The cost of new partitions is \$1700-1800, with an additional \$300 labor charge. Dwight is trying to make the restroom ADA approved, yet is running into some problems. The tabletops have been refinished and the two new windows in the clubhouse are on order.

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

***Contract and Lease:*** None

***Employment and Personnel:*** Evaluations of Employees will be presented at the October 16, 2007 board meeting..

***Newsletter Deadline:*** October 12, 2007

***Ethics:*** None

***Youth Program:*** None

***Special Projects:*** None

***BTC Legacy:*** None

***Website Update:*** Don suggested putting next social information on the website.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Bulletin Board** – Bob is getting a quote on a clear plastic cover with hinges to protect the bulletin board. He would like to find a hard cover surface to replace the bulletin board surface.

**Wish List Update** – The list has grown. Some items have been added. The toilets and restroom could come close to \$18,000. The board has decided to get everything necessary out of the way due to a banner year financially. The new toilets for the Ladies Restroom will be put on hold.

**New Business:**

**Air Conditioner** – There used to be an old one in the Snack Shop. Robin specifically wanted the new one to be on the right of the Tennis Café window. When the installation crew arrived, they found that there wasn't enough room to put the air conditioner to the right of the Café because of the coffee machine. They started looking around and discovered the spot where the old air conditioner was and recommended this spot. Colleen, Al and the installation crew didn't know about the previous problem with the old spot, so it was installed there. Now it is dripping onto the customers and needs to have a hose to funnel the condensation elsewhere. Dwight will meet with A&B Air Conditioning on 9/19 to see if any changes can be made.

**Emergency Plan** – Colleen is putting together an emergency procedure plan for the club. Richard suggested assembling a box with a handle, which would include the plan, flashlights and special keys to be used during emergencies.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Don Goyette**