

## **Balboa Tennis Club Board of Directors Meeting–February 19, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Attendees and Board Approval:** Dwight Van Slyke, Robin Rodger, Richard Barndt, Linda Stadelli, Bob Gates, Ruth Nutt and Colleen Clery Ferrell. The minutes from the Annual Meeting on January 15, 2008 meeting were approved. Andy Katz, Barbara Gregorio, John Rodriguez and Don Goyette did not make the meeting. Their absences were approved by the board.

**Art Sloane Ethics Issue:** Richard asked the board and attendees if anyone wanted to talk about the incident? John Carstensen gave a short synopsis from his recollection of the incident. He was playing doubles with his wife Stephanie, a friend named Ken and Art Sloane. There was a question about the score and Art disagreed with Stephanie. John asked Art if he was willing to accept the score and he said a profanity. John asked if the profanity was directed at him or Ken and Art said no. That left Stephanie as the intended. John asked Art for an apology. He didn't receive one. This incident bothered John. He said he feels angry. The group stopped playing tennis after this point in their game.

Art Sloane presented his side of the incident. Art said he was not trying to justify his reaction. When he was picking up balls after the incident, Art admitted he said a profanity. He claims John and Stephanie kept repeating his profanity. Art said, "I made a mistake and I needed to leave." He repeated that he wasn't trying to justify his "reflex" action. He said the profanity needs to be a deliberate action. "If I kept saying it, then the profanity would be deliberate. I said I made a mistake. The profanity was said because of the frustration over the situation."

Robin interjected and said, "Why didn't you say you were sorry?" There is a sign on the fence of the tennis courts which states no profanity. Richard also pointed out that in June of 2006, Art was cited for using profanity on the court next to juniors participating in the National Open Tennis Tournament. Art denied the claim and said it was his partners who were using profanity. Bob Gates cited an incident with his grandchildren when Art also used profanity.

A motion was made by Bob to suspend Art Sloane for one month beginning Wednesday, February 20. The motion was seconded by Ruth and passed unanimously.

**Member Presentation: None**

**President's Comments:** Dwight was disappointed that none of the members remembered to wish him a Happy President's Day on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of John Rodriguez, Colleen gave a brief synopsis of the financials. In the month of January, the club lost \$5503. Facility expenses were high with the

purchase of additional nets to finish the project and the completion of the men's restroom added to the expenses being elevated. A laptop computer was also purchased by the club. Compared to budget, the club is \$3937 over for January 2008. Colleen moved \$5000 of the money from the Junior Fund into a 5 month CD at 2.9%

**Tennis Director's Report:** Geoff is ill with pneumonia.

**Club Director's Report:** Barbara called around to various clubs in the area to find out their membership dues so the board can see comparisons and figure out the desired increase for BTC. Complimentary Red Cross classes offer CPR training only. State law requires that a trained person be on the premises with AED and CPR Training. The board agreed that the Reservation staff including Gil needs to be trained. Colleen will proceed to find the most economical class. Direct Television costs \$28.99 per month. No decision is being made at this time to implement direct television. Dwight and Colleen met with Susan Lowrey- Mendoza from the city to discuss major projects at the club. There isn't any available funding from the city to help subsidize these projects. Wells Fargo has waived the club's "Client Analysis Charge" due to our long term relationship. The membership database was cleaned up. Waiting for responses before proceeding with 2008 Roster. Newsletter mailed out to 1452 households. Club will save \$3000 per year with the transition to electronic mailing. New laptop computer stolen from Chaz Griffin's House. Richard's credit card has \$500 theft insurance. Chaz doesn't have any homeowner's insurance to cover. The club will purchase a new laptop to prepare for upcoming Buskey Tournament. Pacific Coast Championships were approved by the board with each team contributing \$100 to cover the cost of the court fees. This tournament will feature junior college players from seven different schools. The dates of the tournament are April 15,17-19, 2008.

**Tennis Café:** The increase to \$7 per person for social was approved.

### **Committee Reports**

**Facilities:** The roof above the Tennis Café is leaking down through the stairs. This moisture is causing mold again in the room where the Tennis Café drinks and other items are stored. Dwight had his guys empty the room where the benches are stored so Al can store some of his goods until the mold problem is fixed.

**Constitution and By-laws** – none

**Contract and Lease** – Richard, Robin and Dwight will be reviewing the Tennis Café and Pro Shop contracts before they expire in March. A motion was made to approve the 2008 Tournament schedule by Robin and seconded by Linda. The schedule passed unanimously.

**Employment and Personnel** – none

**Newsletter Deadline** – April 18, 2008

**Ethics** – Art Sloane Ethics Issue covered early in the meeting.

**Youth Program** – None

**Activities** – None

**Special Projects** – Linda met with gardener. For \$450, the board proposed that the gardener remove unwanted plants and replace open space with new plants and small bark. Details are to be negotiated.

**Web Site Updating** – None

**Unfinished Business:**

**Bulletin Board** – The board has been ordered.

**New Business:**

**Balboa Park Recreation Committee Meeting:** Dwight will attend upcoming meeting to become more informed on potential privatization of Balboa Park. He stressed the need to keep the facility well-maintained.

**New Computer** – New computer can't leave the property. The computer will remain on the premises and locked up in Colleen's cabinet when not in use.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. The next meeting is March 18, 2008.